



Talk of the Town

August 30, 2013
17th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? **Labor Day** is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September that celebrates the economic and social contributions of workers. It was first nationally recognized in 1894 to placate unionists following the Pullman Strike. With the decline in union membership, the holiday is generally viewed as a time for barbeques and the end of summer vacations.

"Fun in the Park"

at Smith-Collins Park

On August 24, 2013 The Smithfield Police Department and Smithfield Parks and Recreation hosted "Fun in the Park" at Smith-Collins Park. This community event was to give the families of Smithfield a fun and safe day in the park. This event also highlighted the rededication of the park to showcase the work The Town of Smithfield and Smithfield Parks and Recreation have done. The employees of the town worked hard to add amenities and update the park.



We estimated approximately 200 people attended the event. This event would not have been possible without the generous donations from local businesses in Smithfield. We would like to thank: FOP Lodge 88, Smithfield Housing Authority, Carroll Pharmacy, Chic-Fil-A, Carolina Packers, Food Lion, Whitley Grocery, Smithfield Cinemas, Clark's Rental, Wal-Mart #1321, Roses, Pepsi, Dominos, Papa Johns, Ci-Ci's Pizza and DJ Sal Boogie.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to assist in the planning, setup and execution of this event.

Who is That?

Johnston County Tax Administration - Mapping Vehicle

The Johnston County Tax Administration appraisers will be visiting real estate parcels and taking pictures of the buildings as part of a real estate parcel - business mapping project, in a county vehicle, with the county logo. This is a project that will continue over the next two months.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call the office at 919-989-5140.



SSS International Baccalaureate Programme is Underway!

It's here! The first year of the IB Diploma Programme (DP) at SSS High School has begun. This two-year programme prepares students for effective participation in a rapidly evolving and increasingly global society as they:

- * develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- * acquire breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding, studying courses from 6 subject groups
- * develop the skills and a positive attitude toward learning that will prepare them for higher education
- * study at least two languages (English and Spanish) and increase understanding of cultures, including their own
- * make connections across traditional academic disciplines and explore the nature of knowledge through the programme's unique theory of knowledge course
- * undertake in-depth research into an area of interest through the lens of one or more academic disciplines in the extended essay
- * enhance their personal and interpersonal development through creativity, action and service

For more information about International Baccalaureate schools, visit www.IBO.org. For more information about Smithfield-Selma High School's IB Diploma Programme, visit www.johnston.k12.nc.us/SSSIB.



Johnston County HS Bands Free Marching Band Exhibition

The Johnston County High School Marching Bands will perform for FREE in Exhibition at Charles T. Tucker Stadium at Smithfield-Selma High School on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. Gates will open at 6:00 pm with the first band performing at 6:30 pm.



The Spartan Regiment host band will have concessions available as a part of their fundraising efforts to support a trip to Nationals at Mets Stadium in November. Johnston County has some of the top high school band programs in the Region, so come on out and enjoy the event. And don't forget to support your area high school band programs!

For more information, contact event coordinator, Jennifer Hinton - jhinton2503@yahoo.com.



SMITHFIELD Pottery: Handbuilding Class - Tuesday mornings, 10:30am-12:30pm, August 27-Oct 1, 2013
Smithfield Resident-\$100 Non-Smithfield Resident-\$125. Learn the techniques for building beautiful functional pottery as well as decorative pottery. Participants must also purchase a 20lb bag of clay (sold at the front desk of the Aquatics Center).

SMITHFIELD/SELMA Youth Council - Smithfield and Selma Parks & Recreation Departments are starting a Youth Council. Looking for an opportunity to be involved in your community? Are you a high school student interested in being a part of a club that takes trips, does rewarding work, and starts the building blocks of your resume? For more information, contact Tiffany Pearson at tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com or 919-934-2148.

SMITHFIELD Matter of Balance Class - Starting September 3rd Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-3PM (8 sessions)

Do you have concerns about falling? Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Who should attend this class? Anyone concerned about falls, anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, anyone who has fallen in the past, anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns. Register for the class at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center. For more information or questions contact Tiffany Pearson 919-934-2148, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

SMITHFIELD Senior Coffee Corner - Every Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30AM to 10:30AM we will have FREE coffee available to all 55 and older adults. 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 and Aquatic Center. Questions: contact Tiffany Pearson 919-934-2148 ext.112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

SMITHFIELD River Rats Running Club - The summer has caused routine to go out the window. Join us in reestablishing your routine with running on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM. We are meeting under the large picnic shelter. Looking for all running types and abilities so bring your running goals, come out and meet other people who enjoy running as much as you. Club dues: \$20. This fee includes a T-shirt. For more information or questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148 ext.112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

SMITHFIELD Robotic Legos Workshop - October 25th - Play-Well TEKologies: Engineering FUNdamentals with LEGO Workshops: 10/25/13, 10AM-1PM Become a Play-Well Engineer this Fall! With over 100,000 pieces of LEGO®, take on real-life engineering challenges that explore concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture! This is a hands-on, brains on Workshop suitable for LEGO® novices to building "maniacs". Price \$35 per person. For more information, contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-34-2148, ext. 112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

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](#)

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

Labor Day - Offices at Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2nd. Utility payments may be placed in the drop box at the rear of the building and will be processed on Tuesday when normal hours will resume.

The Town of Smithfield Sanitation Department schedule for Labor Day will be as follows:
Household waste and yard debris collections for Monday, September 2, 2013 will be collected on Wednesday, September 4, 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. If you have any questions, please contact the Department at 919-989-6570.

Labor Day - Looking for something to do? The Howell Theatre will be open on Labor Day beginning at 12:30pm. Call 919-934-8202 or visit www.howellmovies.com for more info or showtimes.

Wednesday's Wellness Walk - Meeting at the shelter at the Community Park next to SRAC every Wednesday at 6:30PM. The goal is to encourage everyone to get out and walk to better ourselves. This is a free service for anyone to participate. For more info, contact David Moore at 336-403-7348 or Corn Robertson at 919-802-3136.

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.

Neuse Little Theatre - Proudly presents "Sex Please, We're Sixty" - an American Farce by Michael Parker and Susan Parker. Showtimes are September 13 & 14 at 8PM, September 15 at 3PM, and September 20 & 21 at 8PM. Tickets are \$12 Reserved and \$14 Walk-up (cash or check only, no credit/debit cards). For reservation information, please call 919-934-1873.

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.

Council Meeting Highlights

August 06, 2013

Regular Meeting summary:



1. Administered Oath of Office to New Police Officers Rickey Lloyd Parker, Jr. and Shayna Lee Ptack.
2. District Attorney Susan Doyle honored Officer Victor Denoble as Johnston County Officer of the Month.
3. Approved CUP-13-04 - State Employee's Credit Union.
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5. Approved CUP-13-06 - Parker Gas Company.
6. Approved CUP-12-09 - ESA Renewables, LLC.
7. Pulled items 9, 10 and 11 from Consent Agenda for discussion. Approved items after discussion.
8. Approved remaining Consent Agenda items.
9. Reviewed and approved the petition for voluntary annexation of the Julian Marshall property.
10. Approved a contract between the Town of Smithfield and the Wooten Company to provide professional services for Raw Water Intake Study - pending a Rural Center Grand funding release.
11. Received update from Fire Chief Harris on proposed changes from the Insurance Services Office.
12. Approved the Town Manager's recommendation of an Impact Fee to be paid by ESA Renewables for use of the Town's substation.
13. Received the Town Manager's presentation of preliminary FY 2012-13 Budget Summary.

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, September 3rd, beginning at 7:30pm. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Police Officer I**

- **Finance Director**
- **Water Plant Operator I**

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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