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## What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend ...

### Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8

#### *Great Dismal Swamp Safari*



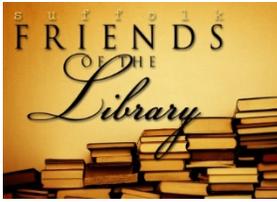
The Great Dismal Swamp is anything but dismal! On Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., learn about the history, lore, vegetation and wildlife with this adventure that includes a brief walk to Lake Drummond.

Sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended. A small snack and beverage is provided.

This tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center, located at 524 North Main Street, and is not recommended for very small children. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors 60+, military, and children ages 3 to 12. Reservations are required and cancellations are expected no less than 48 hours prior to scheduled tour. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130 to reserve your spot.

## **Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8**

### *Friends of the Library Book Sale*



The Friends of the Library will hold a monthly book sale, the revenue of which is used to support library programs, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Friends of the Library Book Sale is located at 300 Carolina Road. For additional information, please call 757-514-1024.

## **Friday, August 7**

### *Storyteller Debbie Griffin*



Come listen to captivating stories and folktales by Storyteller Debbie Griffin on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. Call 75-514-7150 for more information.

## **Friday, August 7**

### *Family Movie Day*



Come join us at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, for a fun movie the whole family will enjoy on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact the library at 757-514-7323 for movie information.

## Friday, August 7

*T.G.I.F. Summer Concert Series: Joe Gosman Band*



Join your neighbors at Bennett's Creek Park, 3000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, for the second half of the T.G.I.F. Summer Concert Series on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This free and family-friendly event in the park will feature a variety of hits played by the *Joe Gosman Band* and a children's area for kids to enjoy. For more information about the TGIF Summer Concert Series, call 757-514-7267.

## Saturday, August 8

*Suffolk Farmers' Market*



Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Suffolk Farmers' Market is enjoyed by locals and visitors searching for fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, meats and eggs, jellies, jams, honey, pickles and handmade crafts. The Market is conveniently situated at the corner of Constance Road and North Main Street directly behind the Suffolk Visitor Center.

Market hours are Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through November 21, 2015. The first Saturday market of each month will feature live music, kids' crafts and a petting zoo. Other themed days are scheduled throughout the season and will include entertainment and exhibits. For questions, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130 or log onto **VisitSuffolkVa.com** for details.

## **Saturday, August 8**

### *All Day Drop-in Craft*



Drop in at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, or the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and make an easy craft. All materials will be provided. This program is for all ages; however younger children may require caregiver help. For more information, call 757-514-7150 or 757-514-7323.

## **Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9**

### *Swinging Summer Adopt-A-Thons*



Suffolk Animal Care Center and Suffolk Humane Society will host a “Swinging Summer” Adopt-A-Thon from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Chesapeake Square PetSmart® store, 4300 Portsmouth Boulevard, in Chesapeake and on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the North Suffolk PetSmart® store, 6243 College Drive. Come meet that forever friend! For more information, call 757-514-7855 or 757-538-3030.

## **Saturday, August 8**

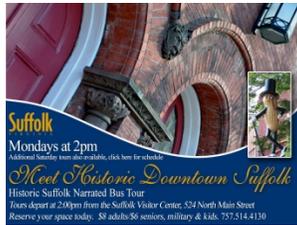
### *Summer Reading Program Finale Party*



Celebrate the end of Summer Reading at our Finale Party! Join us at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 757-514-7150.

## Saturday, August 8

### *Historic Suffolk Narrated Bus Tour*



See Suffolk through the eyes of years gone by. Suffolk's rich heritage dates back to the early 17<sup>th</sup> century when Captain John Smith first encountered the Nansemond Indians on the Nansemond River. Even now, you can trace Suffolk's legacy through our historic homes and neighborhoods, churches and Virginia Civil War Trails. Guided by a Suffolk historian, you meet the people and places that made Suffolk the city it is today. Highlights of this windshield tour include Cedar Hill Cemetery, Riddick's Folly House Museum, Constant's Wharf, College Court and Suffolk's historic Lakeside neighborhood.

The Historic Suffolk Narrated Bus Tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center, 524 North Main Street, on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Tickets for each tour are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors, military and children ages 9 to 12. For more information, call 757-514-4130.

## Saturday, August 8

### *BARKS (Books and Reading for Kids in Suffolk)*



The Suffolk Humane Society has brought their therapy dogs and they want to hear you read! Children in grades K-5 will get a chance to practice their reading skills and to meet all types and sizes of our furry canine friends! Join us at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; registration is required. For more information, call 757-514-7323.

## Saturday, August 8

### *Legends of Main Street: A Suffolk Ghost Walk*

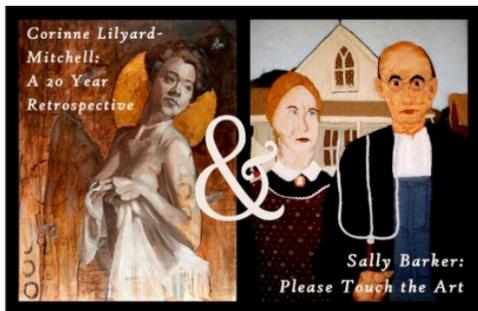


Would you like to experience a hair-raising encounter with the “spirited” side of Suffolk? On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., come follow a costumed guide through the shadows of historic Main Street discovering stories, legends and “unexplained occurrences” by lantern light. Suffolk’s historically hip Ghost Walk departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center, located at 524 North Main Street. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 9.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors 60+, military and children ages 9 to 12. Reservations are required. For more information or to reserve your spooky adventure, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130.

## July 25 – September 4

### *Corinne Lilyard-Mitchell: A 20 Year Retrospective Exhibit & Please Touch the Art Exhibit by Sally Barker*



Connie Lilyard-Mitchell, winner of the Suffolk Art League’s 2014 Annual Juried Exhibition and Professor of Art at TCC, will present an exhibit that includes a collection of paintings and works on paper completed since 1995 and depicts her explorations of media, techniques, and subject matter. *Please Touch the Art* includes textile works by artist Sally Barker, creator of the Barker Code, a technique where color is assigned a textured fabric, resulting in touchable pieces that allow the blind to visualize classic works of art.

These exhibits will be on display now through September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Suffolk Art Gallery, 118 Bosley Avenue. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 757-514-7284 or 757-925-0448.

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