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SEPTEMBER GOOD TIMES EVENTS ANNOUNCED

SUFFOLK, VA (July 30, 2009) The following variety of good-time activities in Suffolk are offered during the month of September:

Suffolk Farmers' Market

September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26: The Suffolk Farmers' Market features a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, honey, baked goods, handmade jewelry, crafts and more. The market is founded on the concept of preserving the city's rural heritage and cultural diversity through wholesome family activities. The market is free and open to the public and operates Fridays from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Suffolk Visitor Center, 514-4130.

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Narrated Bus Tour

September 5, 12, 17, 19 & 24: Witness the aftermath of the 2008 wildfire that swept through the Great Dismal Swamp, burning acres of forest and displacing wildlife. Discover the rebirth of the Great Dismal with a half-day narrated bus tour. Tours depart from the Suffolk Visitor Center, 321 N. Main Street, at 9:30 a.m. and return at 1:30 p.m. The tours cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. Suffolk Visitor Center, 514-4130.

Taste of Suffolk Downtown Street Festival

September 12: The 3rd Annual Taste of Suffolk Downtown Street Festival is a family-friendly event complete with tastings, live entertainment, vendors, crafters, children's activities and more. A fee may be required for some samples. The event

will be held on North Main Street in downtown Suffolk. Free and open to the public. Parks & Recreation, 514-7257 or ljessee@city.suffolk.va.us.

Comfort Creatures: Animals At Work Exhibit

September 12 – October 24: Shooting Star Gallery, 934-0855 or www.shootingstargallery.net.

Historic Downtown Suffolk Narrated Bus Tour

September 19: Suffolk's rich heritage dates back to the early 17th Century, when Captain John Smith first encountered the Nansemond Indians on the Nansemond River. Trace Suffolk's legacy through our historic homes and neighborhoods, churches and Virginia Civil War Trails. The 90-minute tour will introduce you to the people and places of the past that make Suffolk the city it is today. Tours depart from the Suffolk Visitor Center. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children. Suffolk Visitor Center, 514-4130.

2nd Annual Mutt Strut Dog Walk & Festival

September 20: Enjoy a day of doggone fun supporting the Suffolk Humane Society. Event includes a pledge walk, music entertainment, pet-related exhibitors, rescue groups and much more. Begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. To register for the pledge walk, log onto www.firstgiving.com/suffolkhumanesociety. Suffolk Humane Society, 538-3030.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Lantern Tours

September 26: Shine new light on Suffolk history from historic Cedar Hill Cemetery to the Greek-Revival mansion, Riddick's Folly House Museum, with a guided lantern tour. Tours begin at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Suffolk Visitor Center, 514-4130.

Hidden Treasures Appraisal Show

September 26: Riddick's Folly presents an opportunity for people to clean out their attics and have their "hidden treasures" appraised by experts. Written appraisals will

be available for an additional fee. The event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The cost is \$7 per appraised item. Riddick's Folly House Museum, 934-0822 or www.riddicksfolly.org.

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