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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (October 28, 2011) This evening's *Legends of Main Street: A Suffolk Ghost Walk* in historic downtown Suffolk, as well as the *Legends of Sleepy Hole* event at Sleepy Hole Park have been cancelled due to inclement weather.

What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend...

SATURDAY, October 15 through SUNDAY, October 30

- *Fall Homearama – The Riverfront at Harbour View*



The Fall Homearama returns to Suffolk with 9 beautiful custom showcase homes in the Riverfront at Harbour View community. You can walk through the homes and discover great design ideas for your own home courtesy of some of the area's most talented designers.

There will also be more than 150 vendors in the Idea Marketplace along with entertainment and workshops as part of your visit to the site.

Hours are from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Tickets are priced at \$10 for a one-day pass and \$17 for a two-day pass. Active duty and retired military guests and seniors (62 and older) receive a \$2 discount Monday through Thursday. Children under 12 and guests in wheelchairs will enjoy free admission.

For more information, visit <http://www.homearama.tv>

SATURDAY, October 29

- *Suffolk Farmer's Market*

Launched in 2005, the Suffolk Farmers' Market is an open-air gathering place offering fresh, locally-grown foods, value-added products and crafts. Held beneath brightly striped tents at "Market Park" (the mini-park next to the Seaboard Station Railroad Museum at 326 North Main Street), the Market will operate rain or shine on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. through the fall.



The Market and all associated activities are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130, or visit Suffolk-Fun.com.

FRIDAY, October 28 and SATURDAY, October 29

- *Suffolk Ghost Walk*



Whispers of legends and lore lurk in the autumn shadows of downtown Suffolk's historic Main Street as *Legends of Main Street: A Suffolk Ghost Walk* gets underway. Suffolk

Tourism successfully introduced this 90-minute guided walking tour in the fall of 2010 and has increased the tour dates for 2011 based on an overwhelming response from the public. The Suffolk ghost walk season kicks off, with Ghost Walks departing from the Suffolk Visitor Center located inside the historic Nansemond County Courthouse at 524 North Main Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. This evening stroll offers a look into the persistent, sometimes eerie, occurrences of Suffolk's Main Street and beyond and is not recommended for the very young or the faint of heart.

Reservations are required for all Ghost Walks as space is limited. Contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your supernatural adventure today!

Tour Schedule:

6 pm, Friday, October 28

6 pm, Saturday, October 29

6 pm, Saturday, November 5

5 pm, Saturday, November 19

For additional information, visit <http://www.suffolk-fun.com/>

FRIDAY, October 28 and SATURDAY, October 29

• *Legends of Sleepy Hole*

Do you know the Legends of Sleepy Hole? Join Suffolk Parks and Recreation as lush and serene Sleepy Hole Park transforms into a wild wilderness of haunts, scares, and screams. This haunted hayride experience will be Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29 from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. each night. The cost is \$5 per ride and is intended for children 10 years of age and up.

New for this event in 2011 is a kid-friendly area where youngsters ten and under can



enjoy carnival games, bounce house, craft projects, and more! Concessions will be available for purchase as well. Volunteers are needed for the production of this event including putting scenery and props together and being a character in the event. Participants will receive makeup, dinner, and credits for participation.

For more information on the event, please call 757-514-7267. For information about being a volunteer, call 757-514-7268. Sleepy Hole Park is located at 4700 Sleepy Hole Road.

SATURDAY, October 29, 2011

- *National Take-Back Initiative Day*



On October 29, 2011, the Drug Enforcement Administration (Richmond District) will partner with the Virginia State Police, Suffolk Police Department and other local agencies to conduct a statewide prescription drug take-back. The event, National Take-Back Initiative Day, is a collaborative effort to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. A national take-back day will provide an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

Suffolk Police Department investigators will be on hand at Walmart, 1200 North Main Street, and the Bennett's Creek Pharmacy, 3219 Bridge Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the collection of unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs.

This program provides an opportunity for everyone to clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances. Participants will not be asked any questions and requests for identification will not be made.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container. If an original container is submitted, it is asked that you remove any identifying information from the prescription label. All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid

products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. Intravenous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

For more information, contact Lt. Tim Duncan with the Suffolk Police Department Special Investigations Unit at (757) 514-7951 or e-mail tduncan@suffokva.us

SATURDAY, October 29, 2011

- *Readings from the Dark Side*

Come celebrate Halloween at Riddick's Folly House Museum. Readings from the Dark Side will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 2:00pm. Reservations required as space is limited. Admission cost is two cans of non-perishable foods to be donated to the Food Pantry. Refreshments will be served after the readings. Please call 757-934-0822 or email [rfcurator@verizon.net](mailto:r curator@verizon.net) for additional information or to reserve space.



MONDAY, October 23 – SUNDAY, October 29, 2011

- *Red Ribbon Week*



Mayor Linda T. Johnson presented a Proclamation designating the week of October 23, 2011 through October 29, 2011 as “Red Ribbon Week” in the City of Suffolk. At the October 19th City Council meeting, representatives from the Suffolk Substance Abuse Youth, the Suffolk Youth Advisory Council and the Office on Youth made a public commitment and dedication to educate the citizens in the community about the effects of drug abuse of every kind.

During the week of October 23 – 29, 2011, youth in schools and churches will pledge to live a drug-free life style. As a way of showing support, the Substance Abuse Youth Council, in partnership with the Suffolk Youth Advisory Council, will host a poster

contest in the Parks and Recreation afterschool programs. They are also asking the community to wear a red ribbon or the color red on Friday, October 28, 2011 to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week.

Red ribbons will be displayed and distributed throughout various City departments.

The displaying of red ribbons serves as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG-FREE America.

For more information, please contact the Suffolk Office on Youth at 514-4503 or email at syac@suffolk.va.us.

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