



Talk of the Town

June 14, 2013
12th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? Running a lawn sprinkler for two hours can use up to 500 gallons of water! Once you combine water and sewage costs, you are looking at approximately \$5.00! See below for cost-saving lawn watering tips.

It's Officially Hot Outside!

Lawn Watering Tips to Keep Your Expenses Down:

- Use lawn sprinklers for large areas and hand water the smaller areas.
- When watering, run the sprinklers long enough for the moisture to soak into the roots. A light sprinkling can evaporate before the plants receive any benefit and will promote shallow root systems.
- Check the sprinkler periodically for leaks and make sure the sprinkler heads are in good shape.
- Don't water on windy days. Most of the water will either blow away or evaporate.
- Use sprinklers that deliver big drops instead of small drops or mist. Large drops will be less likely to evaporate before they hit the ground.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid over or under watering.
- Aerate the lawn at least once a year so that water can more easily reach the roots.
- Running a sprinkler for two hours can use up to 500 gallons.



Paving Projects Underway

Your Assistance Is Appreciated

This year's paving project is underway. If weather permits, the projects should be completed in approximately 2 weeks. The Public Works department needs your help! If you live on one of the streets listed on this year's projects, Please do not park your car in the roadway. Crews will need everybody's cooperation in order to get the roadways opened to traffic in a timely manner. Don't worry, flaggers will be on location to assist with any emergency situation regarding local traffic. [Click here](#) or call Public Woks at 919-934-2596 for more info or to see if your street(s) will be affected.



Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

Summer Day Care - Now through August 23rd. Summer child care services for 1st and 2nd Shift. Offering great activities that build cognitive, physical and social skills. Weeks 10 and 11 will focus on preparing the children for BACK TO SCHOOL whether it is Head Start or Elementary - teaching Math, Reading, Writing and Spelling. Children should bring a daily change of clothes. For more information, call 919-934-4310 or visit www.taylormade.com.

Running Club - Do you like to run? Do you want to meet other people who have your same interest? Join the Smithfield River Rats Running Club. We will meet on Thursdays at 6:30pm at the large picnic shelter in Smithfield Community Park. \$20 membership fee includes a t-shirt. This is a club for beginners as well as seasoned runners. All ages and abilities are welcome. Run distances will vary and assistance will be provided for meeting personal goals. All runs will be followed by a light stretch or cool down. Contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148 x112 or email tpearson-parks@ncrrbiz.com for more info.

Smithfield Farmer's Market - Time: 9AM-1PM; Days: Friday & Saturday. New location - 724 N. Brightleaf Blvd. Smithfield, NC 27577. Come enjoy fresh vegetables, fruits, plants, and flowers from local farmers. Also come enjoy locally made items from people in the community. We are looking forward to a new year with new produce and a new location. Come check us out.

301 Endless Yardale -The first annual 301 Endless Yard Sale will be held in Johnston County's towns along US 301 on June 14 and 15. The two-day event is designed to attract visitors from a 50-100 mile radius and off the interstates to the communities along 301 in Johnston County to buy and sell antiques, collectibles, and yard sale items. The event encourages businesses and residents to participate by having yard sales, sidewalk sales and special promotions for a continuous stretch from one end of the sale route to the other. Once established, the organizers hope to extend the sale to all the counties along US 301 in North Carolina and other states as well. Visit www.301endlessyardsale.com for more info.

3 Little Pigs Triathlon - The Fourth Annual 3 Little Pigs Triathlon will be held June 15th. (Chick-fil-A is the title sponsor.) Races begin at 7:30 a.m. (Our third year had 462 racers - so register early.) The race is comprised of a 250 yard swim, a bike portion (14 miles) and a running portion (5 km). The swim portion is in the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center; the bike portion takes you from SRAC into rural Johnston County, on a scenic but flat course; and the run portion is an out and back course that takes you through Smithfield's Community Park and onto its new Buffalo Creek Greenway and back to SRAC. Feel free to bring your family - your kids can play at the park while you do all the work! All proceeds raised during the event will be split between Smithfield Parks and Recreation Department/Friends of the Park and the Rotary Club of Central Johnston County. [Click Here for Registration Info](#)

FY 13-14 Budget Public Meeting - The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget on Wednesday, June 19th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed budget. Citizens wishing to be heard are invited to make written or oral comments.

Independence Day - The Town of Smithfield Sanitation Department schedule for Independence Day will be as follows:
Household waste and yard debris collections for Thursday, July 4, 2013 will be collected on Wednesday, July 3, 2013.
All other customers will have their household waste and yard debris collected on their regular scheduled day. Please have your curbside container and or all debris at curbside after 5:00pm on the day before your collection day. All curbside containers must be removed from curbside no later than 8:00am on the day after collection.

Free Foreclosure Prevention Services - The Raleigh Area Development Authority has expanded to Smithfield to provide free foreclosure prevention services to Johnston County residents in need of assistance with mortgage payments. Services are free and authorized by HUD. Eligible clients include those who have lost a job, suffered a major injury, or lost a spouse. Smithfield office hours are by appointment only. Call 919-

807-8400 to schedule a consultation or visit www.rada-nc.org for more information.

Operation Helping Hand - Many of our citizens have fallen on tough times. Some have medical problems, are elderly or just can't financially put the pieces together. Some can't cut their grass, need minor help with construction and repairs or just need a hand hauling limbs and debris away from their home. If your church or civic organization is looking to lend a hand, our community could use a hand and would certainly appreciate it. If you or your organization is interested, please contact Brent Reck at 919-934-2116 or email at brent.reck@smithfield-nc.com.

Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation - Want to stay up to date with what's happening in Downtown Smithfield? [Click here](#) to sign-up for their newsletter or call 919-934-0887 for more information.

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



It's our Summer Swim Special! - For just \$90, you'll get access to all the fun features and amenities the SRAC has to offer for three full months. And, get this - for each additional, qualifying family member, the price is just \$75. [Click here](#) or call 919-934-2148 for more info.

SRAC Summer Camp 2013 - It's that time again! Time to register your child or children for one of the most popular summer camps in Johnston County! This year we're offering another eight weeks of art, swimming, sports and outdoor fun from 8:30am until 4:30pm each day. [Click here](#) for complete details or stop by the front desk at the SRAC for an official registration form.

Swimming Lessons - SRAC is offering Saturday swimming lessons for children 3-12 years old. \$40 Smithfield residents / \$50 Non-Smithfield residents. [More Info](#)

Join the SRAC! The area's most modern and well-equipped aquatics and fitness center is right in your own backyard. Check here for membership rates and special offerings for seniors, Johnston County School System employees and short-term memberships for Johnston County Community College students. Get Fit! [Membership Info](#)

BCBS will now pay for your membership at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center!
[HEALTHWAYS](#) Prime program now offered at the SRAC! Healthways Prime program is an insurance based Fitness program paid through BCBS! No need to pay any out of pocket expenses for your facility membership, let BCBS pay it for you. The Healthways Prime program reimburses the SRAC for each time you visit on a monthly basis! STOP BY NOW for your tour and to get started at the SRAC! For more information, contact Dale Ham at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center at 919-934-1408.

Council Meeting Highlights

June 04, 2013

Regular Meeting summary:



1. Approved Rezoning Request Mt. Zion Church of Deliverance.
2. Approved Conditional Use Permit for Mr. Zion Church of Deliverance.
3. Approved Rezoning Request for Smithfield Commerce Center.
4. Approved Conditional Use Permit for C.A. Byrd.
5. Approved In-Town Planning Board Alternate Member Gerald Joyner.
6. Approved Special Event - The Blessed by God Ministries.

7. Approved Special Event - Johnston Health Foundation; police services at no cost.
8. Approved Resolution #525 (12-2013) and accepted Rural Center Planning Grant.
9. Approved a One-Year Meter Reading Contract with Grid One Solutions.
10. Approved the 3 Little Pigs Triathlon; police services at no cost.
11. Approved Subdivision of Smithfield Commerce Center.
12. Approved Resolution #526 (13-2013) and accepted CDBG Talent Enhancement Grant.
13. Approved Recreation Budget Amendment.
14. Approved Resolution #527 (14-2013) and amended the Town of Smithfield's Travel Policy.
15. Approved Resolution #528 (15-2013) to promote joint efforts to reduce electric costs with the Towns of Benson and Selma.
16. Proclaimed June 15, 2013 as North Carolina Domestic Violence Proclamation 100 Day.

The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd, beginning at 7:30pm. Come join us and get involved!

[View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

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Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Police Officer I**
- **Finance Director**

Full [Job Descriptions and Applications](#) may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall, 350 East Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577, by visiting our website at www.smithfield-nc.com or by calling 919-934-2116. Only qualified applicants should apply. The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.

Contact: **Tim Kerigan** - HR Director / Public Information Officer
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