



Talk of the Town

October 27, 2016

50th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The Town of Smithfield has official ordinances for trick-or-treating? Here you go:
Sec. 11-8. - Trick or treat visitations.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public street or alley of the town or upon any property than his own premises for the purpose of making trick or treat visitations, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to children twelve (12) years of age and under before the hour of 8:00 p.m. on each Halloween night in the residential areas of the town.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other person standing in loco parentis to knowingly permit any minor child or ward in his care and custody to violate the provisions of this section.

(Code 1967, § 11-14.1)

Early Voting

Thu Oct 20, 2016 - Sat Nov 5, 2016

Absentee Ballot Request

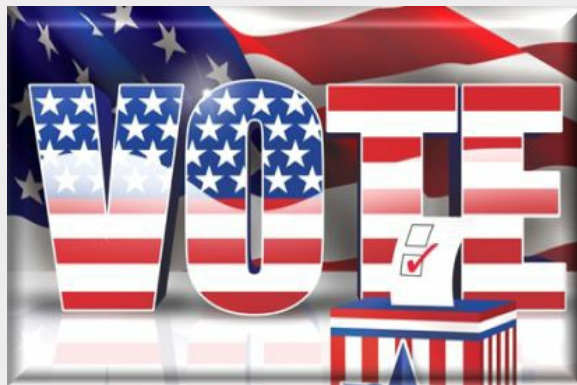
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North Carolina General Election

Tue Nov 8, 2016

Absentee Ballot Return

Tue Nov 8, 2016





Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision and are not approved in the Town of Smithfield.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Smithfield trick-or-treating hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours, but also remember that some attempt to begin early or extend beyond.

For more info on Codes of Ordinance for the Town of Smithfield, in regards to trick-or-treating, please visit [here](#).

HISTORIC GHOST WALK IN SMITHFIELD

October 27, 2016 6:30 pm

Five characters from Johnston County's past will be brought back to life Thursday during the Johnston County Heritage Center's annual Ghost Walk in Smithfield's historic Riverside Cemetery. This unique event will begin at 6:30 pm at the corner of Church and Second streets beside St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The line-up includes several fascinating twentieth century personalities- moonshine king J. Percy Flowers, African American minister J. C. Melton, an anonymous sharecropper's daughter, street preacher Azel Manning, and highly decorated Vietnam veteran and humanitarian Richard Baroody.



Azel Manning shakes hands with a member of the US Senate Judiciary Committee in 1937. Courtesy The Johnston County Heritage Center



"This is a fun educational event for all ages that a lot of people look forward to," says event chairman

Tom Howerton. "It's a great way for families to learn about interesting people who are part of the Johnston County story."

Visitors will be given guided tours through the cemetery where they will meet each ghost character. The tour concludes with light refreshments at the Hastings House, which served as Confederate headquarters at the end of the Civil War. Admission charge is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, payable at the event. No advance tickets will be sold.

For further information, call the Johnston County Heritage Center at 919-934-2836, or visit the Center's website at www.jcheritagecenter.org, or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/jocoheritage.

Courtesy of www.JoCoReport.com

SELMA STUDENTS TRANSFORM HALLWAYS INTO ARCADE

The hallways of Selma Middle were transformed into an arcade for an interactive math lesson for the school's fifth grade students on Monday, Oct. 24.



Selma Middle fifth grade student Genesis Medley (left) answers a mathematical equation while playing "Order Up," which was created by her classmate, Justice Miggett (right).

All of the games were built out of cardboard and other household supplies by students in Shannon Snipes' and Brandon Sullivan's fifth grade math classes.

"The kids absolutely loved the Cardboard Arcade project," said Snipes. "It gave them a chance to engage in hands-on activities for mathematics, and they learn so much better that way."

The students were challenged to invent or recreate classic arcade games while incorporating a math lesson to teach their fellow classmates.

All of the math used in the arcade was part of the fifth grade curriculum, according to Snipes. Students could also win tickets to claim prizes at each game.



Selma Middle fifth grade student Jade Jackson (left) challenges her classmate, Ruben Garcia (right) to the game she created, a math infused version of whack-a-mole.

"The kids loved interacting with their peers and explaining how the math worked," said Snipes. "They're little mathematicians and engineers, and they engineered these games. I think that's what they loved most about all of this."

The fifth graders and students from around the school spent the day playing their fellow classmates arcade games and learning math lessons.

"This is hands-on interaction, but it's also peer engagement," said Snipes. "Sometimes students can reach their peers better than teachers can reach them. It's great to have the peer interaction incorporated so that it can solidify the learning."

The arcade featured classic games like whack-a-mole and skee ball. There was also a clever game titled "Order Up," where students answered

multiplication factors using a fire grill and cheeseburgers all made out of cardboard.

According to Snipes, it is important for students to learn this way, because as 21st century learners this is how they will work as they get older and get into the workforce.

"It's important for them to learn how to use and develop these skills right now and be mathematicians of the future," she said.

Courtesy of www.JoCoReport.com

SoDoSoPa Is Now Open

SoDoSoPa opened in Downtown Smithfield at 146 South 3rd Street on Tuesday, August 23rd



This restaurant offers a diverse menu of smoked and non-smoked foods. Available are appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, kids' plates, entrees and desserts. Its signature items are smoked brisket, pulled BBQ, smoked chicken leg quarters and smoked ribs with house made BBQ sauces. If smoked meats don't ignite your taste bud, they offer: shrimp and grits, meatloaf, ribeye, salmon and more. They are open Monday - Saturday 11am - 9pm and closed on Sunday. (919) 205-1076.

Government In Touch Meetings

North Smithfield - District 3
Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 pm
Smithfield Recreation & Aquatics
Center
600 Booker Dairy Road

North Smithfield - Distrito 3
Cerrado jueves 17 de noviembre a 18:30
Smithfield reconstrucción y del Centro
Acuático (SRAC)



KYLE WILSON PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENS NEXT WEEK



"I Will Crab Until My Heart Stops"- by Kyle Wilson

The Frank Creech Art Gallery, in partnership with the Johnston County Arts Council and Johnston Community College will sponsor a new exhibit, "Kyle Wilson Photography," beginning in November 2016.

An exhibit by photographer Kyle Wilson of Clayton will open Nov. 1 with a reception catered by the Johnston County Arts Council in the Frank Creech Art Gallery on the campus of Johnston Community College.

The exhibit will be open to the public through Sunday, Dec. 4. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 until 5 p.m. Sundays.

Wilson, whose career was in information technology, became interested in photography while in college, but did not pursue photography as a career. When he moved to North Carolina, he became interested in it again. "I was fascinated by what I found, 'left behind' in this area," Wilson said.



"Eagle Rock House at Sunset"- by Kyle Wilson

"Barns, farmhouses, industries, belongings, memories...all left behind. The technology side of me became inspired by High Dynamic Range Photography which is perfect for my technical brain and my vision."

Wilson has been featured on an "Around Carolina" segment of Time Warner Cable News, and has won awards at the Clayton Visual Arts Art Faire, the Johnston County Art and Food Festival, and the Cary Photographic Artists 6th Annual Open Juried Show.

His work has been exhibited at the State Street Art Fair in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Michigan State University Festival of the Arts, Sugarloaf

Crafts in Chantilly, Va., Gaithersburg, Md., and Philadelphia, Pa., Craftsmen's Classics in Richmond, Va., Columbia, S.C., Chantilly, Va., Cary Lazy Daze and Cary Spring Daze, Cary, NC, Colorfest in Thurmont, Md., Poquoson Seafood Festival, Poquoson, Va., N.C. Seafood Festival, Morehead City, Centerfest in Durham, Peakfest in Apex, Artscape in Baltimore, Md., and the N.C. Apple Festival in Hendersonville.

Courtesy of www.jocoreport.com

Dates: Wednesdays, September 7th - April 26th, 2017

Time: 10am-Noon

Fee: Adults - \$3/Smithfield Resident

\$5.50/Non-Smithfield Resident

Children (3+) - \$2/Smithfield Resident

\$4/Non-Smithfield Resident

Each additional child \$3 each.

SMITHFIELD - BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Youth Basketball Registration **EXTENDED until 10/28** for boys ages 5-15 and girls ages 5-12. (Players must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2016.) The cost is \$40 for Smithfield residents and \$88 for non-residents. Practices will begin mid-November/December with games beginning in January. Season should wrap up around the end of February.

Smithfield SRAC Kids Night

Date: October 29, 2016; 5:30-8:30pm / SPOOKTACULAR

Date: December 3, 2016; 5:30-8:30pm

Ages: 5-10yrs

Fee: \$8-Smithfield Resident (pre-registration)

\$13.50-Non-Smithfield resident (pre-registration)

\$5/each add. child during pre-registration

\$10-Smithfield Resident (register day/night of)

\$16.50-Non-Smithfield Resident (register day/night of)

Smithfield Doodlebugs Art Class

Dates: Every Friday, Beginning September 2nd

Time: 9:30-10:15AM

Ages: 18 mos-3yrs

Fee: \$5/class or \$19.00/4 classes-Smithfield Resident

\$8/class or \$30.00/4 classes-Smithfield Non Resident

Pre-registration required by Wednesday.

Smithfield Tadpoles

Moms and dads bring your little tadpoles and swim in the splash park! Additional pool play activities may occasionally be provided. Play groups are welcome!

Smithfield - Marlins of Raleigh Development Fall Swim League

Tuesday/ Thursday/ Saturday

November 8-29

No class November 24 or November 26

10 & under 6:30pm - 7:15pm

11&up 7:15pm - 8:00pm

Sign up at www.marlinsofraleigh.com

Smithfield SRAC Swim Lessons

Are you ready to get in and SWIM? Our individual swim lessons will begin to build a foundation of swimming lessons. We have instructors for all ages to teach the life learning skill of swimming.

Individual swim lessons allow clients to have one-on-one training in the pool with a qualified instructor at their own pace. Private swim lessons are offered year around. We offer 3 lessons and 5 lessons packages. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length. We follow American Red Cross guidelines. Instructors are flexible with meeting dates and times, and we encourage lessons more than once a week for optimal learning. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please visit our website http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/srac_pool to download the registration form. For more information contact Laura Crumpler at 919-934-1408 or laura.crumpler@smithfield-nc.com

ADULT EVENTS

SMITHFIELD - Pickleball

Pickleball will be offered at SRAC throughout the fall, September 9th through November 18th **on Fridays only**, from 12:30-1:45PM. If you are not a member of SRAC, it will be \$3 per session to come out and play. We will provide the paddle, balls and net. For questions, contact Tiffany at [919-934-2148, ext 107](tel:919-934-2148).

SMITHFIELD - STERLING SILVER SENIORS CLUB

All 55 and older adults are welcome.

Meet 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM

Fee: \$12/year dues (plus money for trips that you wish to take)

We are a club that takes trips together, fellowships together, and has fun doing different activities and crafts throughout the year. If interested in joining or if you have questions contact Tiffany Pearson at [919-934-2148x107](tel:919-934-2148).

HOLIDAY & SPECIAL EVENTS:

Smithfield Halloween Egg Hunt

If you're between the ages of 3-12, come get the "jump" on Halloween! Come dressed in your Halloween costume and go on a hunt to collect Halloween eggs!! Meet at the small playground in Smithfield Community Park for a hauntingly good time! Bring your jack-o-lantern or pillowcase to collect your treats!! (Free event ages 3-12.)

Smithfield Pour It & Paint

Need a night off? Sign up now to paint a Christmas canvas for the holidays on November 4th!! We provide the canvas and the paint - you bring the fun! Come paint in a relaxing environment with a friend, and your favorite wine! Preregistration required - 5 person minimum for class to make. Time: 7-9pm (Must be 21 or older to participate.) Cost is \$35 for Smithfield Residents and \$45 for Non-Smithfield Residents.

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Smithfield Christmas Tree Lighting

Mark your calendars, and let's bring in the Holiday Season with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, on Thursday night, December 1st, 7pm, at the corner of Third & Market Street. Join us for hot chocolate, entertainment, and a special guest from the North Pole!

Smithfield Swim With Santa

Bring your bathing suit and towel and join Santa for a little swim before he gets too busy with the Christmas Rush, on Friday, December 2nd, between 5-8pm. Swim a little, and enjoy cookies and milk - Santa's favorites!!!

(Santa should be available to visit between 5:30-7pm.) SRAC members are free. Non-SRAC Member Adults: \$3/Smithfield Resident; \$5.50/Non-Smithfield Resident. Non-SRAC Member Children (Ages 3-17): \$2/Smithfield Resident; \$4/Non-Smithfield Resident.

Smithfield 5th Annual Grinch Stink, Stank, Stunk 5k & Jingle Bell Jog

No one wants to be a "bad banana with a greasy black peel!!!" Join us Saturday, December 3rd for our 5th Annual Grinch Stink, Stank, Stunk Run and give until your heart is 3 sizes too big! 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 will be available at SRAC beginning in September or at www.smithfield-nc.com. If you would like to order a Grinch t-shirt, the cost is \$15 and must be registered and paid by 11/18/16. (No extra shirts will be available.) Race packets will be available for pickup on Friday afternoon, 12/2/16, between 3-7 pm. Run begins at 10 am with Jog/Walk beginning at 10:05 am.

Smithfield Christmas Parade

Go ahead and mark your calendars - Thursday night, December 8th, 7pm and plan to attend Smithfield's Christmas Parade!! If you want to be in the Parade, applications can be found at SRAC or at www.smithfield-nc.com under Holiday events.

Smithfield Winter Wonderland with LEGO

It's not too early to be thinking about your child's Christmas break and what they'll be doing... Have them join us as they apply engineering, architecture, creativity and fun to create a magical Winter Wonderland!! Build motorized contraptions like snowmobiles, gondolas, or a hilltop village, or slopes for LEGO skiers and sledders.

Dates: December 28-30, 2016; Ages 5-7 from 9am-Noon; Ages 8-12 from 1-4pm.

Register online at www.playwell.org. For questions, contact Tiffany at 919-934-2148 ext 107.

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

The JoCo Scrabble group - meets on Monday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm at the McDonald's in West Smithfield (W. Market Street). There is no cost beyond whatever food you choose to buy. This is a social group of adult (or teen) Scrabble players. Players vary in ability levels, so don't hesitate to come and play. For more information, please email southerner@earthlink.net. Please put Scrabble in the subject line so that we know what the message is about.

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.

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

October 4, 2016



Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Mayor Moore presented a proclamation to Robert Worsham for his service to the Appearance Commission.
2. Mayor Moore administered the oath of office to new Chief of Police R. Keith Powell
3. Mayor Moore administered the oath of office to new Police Officer Williams Faircloth.
4. Mayor Moore and Chief of Police R. Keith Powell recognized Police Officer Jordan Jeffery for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Education and Training Standards Commission.
5. Approved Conditional Use Permit CUP-16-07, Jorge Cuevas
6. Approved Conditional Use Permit CUP-16-08, Brent Wiggs
7. Approved the Consent Agenda
8. Approved the 2017 Town Council Meeting Schedule
9. Approved the replacement of Existing Financial Software and Billing Software
10. Approved drainage ditch repairs on Outlet Center Drive
11. Approved repairs to the Greenway
12. Accepted the Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Grant in the amount of \$150,000 from NC Department of Environmental Quality related to Water
13. Acceptance of Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Grant in the amount of \$150,000 from NC Department of Environmental Quality related to Sewer

The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5th. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Licensed Water Plant Operator**
- **Zoning & Minimum Housing Code Compliance Officer**
- **Sanitation Equipment Operator**
- **Police Officer**

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
350 E Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577
919.934.2116 x1109

