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What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend...

SUFFOLK, VA (April 1, 2011)

SATURDAY, April 2

- *C. "Faye" Tillery Community Cancer Awareness Day*



Join the Suffolk Department of Parks and Recreation for C. "Faye" Tillery Community Cancer Awareness Day on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the East Suffolk Recreation Center located at 138 South 6th Street. Faye was a lifelong resident of Suffolk that worked for years in the department of Parks and Recreation. Faye lost her battle with ovarian cancer in 1998 at the young age of 37.

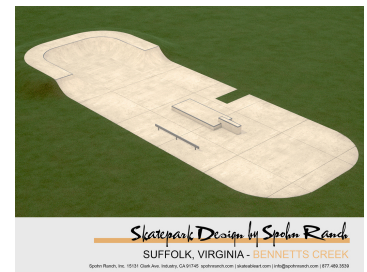
Each year the department and Faye's family celebrate her commitment to recreation along with bringing awareness to cancer and the importance of early detection and screening. Activities kick off at 10:00 a.m. with all star games for youth that participated in the 2011 basketball leagues. Other games include: the youth coaches and women ages 30 and older showing off their skills. Coaches from our youth leagues will be honored with the C Faye Tillery Coaches Award.

The day ends with the recreation staff versus the Tillery Family on the court. This event is free and open to the public. However, donations are welcomed and will go towards the American Cancer Society's Suffolk Relay for Life Campaign. For more information, please contact Lakita S. Frazier at 514-7250.

- *Grand Opening of the Bennett's Creek Skate Park*

Construction of the new Lake Meade Skate Park and Bennett's Creek Skate Park in Suffolk, Virginia, has been completed. The grand opening of the Bennett's Creek Skate Park will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, demos and open skating for the skaters who have been patiently waiting to try out the new park. The Bennett's Creek Skate Park ceremony will be held on April 2, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.

The skate parks were planned, designed, and constructed by Spohn Ranch Skateparks, a California-based firm specializing in the design and construction of custom concrete skate parks. For more information, please contact Terry Baronner at 757-514-7252 or email tbaronner@city.suffolk.va.us.



Lake Meade is located at 201 Holly Lawn Parkway in downtown Suffolk (KidsZone Community Playground, behind Farm Fresh). Bennett's Creek is located at 3000 Bennett's Creek Park Road in northern Suffolk.

- *Suffolk Chili Fest at Bennett's Creek Park*



On Saturday, April 2nd from 12- 5 p.m., Suffolk Chili Fest will be held at Bennett's Creek Park. Events will include a Chili Cook-Off -- an International Chili Society (ICS) sanctioned cook-off, Red chili cook-off,

"People's Choice" chili competition, Suffolk Service Cup Chili competition (Fire, Police, and Rescue departments only), Cornhole Tournament, Jalapeño Eating Contest, Live Entertainment featuring More Cowbell!, Food, beverages, and merchandise vendors, as well as a children's area with playground, crafts and face painting. Advanced tickets are only \$5 per individual and \$10 per family (\$10 per person day of the event). Children 12 & under are free.

You can purchase tickets at the following locations: *Northern Suffolk* – SuffolkFirst Bank, 3535 Bridge Rd., Walgreens Drug Store, 3633 Bridge Rd., A Tisket, A Tasket, 1897 Governors Pointe Dr. *Driver-* Arthur's General Store, 3118 King's Hwy., *Downtown Suffolk* - SuffolkFirst Bank,

1000 N. Main St., Suffolk Dept. of Parks & Recreation (located at 138 South 6th Street). For more information regarding tickets, contact: George Fischer (Bennett's Creek Sertoma) @ 757-285-6843, Charlie Easton (Bennett's Creek Sertoma) @ 757-538-2153 Lori Carter (Dept. of Parks & Recreation, City of Suffolk) @ 757-514-7267.

All proceeds will go to the Bennett's Creek SERTOMA and to the SERTOMA in Suffolk Clubs to benefit local children with speech and hearing impairments, SERTOMA's international philanthropy, with additional support going to the Reading Enriches All Children (REACH) Programs in Suffolk.

Bennett's Creek Park is located at 1000 Bennett's Creek Park Road, Suffolk, Virginia.

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