

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **What's Happening in Suffolk This Week...**

SUFFOLK, VA (April 25, 2011)

### **MONDAY, April 25**

#### *• Teen Poetry Contest*



Join Suffolk Public Library on Monday, April 25, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, for the conclusion of the Suffolk Public Library System's fourth annual Teen Poetry Contest! Winners of our contest will be announced, prizes will be awarded, and poetry will be shared.

Participants who would like to sign up to read their poems to a group of friends, family, and community members may do so right before 6:30 p.m. There are only 20 slots, so we encourage interested teens to arrive a few minutes early and sign up! Refreshments will be served and our teen poetry anthology, *Lyrical Lines*, will be available for participants to pick up.

A big thank you to the evening's sponsors: Friends of the Suffolk Public Library System, Cinemark Movies, Cold Stone Creamery, Dunkin Donuts and Target.

For more information, call 514-7150.

North Suffolk Library is located at 2000 Bennett's Creek Park Road, Suffolk, VA 23435. Visit us online at [www.suffolk.lib.va.us](http://www.suffolk.lib.va.us)

### **TUESDAY, April 26**

*Suffolk State of the City*

*Suffolk Mayor Linda Johnson will give the State of the City Tuesday at noon at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center. This sold out event is hosted by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.*

• *Anti-Bullying Forum*

The Suffolk Substance Abuse and Youth Council, in collaboration with Suffolk Public Schools and Suffolk Parks and Recreation, is sponsoring an Anti-Bullying Forum on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, from 7– 8 p.m. at various schools around the Suffolk area. This forum will focus on what to look for, who to talk to and how to stop bullying.



Through video conferencing technology, parents, youth and community friends may hear and participate in a question-and-answer panel session featuring the Suffolk Police Department, Suffolk Public Schools, the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, Suffolk Youth Advisory Council and Western Tidewater Community Services Board.

The following schools will have access to the panel discussion via video teleconferencing: Booker T. Washington, Northern Shores, Oakland and Robertson Elementary Schools, and Lakeland, Nansemond River, and Kings Fork High Schools. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. To pre-register, contact Candace Myrick at 757-925-6759 or [canmyrick@spsk12.net](mailto:canmyrick@spsk12.net). For additional information, please contact Bettie Swain at 925-6759 or Lakita Frazier at 514-7250.

**THURSDAY, April 28**

Join the Suffolk Police Department as they hold a promotional ceremony for ten members of the department. The event will be held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Promotees:

Sergeant H. L. Kee

SPO T. R. Wild will be promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer

SPO C. G. Barbour will be promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer

SPO D. W. McLamb will be promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer

SPO D. L. Wiggins will be promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer

SPO I. L. Davis will be promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer  
Officer T. J. Cain will be promoted to the rank of Senior Police Officer  
Officer P. A. Hutta will be promoted to the rank of Senior Police Officer  
Officer T. P. Mason will be promoted to the rank of Senior Police Officer  
Officer M. P. Uriah will be promoted to the rank of Senior Police Officer

## **SATURDAY, April 30-May 1**

- *Festival of Flight*



The Virginia Regional Festival of Flight is more than just a gathering of aircraft, their pilots, owners and builders. It is an exciting participatory experience. Attendees will find activities for all ages. The Festival of Flight will be held on April 30 and May 1 at the Suffolk Executive Airport.

For more information, contact 804-358-4333 or 703-581-7667

or [www.virginiaflyin.org](http://www.virginiaflyin.org).

*Suffolk Executive Airport is located at 1200 Gene Bolton Drive Suffolk, VA 23434*

- *Master Gardeners Plant Sale*

Suffolk Master Gardeners are planning a fabulous Spring Plant Sale event! Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 9AM- 2PM at the National Guard Armory, 2761 Godwin Boulevard, Suffolk.

Master Gardeners will have perennials from their own gardens that are proven Hampton Roads winners, heirloom tomatoes, flowers and bushes from a local wholesale nursery, some that are not usually available to the public, and other plants and items that have been donated by local nurseries. There will be a drawing at the end of the day for prizes—no need to be present to win. You can speak with Master Gardeners about gardening in this area, sign up for future Master Gardening courses or for rain barrel classes. Only cash or checks with proof of id will be accepted at the Plant Sale. Come browse and bring a friend! You won't believe the unbeatable prices! Sign up for the drawing!



To contact the Suffolk Master Gardeners or sign up for future classes you can call the VT cooperative Extension office secretary: Susan Sharp at 757-514-4331.

• *Bike Fun and Safety Day*



Join Suffolk Parks and Recreation and the Suffolk on the Move Committee on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for Bike Fun and Safety Day at Bennett's Creek Park! This event is free and open to the public. Families and individuals are invited to participate in a bike parade and fun bike races. Vendors will be on site to provide demonstrations, educational resources, and safety tips for bikers. There will also be prizes and giveaways. For more information, contact Helen

Gabriel at (757) 514-7250.

*Bennett's Creek Park is located at 3000 Bennett's Creek Park Road, Suffolk, VA 23435. For more information, contact Helen Gabriel at (757) 514-7250.*

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