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School Supply Drive is On

Local youth with the Suffolk Community Service Initiative are collecting school supplies as part of their fall community service project from Wednesday, July 30 through Wednesday, August 22, 2008.

Needed supplies include: wireless notebooks, composition notebooks, hand soap, back packs (no rollers), dividers, binders, pencils, crayons, loose leaf paper, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, folders, highlighters, and 3x5 index cards.

Items can be dropped off in the lobby at the following sites:

- Parks and Recreation administrative offices (3rd floor Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts)**
- Municipal Building (441 Market Street)**
- Human Services Building (440 Market Street)**
- All recreation centers (Oakland, Northern Shores, Creekside, Booker T., and Mack Benn Jr.)**
- Suffolk Museum (118 Bosley Avenue)**
- Suffolk Visitor's Center (321 North Main Street)**
- Morgan Memorial Library (443 W. Washington St.)**
- North Suffolk Library (2000 Bennett's Creek Park Road)**

Suffolk Parks & Recreation Director, Lakita Frazier, says, "This is a great opportunity for these youth to give back to the Suffolk community. They need your help to make sure every child starts off the new school year on a positive note with the supplies they need to have success in school."

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This project is sponsored by the City of Suffolk and supported by funds received from the Governor's Youth Community Service and Civic Engagement Program.

The Suffolk Community Service Initiative is an innovative program designed to provide at-risk youth with a positive alternative to gang involvement through meaningful community service and civic engagement. The CSI employs the five C's (competence, confidence, connections, character, caring) of youth development by empowering at-risk youth to plan, develop, and implement community service projects.

For more information, please contact Suffolk Department of Parks & Recreation, (757) 514-7250.