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What's Happening in Suffolk This Week...

TUESDAY, January 31st - April 17th, 2012

- *Tax Preparation Assistance*



The Suffolk Workforce Development Center has partnered with the AARP Tax Division and will assist citizens with the preparation of tax returns every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. beginning January 31st through April 17th.

Citizens will be served on a walk-in basis, first come-first served, and must bring photo identification, W2 forms and their last year tax return (if available). You must be 18 or older to receive assistance, and there is no restriction on income requirements. Volunteers will not prepare complicated returns or business returns.

The Workforce Development Center is located in the heart of downtown Suffolk at 157 North Main Street, second floor. For more information, contact 514-7748.

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2012

- *Burn Ban*



The Suffolk Department of Fire & Rescue's Fire Prevention Bureau will enforce the Commonwealth's 4 p.m. Burn Law beginning February 15, 2012—the start of spring fire season in Virginia. This law prohibits burning before 4:00 p.m. each day (February 15th – April 30th) if the fire is in, or within 300 feet of, woodland, brush land or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. After 4:00 p.m., winds usually calm down and the relative humidity levels are on the increase, both of which reduce the potential for a debris fire or any outdoor open air fire to escape your control.

A violation of this law is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500 fine. The City of Suffolk Fire Prevention Bureau requires a burning permit for all open air burning within the city. Fire inspectors consider such factors as wind direction, proximity to other occupied dwellings, the resident's ability to control the fire, and history of complaints in a particular neighborhood before issuing a burning permit.

For more information on how to protect yourself and your property, or to obtain a burn permit, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 757-514-4550.

THURSDAY, February 16, 2012

- *Poetry, Prose and Pizza*



Join us for a night of open mic poetry and prose hosted by Suffolk poet and writer Nathan Richardson on Thursday, February 16, 2012, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Suffolk Art Gallery, located at 118 Bosley Avenue, Suffolk, VA 23434.

Poets and writers ages 13 to adult are invited to register at the door for mic time. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

In addition, Suffolk native, artist and writer Timothy Giles will be signing his book,

“Humble Beginnings: An Expression of My Journey through Paintings and Poems”. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Suffolk Art Gallery at 757-514-7284.

SATURDAY, February 11, 2012 – March 2, 2012

- *Exhibit of Excellence: Suffolk Student Art 2012 – Suffolk Art Gallery*



The Exhibit of Excellence: Suffolk Student Art 2012 is on display at the Suffolk Art Gallery, 118 Bosley Avenue, now through March 2, 2012. This exhibit features over 130 pieces of artwork from 10th, 11th, and 12th graders from Suffolk who had their work judged for display. Suffolk Art Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Suffolk Art Gallery at 757-514-7284 or the Suffolk Art League at 757-925-0448.

SATURDAY, February 11, 2012- April 28, 2012

- *Land of Our Fathers Exhibit – Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts*



The “Land of Our Fathers” exhibit features art from the Norfolk State University African Art Gallery, the Doctors L.T. & Margaret Reid Collection from the Suffolk Art Gallery, and is accompanied by the photographs of Brenda C. Wright. Eight African Countries are represented in a variety of mediums including: wood, metal, clay, and fiber.

This exhibit is on display Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., now through April 28, 2012 at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, 110 W. Finney Avenue. For more information, call 757-923-0003 or visit www.SuffolkCenter.org.

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