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Important Daffodil Festival Deadlines are Drawing Near

Gloucester's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department staff members are excited about the return of a full-scale Daffodil Festival this spring – the first one in two years! With that being said, several important deadlines for participation in various areas of the festival are drawing near. This year's festival, "In Full Bloom, Celebrating Our History," is scheduled for April 2-3.

According to Debbie Wesolowski, Gloucester's Daffodil Festival Coordinator, Daffodil Queen and Daffodil Festival scholarship applications will be available online at www.daffodilfestivalva.org by Feb. 1. Applications to participate in the Daffodil Festival Parade and "Little Miss" program will be online Feb. 1-28. Also, submissions for this year's Daffodil Festival official print are currently on display at the Main Library, with the Print Unveiling scheduled for Feb. 19 from 2-4 p.m. at Gloucester Arts on Main. Vendor and food applications are currently online.

"The history of the daffodil in Gloucester County, Virginia is almost as old as the county itself," Wesolowski said. "That's why we are excited to celebrate the festival's rich history this year. And you can be a part of that by filling out your applications to participate!"

Along with various special celebrations of the festival's history scattered throughout the two-day event, visitors will be able to enjoy the traditional favorites that the festival is known for such as good food, local and regional entertainment, the Amazing Mutt Show and much more.

This year, Gloucester County is proud to announce that steps have been taken to ensure that green practices are in place to minimize the festival's impacts on the environment. At a minimum, this event has committed to the Virginia Green program's core requirements for Green Events, said Sherry Kosakowski, Gloucester's Clean Community Coordinator. Such requirements include recycling of plastic,

aluminum, paper and cardboard; eliminating polystyrene; green team of volunteers to assist in effective recycling on-site; collection of cigarette butts through Keep VA Beautiful / Terracycle, and instructional signage on recycling and outreach to public about green practices.

For more information on the upcoming Daffodil Festival, visit www.daffodilfestivalva.org or call Wesolowski at 804-693-2355.

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