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City to Host Community Meetings on Septic Tank Pump Out Program

SUFFOLK, Va. (June 6, 2009) – Suffolk Department of Community Development will be hosting two community meetings on the Septic Tank Pump Out program. Meetings will be held on Monday June 8 @ 7 p.m. at Oakland Elementary School Auditorium and on Wednesday, June 10 @ 7 p.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church's main building.

On July 1, 2009, Suffolk will begin the first phase of a five year effort of the pump out program for properties located in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Virginia State law requires anyone within a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area to have their septic tank pumped or inspected once every five (5) years. Research has shown that failing septic systems contribute considerable amounts of pollution to groundwater and the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. By having septic tanks pumped, the number of solids leaving the septic tank and migrating into the drainfield is greatly reduced which allows drainfields to function as designed for a much greater length of time and reducing groundwater pollution.

Anyone with questions about the program may contact the Department of Community Development at (757) 514-4060 or the Suffolk Health Department at (757) 686-4919.

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