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CELEBRATE “SAUGUS DAY” AT SUFFOLK DOWNS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

EAST BOSTON, MA – Suffolk Downs will be celebrating individuals and organizations in the town of Saugus that make a positive difference in their community on “Saugus Day,” Saturday, August 8. It is the seventh of eight days on which the track is recognizing individual cities and towns as part of its 2009 “Commitment to Community” program.

Parking and admission will be free for Saugus residents (with proper ID). In addition to a full card of live racing, the track will provide free family entertainment, including pony rides, carnival games, face painting and a balloon artist, at the outdoor tent and playground area. All in attendance will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with a racehorse and jockey at the track’s “Fan Photo Experience.” The family fun begins at 12:30 p.m. First post time for live racing is 12:45 p.m.

The following Saugus organizations will be recognized in the track’s “Community Winner’s Circle”: Saugus Youth and Recreation Commission, Saugus Public Library, Saugus Council on Aging, Saugus Youth Hockey and the Cpl. Scott J. Procopio Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The “Community Winner’s Circle” was established last year by Suffolk Downs in a continuation of the track’s long-standing community outreach program. Each “Community Winner’s Circle” honoree is recognized by the track in a post-race winner’s circle ceremony and with a contribution to their cause.

Saugus-based national recording artist Thirteen Yards to Victory will be performing the national anthem. An honor guard representing the Saugus Veterans Council will present the colors for the anthem.

The final “Commitment to Community” day at Suffolk Downs this summer will be East Boston Day on Saturday, August 22. The day will be capped off by a performance by renowned R&B artist Kool & The Gang. Tickets for the concert are \$10 each with all sales to benefit local organizations. Tickets may be purchased directly from any of the five Saugus Day “Community Winner’s Circle” honorees. Special first race post time is 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m.

The other cities and towns that have been celebrated at Suffolk Downs this season are Everett (June 13), Chelsea (June 20), Salem (July 11), Lynn (July 18) and Winthrop (July 25) and Revere (August 1).