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CALLING ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS!

SUFFOLK, Virginia (October 6, 2008) The Media and Community Relations Department is updating their listing of local Civic Leagues, Homeowner's Associations, Neighborhood Watches, fraternal organizations, non-profit and other community groups active in the City of Suffolk.

Unfortunately, when new officers or leaders are elected to these types of organizations, oftentimes this information isn't relayed to local officials so that current contact information can be provided to citizens who call requesting information regarding their respective communities. New residents frequently call requesting information, or to learn more about joining a local group or committee. Additionally, in light of April's devastating tornado, this type of information is important for emergency personnel who try to keep affected communities apprised of disaster details, and is a vital link in the chain of keeping information flowing.

The City of Suffolk has a strong tradition of supporting community participation, as evidenced by the overwhelming success of their celebration of "National Night Out", where literally thousands of citizens join together each year to give crime a going away party. To further support community participation, the city will host the "Suffolk Neighborhood College...EXPRESS!" on Saturday, October 25, 2008. This is a unique opportunity for citizens to learn more about their local government in a free, 1-day class.

Please contact the Media and Community Relations Department at 514-4102, or 514-4104 to make certain that your group's contact information is current, or to register to be a member of the "Suffolk Neighborhood College...EXPRESS!" As we all know, when concerned citizens take pride and ownership of their communities, the entire neighborhood – and indeed the entire city – benefits.

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