



## *Talk of the Town*

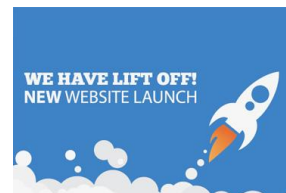
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15th Edition

### *Town Tidbit:*

**Did you know?** This Summer of 2013, the Town of Smithfield's Parks and Recreation Department hosted over 150 participants in 8 different sports camps - basketball, baseball, cheerleading, football, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.

### *The Town has a New Website!*

With Even More to Come Soon



Please visit our new [website](http://www.smithfield-nc.com) at [www.smithfield-nc.com](http://www.smithfield-nc.com) and [let us know what you think](#). The Town's IT/PC Specialist, Brian Adams, developed a completely new site with great focus being on ease for the user.

The website provides information for all - citizens, employees, visitors and potential relocating businesses. The improved navigation and abundance of forms will allow everyone to access their information quickly and save time. In many cases, they can save themselves a trip to Town Hall to retrieve forms by just printing at home or completing and submitting online.

Additional exciting features that will be unveiled soon are:

- Online real-time streaming of the Town's TV station SJCTV 18
- On-Demand feature for all content and programs featured on SJCTV 18
- Online Utility Bill Payment

Please let us know what you think of our new website and provide suggestions for how we may continue to improve. If you have photos or videos of local people, places and events, please send us those as well.

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## Fall Sports Registration

Deadlines Extended!



It's not too late to sign-up, but time and available spots are running out!

- Cheerleading Registration (Ages 5-12) ends Friday, August 16th
- Soccer Registration (Ages 5-12) ends Friday, August 16th
- Volleyball Registration (4th grade through 6th grade Girls) ends Friday, August 16th
- Football Registration is ongoing until each Roster is Full:
  - Ages 7-8-- We can accept 12 more
  - Ages 9-10-- We can accept 2 more
  - Ages 11-12-- We can accept 23 more

Men's Open League Softball Registration Ends Friday, August 9th

Please stop by Parks & Recreation/SRAC in person, [online](#) or call 919-934-2148 for more information.

## Back to School and Tax Free!

This Weekend - Shop Smithfield



What event in August can combine two favorite things for women -- shopping and saving money? It's the Back to School Events at Carolina Premium Outlets in Smithfield and the NC Tax Free weekend. Carolina Premium Outlet's Back-to-School & Fall Preview Sale is scheduled for Thursday - Monday, Aug 1 - 5 where shoppers will enjoy extra savings on top of everyday savings of 25% to 65% off retail at national brand stores like Tommy Hilfiger, The Gap, Banana Republic and many more.

North Carolina Sales Tax Holiday will also take place during the first weekend of August, Friday - Sunday, Aug 2 - 4. Plan a trip to Smithfield during the North Carolina Sales Tax Holiday and enjoy tax free shopping on most clothing, footwear and backpacks under \$100\*

Carolina Premium Outlets Extended Shopping Hours:

Fri, Aug 2: 9am-10pm

Sat, Aug 3: 9am-10pm

Sun, Aug 4: 10am-7pm

\*The tax free weekend for general merchandise purchased in North Carolina applies to the following items:

Clothing, footwear, and school supplies under \$100

Sports and recreation equipment under \$50

Computers under \$3,500

Computer equipment under \$250

"Customers in this economy are looking for value and quality at a great price and shoppers know Carolina Premium Outlets offers both," said Donna Bailey-Taylor, Executive Director, Johnston County Visitors Bureau. "The back-to-school period, like Black Friday, is super important to our destination for attracting visitors," she added. "Back-to-school is one the biggest times of the year for shopping at Carolina Premium Outlets."

**Please remember that the NC Sales Tax Holiday applies to all stores in North Carolina, so "Shop Smithfield" - all of Smithfield's wonderful stores, not just the Outlets.**

For deals on hotels located adjacent to the outlet center, visit the bureau website, [www.visitsmithfield.org](http://www.visitsmithfield.org).

## Around Town

*For fun or to help others in our community*

**Smithfield Farmer's Market** - Has closed for the season.

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**Author and Historian to Speak** - The Johnston County Genealogical and Historical Society is hosting author and historian Lynn Salsi. For more information call, 919-274-0540.

**Book Club** - The Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield welcomes new members to its daytime book club. Meetings are at 12:30pm on the third Tuesday of every month. Club members suggest the titles to read, and the library lends copies of each month's selection to the members. For more information, call Morgan Paty at 919-934-8146 or email [mpaty@pljcs.org](mailto:mpaty@pljcs.org).

**Senior Coffee Corner** - Starting in August (Tuesday August 6th) on Tuesday & Thursday mornings SRAC will have FREE coffee available to all 55 and older. There will be occasional breakfast treats and brain teasers available. You do not have to be a member of SRAC to come hang out with your friends, read the paper, and enjoy a cup-a-joe. Where: The Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center Questions contact Tiffany Pearson 919-934-2148 ext.112 or email [tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com](mailto:tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.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@ncrbiz.com](mailto:tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com) for more info.

**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](mailto: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.

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## Parks & Recreation / SRAC



**Fitness Classes** - We offer Fitness Classes in the following: Cycling, Zumba, Hip Hop Hustle, Piyo, Turbo Kick, Total Body, Tai Chi, Inferno Cycle, P90X and Cycle Fusion. For more information regarding classes, please call 934-1408. All classes are roughly 1 hour long.

**Summer Camps** - SRAC offers week long camps for children between the ages of 5-12 from June 10 until August 9. Camp starts at 8:30am and goes until 4:30pm. \$100/week for Smithfield Residents and \$125/week for Non-Smithfield Residents. Early drop off and late pick up are available for an extra \$25 per week. At camp kids can enjoy art, swimming, sports, being outdoors, etc. Children must bring 2 snacks and lunch, a swim suit and towel. For more information contact Kristin Sasser at [ksasser-parks@ncrbiz.com](mailto:ksasser-parks@ncrbiz.com).

**Red Devil Football** - Registration is underway for Red Devil Football, for the following age groups: Flag (5-6); Rookie(7-8); JV (9-10); and Varsity (11-12). The child's age as of 8/1/13 determines playing age. Registration is \$40 for Smithfield Residents and \$80 for Non-Smithfield Residents. The Smithfield Red Devils play in the Johnston

County Youth Football League. Games will be played in the fall on Saturdays, beginning in September. Practices will begin in August.

**Red Devil Cheerleading** - Registration is underway for Red Devil Cheerleading, for girls between the ages of 5-12. Registration is \$25 for Smithfield Residents and \$50 for Non-Smithfield Residents. Uniform cost should be around \$50 - which you purchase and keep. The only time we offer cheerleading is with our football program. The Smithfield Red Devils play in the Johnston County Youth Football League. Games will be played in the fall on Saturdays, beginning in September. Practices will begin in August.

**Fall Soccer** - Registration is underway for Fall Soccer until August 2nd, for boys and girls between the ages of 5-12. (The child's age as of 8/1/13 determines playing age.) Registration is \$35 for Smithfield Residents and \$70 for Non-Smithfield Residents. Games will be played in the fall, on weeknights, with some Saturday games. Season will begin in September and wrap up around the end of October.

**Men's Open League Softball** - Registration begins July 8 through August 2 for Mens Open League Softball. Registration is \$475 per team. (Maximum number of teams is 12.) All fees must be paid BEFORE the season begins, which will be after Labor Day.

**Sterling Silvers Senior Club** - Must be 55+ in order to join this group. The club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at SRAC, 10:30 am. Dues are \$12/year. Members have the opportunity to go on trips and enjoy activities outside of regular meeting days. For more information, contact Tiffany Pearson at [tpearson-parks@ncrrbiz.com](mailto:tpearson-parks@ncrrbiz.com) or 919-934-2148.

**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](#)

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## Council Meeting Highlights

July 02, 2013



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Administered Oath of Office to New Police Officers James Brian Sittig and Duane-Douglas Calvin Ealy.
2. Approved Abrilla Robinson to a first term on the Appearance Commission.
3. Approved Resolution #529 (16-2013) to apply for a NC PARTF Grant assisting "Partnership to Build a Miracle".
4. Town Manager Paul Sabiston updated Council on the Town's Strategic Plan for FY 2013-2014.
5. Town Manager Paul Sabiston updated Council on the SmartGrid process for the Town's water/sewer and electrical systems.
6. Approved to increase the County's pass-through bulk sewer treatment rate of \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons effective the first billing in August 1013.
7. Approved that effective immediately, all new hires, promotions and salary increases must be approved by Council.
8. Approved that effective immediately, any budget line expenditures that move monies in excess of \$1,000 must be approved by Council.
9. Approved a directive for Town Manager Paul Sabiston to prepare a completed year end budget report that provides the initial approved budget amount as well as the year end actual amount.
10. Approved a motion giving the Crossing Project Utility Entities (Progress Energy, Century Link and Time Warner) a July 19th deadline for submitting a schedule with specific dates as to when they will move their underground utility lines.
11. Scheduled a Special Meeting for a Public Hearing to discuss RADA Grant on Monday, July 15th at 6:00pm.

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, August 6th, 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](http://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  
350 E Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577  
919.934.2116 x1109

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