



Talk of the Town

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Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The Tuscaroras, an Iroquoian-speaking tribe, flourished in Johnston County until the second decade of the 18th Century. They were defeated in a bloody war with European colonists in 1713, after which most Tuscaroras fled to New York where they became the sixth nation in the Iroquois confederation. Those allowed to remain in the Carolina colony were placed on a reservation in Bertie County, but many of these later followed their fellow tribesmen to New York. Tuscarora descendants still live on a reservation near Niagara Falls where much of their history and culture is kept alive.

Smithfield Council Changes

New Mayor and Three New Councilmen

On Tuesday, December 3rd, a standing-only crowd witnessed the swearing in of a new Mayor and three new Councilmen - replacing over 60 years of service and dedication to the Town of Smithfield.



Those outgoing were: Mayor Daniel Evans, District 1 Councilman Charles E. Williams, District 3 Councilman Vic Ogburn and District 4 Councilman Zach Crocker. Perry Harris was re-sworn in as District 2 Councilman. Those newly elected officials are Mayor John Lampe, District 1 Councilman Marlon Lee, District 3 Councilman Travis Scott and District 4 Councilman Roger Wood.

Stink Stank Stunk Toy Run

Saturday, December 7th

It's time to give, give, give 'til your heart grows three sizes! The Grinch Stink Stank Stunk Toy Run is an annual 5K run (and a one-mile jingle bell job/walk...strollers welcome. Registration is as easy as bringing a new, unwrapped toy as your registration fee. All toys donated will benefit Harbor and the Johnston County DSS Angel Tree Project. Times: 10:00am: 5K Run / 10:05am: 1 Mile Jingle Bell Walk; Location: Smithfield Community Park. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes - click here for more details!

<http://sraonline.com/2013/11/stink-stank-stunk-toy-run-is-back-saturday-december-7-2013/>



Smithfield Christmas Parade

Thursday, December 12th

Smithfield's Christmas Parade will march down Market Street beginning at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 12th. This year's Grand Marshals, Miss North Carolina Johna Edmonds and the national champion Smithfield-Selma Spartan Regiment marching band, will kick-off the parade, which features more than 100 groups. Click here for more information on this and more Downtown Smithfield Holiday Events!

<http://www.downtownsmithfield.com/index.php/news/210-downtown-smithfield-holiday-events-2013>



I-40 and I-440 Improvements Begin

Re-Dubbed "Fortify"

The North Carolina Department of Transportation project to fortify two of the Triangle's busiest roads has begun. The Fortify project involves removing and replacing an 11.5-mile stretch of I-40 and I-440 to address immediate safety concerns. Drivers will see nighttime lane closures now, with some additional daytime closures to follow.

For more information, visit [here](#) or call the project hotline at (919) 707-2683 to speak with a dedicated project representative.



Parks & Recreation / SRAC



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@ncrrbiz.com or 919-934-2148.

SMITHFIELD KIDS IN NATURE SERIES - Dates: Every Wednesday, Time: 9:30-10:30am, Ages: 3-5 years (with an adult). This hands on class will focus on one specific theme for the day. Participants will hike, create, experiment and LEARN about the natural world around them. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by the Monday before each class. Minimum 4 students. Fee: \$4.00-Smithfield Resident or \$6.00-Non Smithfield Resident (Fee applies to each child participating).

SMITHFIELD DOODLEBUGS - Dates: Every Friday, Time: 9:30-10:15am, Ages: 18 mos-3yrs. Dribble, drip, squish and squeeze. Delight in watching your child as together you get messy while creating and experimenting with different materials. Experiment with dough, pudding, gelatin, crayons, watercolors and more. Watch your young artist blossom! One child per adult please! You can sign up for one class at a time or for a 4 week session. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by the Wednesday before each class so that accurate supplies are provided. Fee: \$5/class or \$19.00/4 classes-Smithfield Resident, \$7/class or \$27.00/4 classes-Smithfield Non Resident.

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@ncrrbiz.com.

Soap Making for Kids - This class, for kids between the ages of 5-10, is Saturday, December 7. You must register for the class by Wed., 12/4. The class is from 2:00-3:30pm. Your kids can get creative with this activity! Maybe they would like to make some soaps to give away as Christmas presents... or just keep them for themselves. All supplies are included. Class fee is \$15.

Swim with Santa - You knew Santa could fly ... but did you know he could swim?? Join us on Friday night, December 6, from 6-8pm and check him out! Santa will be here working on his list, and just cooling his heels before the big night. The Swim with Santa is free to SRAC members. All others \$5 per person.

The Grinch Stink-Stank-Stunk 5k Toy Run & Jingle Bell Jog - Sat., 12/7 - "Don't be a bad banana with a greasy black peel".... Join us and give!! This is our 2nd Annual Grinch Stink Stank Stunk 5k Toy Run and Jingle Bell Jog. All participants are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card. All toys will benefit Harbor and the Johnston County DSS Angel Tree Project. There will also be prizes awarded for some of your favorite "Whoville" characters, so dress up and have fun! Registration forms are available at SRAC, or can be found on-line [here](#). Race packets will be available for pick up Fri., 12/6, between 12-7pm. Toys can be dropped off when you pick up your race packet. Register by 12/2 if you want a t-shirt. T-Shirts are \$15 each. No extra shirts will be available. The Run begins at 10:00am on 12/7. The Jog/Walk begins at 10:05.

Christmas Mouse Ornaments - This class, for kids between the ages of 6-15, is Saturday, December 14, from 9am-Noon. You must register for the class by Wed., 12/11. Your kids can create their own Christmas Mouse ornament as a keepsake, or as a gift to give away. Originally made out of bread dough, this workshop will take children through the steps of creating a mouse ornament now made of polymer clay. All supplies are included. Class fee is \$15.

SMITHFIELD Baseball Registration - After the holidays, we don't waste anytime ... registration for Baseball begins on January 6 and runs through February 7. Baseball is open to boys, ages 7-14 years of age. (The child's age as of 5/1/14 determines playing age.) Registration is \$35 for Residents of the Town of Smithfield, and \$70 for Non-Smithfield Residents. (A Smithfield Resident resides within the Town limits of Smithfield and pays taxes to the Town of Smithfield.) Practices will begin mid-March with games beginning in April.

SMITHFIELD Softball Registration - After the holidays, it's time to start thinking of spring sports ... registration for Softball begins on January 6 and runs through February 7. Softball is open to girls, ages 7-14 years of age. (The child's age as of 1/1/14 determines playing age.) Registration is \$30 for Residents of the Town of Smithfield, and \$60 for Non-Smithfield Residents. (A Smithfield Resident resides within the Town limits of Smithfield and pays taxes to the Town of Smithfield.) Practices will begin in April.

SMITHFIELD T-Ball Registration - Boys and girls between the ages of 5-6 can register for T-Ball beginning February 10 until March 7. (The child must be 5 years old as of 5/1/14 to be eligible to play.) Registration is \$30 for Residents of the Town of Smithfield, and \$60 for Non-Smithfield Residents. (A Smithfield Resident resides within the Town limits of Smithfield and pays taxes to the Town of Smithfield.) Practices will begin in April.

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

Christmas Parade - Christmas is officially here when the Parade comes to Town - on Thursday night, December 12, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be in the Parade, applications can be picked up at SRAC, or found online [here](#). For questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148, x112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com. The application deadline is 12/6/13.

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@plics.org.

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

December 03, 2013

Regular Meeting summary:

1. Appointed Interim Public Utilities Director, Pete Connet, to the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) as the First Alternate Commissioner representing the Town of Smithfield.
2. Presentation to outgoing Councilman Zachary Crocker and Relinquishment of Council Seat.
3. Presentation to outgoing Councilman J. Victor Ogburn, Jr. and Relinquishment of Council Seat.
4. Presentation to outgoing Councilman Charles E. Williams and Relinquishment of Council Seat.
5. Presentation to outgoing Mayor W. Daniel Evans, Jr. and Relinquishment of Mayoral Seat.
6. Administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Marlon Lee; representing District 1 - The Honorable District Court Judge, Addie Harris Rawls.
7. Administered the Oath of Office to returning Councilman Perry Harris; representing District 2 - The Honorable Clerk of Court, Will Crocker.
8. Administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Travis Scott; representing District 3 - The Honorable Clerk of Court, Will Crocker.



9. Administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Roger A. Wood; representing District 4 - The Honorable Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Tom Lock.
10. Administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor John H. Lampe - The Honorable Clerk of Court, Will Crocker.
11. Elected Mayor Pro-Tem Andy Moore.
12. Approved 2014 Town Council Meeting Calendar.

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, January 7th. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Public Utilities Director**
- **Utility Line Mechanic**
- **Meter Technician**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Water Plant Operator/Trainee**

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.