



Talk of the Town

January 23, 2017

55th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years. Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare Jan. 1 a national holiday.



*Police Officer Receives Advanced Law
Enforcement Certificate*



Smithfield Police Lt. Brian "O.B." O'Branovich (center) receives his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from Police Chief Keith Powell (left) and Mayor Andy Moore (right). JoCoReport.com Photo

A Smithfield police officer was recognized by the Town Council and Mayor during their monthly meeting on Jan. 10th. Lieutenant Brian "O.B." O'Branovich recently received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the North Carolina Education Training and Standards Commission. The certification required 1,200 hours of continuing education.

Lt. O'Branovich joins 14 other members of the Smithfield Police Department that have received the advanced certification. He has been with the department for 12 years.

During his career, O'Branovich has worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, housing authority and is currently in a supervisory role as Lieutenant for a patrol division.

Courtesy of jocoreport.com

Quote Of The Week:

There is only one thing that remains to us, that cannot be taken away: to act with courage and dignity and to stick to the ideals that have given meaning to life.

Jawaharlal Nehru



Smithfield Appearance Commission

Our Commission has been very busy this past year and we are looking forward to the projects ahead for 2017. Beautification of our town is so important not only for each of us but also for attracting new businesses and welcoming people to our community.

We need your Ideas!

We have three vacant positions and our Commission is looking for new members.

If you have a passion to help make Smithfield a Beautiful Town that prospers and grows, please consider volunteering your time. We meet just once a month every 3rd Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 pm in the conference Room of Town Hall. Feel free to sit in on a meeting to see who we are, and what we do. The wonderful staff at the Public Works Department takes care of the labor; we keep them busy with the beautification projects! If you would like to volunteer, you can obtain an application from Town Clerk Shannan Williams at shannan.williams@smithfield-nc.com or by calling 919.934.2116 ext. 1108 or by visiting the website, www.smithfield-nc.com.

"Donate a Tree" is one of the projects we continue to promote. To date, 129 Crepe Myrtle trees have been planted around the town. There are three plaques in the park area next to Town Hall with memorials to those people that have been honored with a tree. The cost is only \$50.00 and it is a wonderful way to show appreciation for a loved one or even a civic group. The brochures and applications for this program are available in Town Hall; on the town's Web Site; Town Buildings; local businesses: the Chamber of Commerce and local Funeral Homes.

Just a few things we are working on or finished:

- Up-lighting of the trees along Market Street
- New sidewalks along 3rd street
- Library Renovations in the garden areas.

The Appearance Commission has been in existence over 10 years and has been involved in numerous projects. As a volunteer organization we welcome new ideas and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Scott, Chairperson

Do You Know: How to Prune Crape Myrtles

Few flowering plants can compete with crape myrtles (*Lagerstroemia indica* cvs., USDA Hardiness Zones 7-9) for vibrant summer color. As an added bonus, crape myrtles thrive in heat and humidity and are drought tolerant to boot.

Though many people plant crape myrtles, few people prune them correctly. Correct pruning yields gracefully shaped trees with more blooms that are held upright on strong stems. And flowers arrive earlier than do those on unpruned or mispruned plants.

Crape myrtles bloom on new growth, so prune them in early spring before they break dormancy. Although some gardeners prune their crape myrtles in the fall, I do not recommend doing this. Fall pruning not only creates an unattractive look for winter but also removes the current year's growth as a buffer against any potential winter damage. Good pruning while crape myrtles are young will mean less maintenance when the trees are older.



Photo/illustration: J. Paul Moore

STEP 1: START AT THE BOTTOM

The habit of crape myrtles is to produce multiple trunks, which can cause the plant to get crowded as it matures. A healthy, well-structured crape myrtle will have only a few main trunks. Removing the unnecessary ones first means reducing the overall amount of pruning you need to do.

Maintain an attractive framework

For most crape myrtles, choose three, five, or-at most-seven main trunks. An odd number of trunks is more pleasing to the eye than an even number, which often looks like soldiers in formation. Keep trunks that have ample space to grow and are growing straight and strong.

Cut all the way back

Prune suckers and any additional trunks as close to the



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soil line as possible. This will avoid leaving a dead stub, which is unsightly and a potential entry for insects and diseases.

Remove low branches

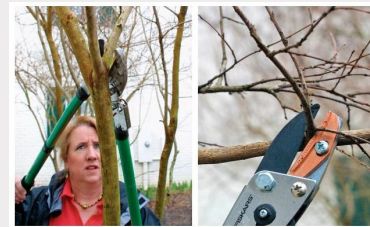
I like branching to begin 6 to 8 feet off the ground because it looks better and is more practical. If you don't need to walk under the branches or see through them to view oncoming traffic, you can allow the branching to start lower. Prune unwanted low branches all the way back to the main trunk.

STEP 2: FINISH AT THE TOP

A good portion of the upper branches will have been removed when you pruned out the trunks. But you still need to thin the crown to improve the tree's looks and health.

Thin the crown

The upper branches look best if they spread in different directions, so remove any that are growing into an area already occupied by another branch. Make your cuts slightly above a bud that faces the direction in which you want your new branch to grow. Also remove limbs that cross back through the plant or rub against each other. Wind movement and growth can cause these branches to wound each other, and you will eventually lose one or both.



Thin the crown.

Prune weak growth.

To allow better air circulation and sunlight penetration, which will reduce the potential for diseases like powdery mildew, remove excess branches in the interior of the plant.

Prune weak growth

Your final cuts will be to prune out any branches or stems smaller in diameter than a pencil. Leaving wood that small on the tree results in weak new growth, which will have a difficult time supporting any flowers.

THE RESULTS OF POOR PRUNING

Crape myrtles have the potential to be wonderful small trees if they aren't chopped to their knees annually. Luckily, crape myrtles are resilient and can tolerate the topping or shearing that some folks insist on giving them. Here are the downsides to



pruning a crape myrtle back to an ugly 3- to 4-foot nub every year.

WEAK BRANCHES Severe pruning encourages rapid new growth (photo, right) with large flower heads. Unfortunately, the new branches are so long and weak that they can't support the weight of the flowers. Sometimes the branches snap off under the weight.

FEWER BLOOMS Allowing too many trunks to grow or cutting the plants back too far will result in a shrubby plant whose densely packed foliage produces fewer, later blooms and is more susceptible to powdery mildew.

UNREMARKABLE BARK Shearing crape myrtles prevents the trunks from maturing enough to develop the outstanding peeling and colored bark many varieties have. This "coming of age" for crape myrtles provides as much interest in the winter landscape as the flowers do in summer.

Courtesy of www.finegardening.com

Retired Smithfield Animal Control Officer Recognized

December 31st was the last day on the job for Lynn Corbin the longtime animal control officer for the Town of Smithfield.

Corbin worked for the town over 28 years.

For the last 23 years he was the animal control officer.

Smithfield Mayor Andy Moore and members of the Town Council honored Corbin during their Jan. 3rd monthly meeting with a plaque. Moore said Corbin helped countless citizens with animal control issues over the years and his dedication won the respect of the citizens and his fellow workers.

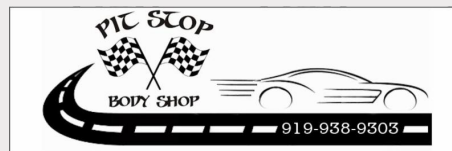
After receiving the recognition Corbin said, "I really enjoyed my job. It was the best. I'm going to miss it."

Courtesy of jocoreport.com



(Right to left) Recently retired Animal Control Officer Lynn Corbin receives a plaque from Smithfield Mayor Andy Moore. JCoReport.com Photo

Local Business Spotlight: Pit Stop Body Shop



Pit Stop Body Shop is a one stop auto body shop for the finest quality car dent repair, auto glass repair, car paint repair, collision repair for any vehicle. We also offer full auto service including oil changes, tune-ups, brakes, and new and used tires.

We service Clayton, Smithfield, Raleigh, Benson, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Angier, and surrounding areas.

Pit Stop Body Shop is a family-owned business located at 3802 Hwy 70 Bus. East Smithfield, NC in Johnston County, North Carolina. It is owned and operated by Henry Ray, who has been in the auto body repair industry for over 20 years and is I-CAR certified. We are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of every customer. Whether you are in need of small repairs or complete restoration, we've got you covered. Mr. Ray has experience with cars and trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, farm equipment and more.

If you have any questions please email me by clicking on the link on the left. I will be more than happy to get back to you.

Visit: pitstopbodysshopnc.com or call: (919) 938-9303 for more info.

Cupid's Craft and Vendor Fair

Smithfield-Selma High School

Saturday, February 4th, 10 AM-2 PM

Over 40 crafters and vendors will be on-hand with products and gifts for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and the Spring Season. Crafts and products will include clay pots, scarves, candles, painted glassware, soaps and bath products, handmade jewelry, women's and children's boutique clothing, painted canvases, wreaths, children's books, personalized and monogrammed items, and home decor. Proceeds from Booth Rentals go to SSS/Denmark Student Exchange Partnership.

Safety Tips:

NATURAL GAS SAFETY TIPS

It's important for you to do your part to make a safe fuel even safer. Here are some SNIFFY DOs and SNIFFY DON'Ts for natural gas safety.

DO:

- * Learn all you can about natural gas. The more you know...the more you will be safe.
- * Use your nose. If you ever detect even a small amount of the odor of natural gas in the air, don't stay-get away. Then, contact your natural gas provider. If you don't know that number, dial emergency services, 9-1-1.
- * Look for the blue flame. If pilot lights and burners have a steady, blue flame, they are operating correctly. (Decorative gas fire logs are the only exception. Their flame is usually yellow.)
- * Have all gas appliances, furnaces, vents, flues, chimneys and gas lines in your home or business inspected every year or two by qualified industry professionals.
- * Keep the areas around all appliances and equipment clean and unblocked to allow for proper air flow.
- * Follow manufacturer instructions for the care and use of gas appliances and equipment.
- * Make sure there is at least one multipurpose fire extinguisher in your home or place of business.
- * Review these natural gas safety tips regularly with ALL family members and coworkers.

DON'T:

- * Ever let small children play with or near natural gas appliances or pipes, even the knobs on the oven or cooktop.
- * Use your stove or oven for anything other than cooking (for instance, to heat your home, under any circumstances).
- * Move or install a gas appliance or change the connector in any way without professional assistance.
- * Use a space heater UNTIL you are sure it has been vented properly. If using a vent-free heater, make sure the automatic cut-off switch is operational.
- * Install a gas appliance yourself, unless you are a qualified contractor. Instead, you should always seek professional assistance.
- * Ever store household chemicals or combustible materials near gas appliances.
- * Above all, don't forget to learn what to do if you ever smell natural gas in the air: SMELL GAS? ACT FAST!

IT'S BEST TO BE SAFE: If you smell gas RIGHT NOW-don't touch or turn off your computer-leave the area! After you go someplace away from the odor, call your natural gas provider. If you don't know that number, dial emergency services, 9-1-1.

Courtesy of www.safegas.org



Smithfield Baseball Registration

Registration January 4-February 10

Ages: Boys 7-14 (Age as of 5/1/17 determines playing age)

Fee: \$35-Smithfield Residents

\$77-Non-Smithfield Residents

Practices begin mid-March, with games beginning in April.

Smithfield Softball Registration

Registration January 4-February 24

Ages: Girls 7-12 (Age as of 1/1/17 determines playing age)

Fee: \$35-Smithfield Residents

\$77-Non-Smithfield Residents

Practices begin in April.

Smithfield T-Ball Registration

Registration February 13-March 10

Ages: Boys & Girls, 5-6 years old (Players must be at least 5 as of 5/1/17)

Fee: \$30-Smithfield Residents

\$66-Non-Smithfield Resident

Practices begin in April.

Smithfield Kinder Basketball

Our Kinder Basketball program is an introduction into the sport of basketball. All our Kinder programs meet 4 times. Actual play dates will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 7th, 9th, 14th and 16th. There will be two sessions per night. Only 15 slots available per session. Session 1- 6pm-6:45pm; Session 2- 6:50pm-7:35pm. Sessions can not be mixed.

Registration February 6-24

Ages: Boys & Girls, 3-4 years old

Fee: \$20-Smithfield Resident

\$44-Non-Smithfield Resident

Smithfield Fun & Fellowship Softball League

If your church would like to "play ball" - Sign up for F&F Softball!! To register, turn in a Team Registration form along with the registration fee. A Coach's meeting will be held the last week of March and league play will begin in April. Teams should expect to play two games per week on Mondays, Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. For further information or to request a packet contact 919-934-2148.

Registration February 6-March 6

Fee: \$475/Team

Smithfield Daddy-Daughter Dance

Register now for our 20th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance, which will be held on Saturday evening, February 25th. Dads - come spend a special evening with your daughter, filled with music, dancing, pictures and refreshments! All ages welcome (3+).

Fee: \$45/Smithfield Resident Couple

\$55/Non-Smithfield Resident Couple

\$5 each additional daughter

All registrations must be paid by February 20th. No phone reservations will be accepted.

Smithfield Networks Basketball

Want some extra work on your game on Sunday afternoons, beginning in March? Working with Networks can help your shooting technique, as well as other aspects of your game! Go to www.networksbasketball.com for more information and to enroll. Available for Elementary to High School age kids.

Smithfield SRAC Kids Night

Dates: January 28; March 18; May 13

Times: 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 until June 2, 2017

Time: 9:30-10:15 AM

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 Royal Tea Party

Bring your little Princess or Prince in for a morning of royal activities, tea drinking and treats! Princesses and Princes can come in their favorite royal outfit.

Date: January 28

Time: 10-11:30am

Ages: 2-10 yrs

Fee: \$15-Smithfield Resident

\$20-Non-Smithfield Resident

Smithfield Wee Read and Cook

Join us as we read a fun children's book and then create a snack that is based on the book that we read.

Dates: Thursdays, Feb. 2-June 2

Time: 9:30-10:15 am

Ages: 3-5 yrs

Fee: \$5/class or \$19/4 classes-Smithfield Resident

\$8/class or \$30/4 classes-Non-Smithfield Resident

Smithfield AFTERSCHOOL KIDS POTTERY CLASS

This class introduces youth to the art of creating with clay. Mugs, bowls, plates, and free forms ... kids will learn the basic techniques of handbuilding and wheel throwing in this 4 week class. Minimum of 4 students required. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own bag of clay from SRAC. (Clay is \$20.) Pre-registration is required.

Dates: Thursdays, February 2 - 23

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Ages: 10-17 yrs

Fee: \$85- Smithfield Resident

\$100- Non-Smithfield Resident

Smithfield St. Paddy's Day Pool Party

Come out and help us hunt for Leprechauns! Those pesky magical creatures can be found all over and who knows... maybe you'll find their pot of gold!!!

Date: Friday, March 17

Time: 5-8pm

Fee: SRAC members Free

Non-SRAC Member Adults: \$3/Smithfield Residents

\$5.50/Non-Smithfield Residents

Non-SRAC Member Children (3-17): \$2/Smithfield Residents

\$4/Non-Smithfield Residents

Smithfield Garden Party

Spring is knocking at the door... Bring your little gardener or fairy sprite for a morning of garden crafts, activities and snacks.

Date: March 18

Time: 10-11:30am

Ages: 2-10 yrs

Fee: \$15-Smithfield Resident

\$20-Non-Smithfield Resident

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!

Dates: Wednesdays until 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.

Marlins of Raleigh Swim Team Development League

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 9th - May 16th, the Marlins of Raleigh Development League will be practicing at SRAC.

Ages: 10 and Under - 6:30-7:15pm

11 and Older - 7:15pm-8:00pm

Fee: \$170

To register go to www.marlinsofraleigh.com

Smithfield Stroke Clinics

Want to work on some of your swim strokes? Our stroke clinics are designed for swimmers who already have a strong foundation of the fundamentals of swimming, and desire to learn more advanced swimming techniques. There are 8 lessons per month/session. New sessions begin the first week of every month. Maximum Class size is 4 students/individual attention.

Requirements: Must be able to swim 25 yards on front and back

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays - 6:00pm and 7:00pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays - 6:00pm and 7:00pm
Fees: Smithfield Residents - \$120/8 lessons (per session)
Non-Smithfield Residents - \$138/8 lessons (per session)

Smithfield SRAC Individual Swim Lessons

Are you ready to get in and SWIM? Our individual swim lessons will begin to build a foundation of swimming lessons. Each participant will have a specific lesson plan to meet his or her needs. Sign up at any time. Request forms can be picked up at the front desk or http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/srac_pool. For more specific information, please contact Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Director at 919-934-1408 or laura.crumpler@smithfield-nc.com.

Smithfield American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

SRAC will be offering 4 Sessions for Lifeguard Training, through Guards Get Trained. You must be at least 15 years old in order to take the class. You must pass a pre-course swim test in order to continue in the class. You must attend 100% of all classes.

Fee: \$250

Register on-line at www.guardsgettrained.com or for more information, please contact Guards Get Trained at 202-838-SWIM or guardsgettrained@gmail.com.

First Session Option: Sun., 2/19 from 2-4pm; Fri., 2/24 from 3-8pm; Sat., 2/25 from 9am-6pm; and Sun., 2/26 from 1-7pm

Second Session Option: Sun., 3/19 from 2-4pm; Fri., 3/24 from 3-8pm; Sat., 3/25 from 9am-6pm; and Sun., 3/26 from 1-7pm

Third Session Option: Sun., 4/23 from 2-4pm; Fri., 4/28 from 3-8pm; Sat., 4/29 from 9am-6pm; and Sun., 4/30 from 1-7pm

Fourth Session Option: Mon., 5/15 from 5-7pm; Fri., 5/19 from 3-8pm; Sat., 5/20 from 9am-6pm; and Sun., 5/21 from 1-7pm

They can also do recertifications too.

ADULT EVENTS

Smithfield - Resolution Walking

Are you interested in getting out and walking for fitness? Are you looking for a group of like-minded individuals who can encourage you, hold you accountable? If so, then this is for you! Our walks will include a warmup, walk and cool down. Depending on the weather, we will walk inside or outside. Please wear sneakers and comfy clothes. Bring water to stay hydrated.

Dates: Mondays, January 9-March 27

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Fee: Free for SRAC Members. \$25 for non-members for 12 weeks, or \$2/Session

Location: Meet at front desk of SRAC

SMITHFIELD - Pickleball

Pickleball will be offered at SRAC throughout January 13th-April 7th, **on Fridays only**, from 12:30am-1:45 pm. 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.

Smithfield Johnston County Senior Games

If you are 50 or older, you are eligible to participate in Johnston County Senior Games! Games run March 22 through April 7, at various facilities across Johnston County. Sports include: basketball shooting, shuffleboard, horseshoes, cycling, tennis, table tennis, billiards, softball throw, bowling, swimming, golf, bocce, cornhole, pickleball and more. Silver Arts include: heritage arts, literary arts, visual arts and performing arts. Pre-registration required for everything.

Registration Period: Mid-January -February 24/ Registration forms available at any P&R office.

Fee: \$15

(Some sports require an additional fee.)

Smithfield Senior Prom / A Night to Remember

If you are 55 and over, think about joining others your age for "A Night to Remember", filled with dancing, appetizers and fun! Dance will be April 1st, from 7-9:30pm, at SRAC.

Cost: Resident Single-\$10 Resident Couple-\$20

Non-Resident Single-\$15 Non-Resident Couple-\$30

All registrations due by 3/27. For questions, please contact Tiffany Pearson at (919) 934-2148.

Smithfield Pottery: Beginning Handbuilding and Wheel Throwing

Interested in learning something new? Discovering hidden talents? Consider taking a pottery class. This class is designed for students interested in learning the art of pottery making using handbuilding techniques as well as an introduction to using the wheel. Through a combination of demonstrations and individual work time, students will develop their pottery skills while making distinctive pieces that they can call their own. During the 6-week class, students may come in during open studio times to work freely on their projects. Clay can be purchased at SRAC for \$20/bag. Class max is 5.

Dates: Thursday nights, February 2-March 9

Time: 6pm-8:30pm

Fee: \$100/Smithfield Resident

\$137.50/Non-Smithfield Resident

Smithfield Open Studio for Pottery

Need a place to create? Our pottery studio is open for all potters participating in our classes to come in and work on their creations at their own pace. All supplies are brought in by the participant and all projects will need to be taken home. Studio time is open during regular SRAC operating hours, except when a class is in session.
Fee: \$100 for 6 months of studio time.

Smithfield Open Art Studio

The SRAC Art Studio is open Tuesday mornings, from 9:30-11:30am; and Wednesday evenings, from 6-8pm. Anyone can join at any time! This is a group with a variety of art projects going on at any given time, not a class in which everyone paints what the instructor is painting! Participants bring projects they are working on, and can collaborate with peers, get critiques, help with any problems, inspiration, and learn new techniques. Media used includes any water based materials and oils IF they are odorless products. The facilitator for the group is Judy Boyette, who taught art in the public schools for 37 years and is President of the Johnston County Arts Council. She paints murals, charcoal portraits, does drawing and book illustrations. Come by, check it out.

Time: Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday evenings, 6-8pm

Fee: \$100/6 months

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 919-934-2148 x107.

Smithfield Chick-fil-A 3 Little Pigs Triathlon

Start getting in shape now for our 8th Annual Triathlon on June 17th!!! The race includes a 250 yard swim, a 15 mile bike ride, and a 5k run. The swim takes place at SRAC. The bike portion takes you from SRAC along rural Johnston County, along a scenic but flat course. The run goes along the Buffalo Creek Greenway and ends back at SRAC. All proceeds raised from the event go towards the Friends of the Parks and the Smithfield Rotary Club of Central Johnston County, both of which help with events and programs through P&R and SRAC.

All registrations are done online at www.fsseries.com

Register: <https://fsseries.com/ra/r/3-little-pigs-triathlon/>

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. Mark et 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

January 3, 2017



Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation to Rick Childrey honoring his dedicated service to the Greater Smithfield Selma Area Chamber of Commerce.
2. Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation to H. Lynn Corbin for his 28+ years of service to the Town of Smithfield.
3. Mayor Moore and Chief of Police R. Keith Powell recognized Lieutenant Brian O'Branovich for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Education and Training Standards Commission.
4. Approved Rezoning Request RZ-16-04, Sue Warrick
5. Approved the Consent Agenda
6. Approved Resolution #596 (01-2017) authorizing the application of a USDA Rural Business Development Grant for the Wayfinding Project.
7. Authorized the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER Grant.
8. Approved the reorganization of the Planning Department

9. Approved the Public Utility Department's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
10. Awarded the bid and contract to Professional Services Group, LLC for site work and concrete for the Partnership to Build a Miracle Inclusion Park & Miracle League Baseball Field.
11. Awarded the bid and contract to JLP Carpentry for restroom renovations at Talton Park.

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, December 6th. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#) .

Employment Opportunities with the Town of Smithfield

- **Facility Maintenance Specialist**
- **Sanitation Equipment Operator**
- **Police Officer**
- **Zoning & Minimum Housing Code Compliance Officer (Part-time Position)**

Applications may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall, 350 East Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577 or by visiting our website at www.smithfield-nc.com. Full Job Advertisements may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall or by visiting our website at www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs. Full Job Descriptions may be obtained upon request at the Smithfield Town Hall. 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

