



Talk of the Town

June 26, 2017

60th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? A bridge was built across the Neuse River, eliminating the need for Smith's Ferry. This bridge was burned during the Civil War to hinder the Northern army in its march through the county. The bridge was rebuilt after the Civil War by J. Bryant Alford and used until the early 1900s.

Johnston County Emergency Services JOCOAlerts



Johnston County has opened registration for the new JOCOAlerts emergency notification system. We ask everyone to click the link below and sign up for emergency alerts before July 1st. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Emergency Services office at 919.989.5050 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Click Here to Register:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736726972#/login>

School Resource Officer Promoted



Officer Jordan Jeffrey who most recently had been the School Resource Officer at Neuse Charter School has been promoted.

Jeffrey, who has been on the Smithfield Police Department since February 2011, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Jeffrey received his new oath from Smithfield Mayor Andy Moore during the June meeting of the Smithfield Town Council.

"I am excited to see the police department promote qualified officers from within," Police Chief Keith Powell told WTSPB News. "Sgt. Jeffrey began his career with the Smithfield Police Department and will do an outstanding job as Sergeant."

Sgt. Jeffery received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. He resides in Selma with his wife, Sarah. JoCoReport.com Photo

Courtesy of [JoCoReport](http://JoCoReport.com)

Bus Driver Of The Year Focuses On Student Relationships



Robert Henningham was recognized by Johnston County Public Schools Transportation Services as the Bus Driver of the Year.

Henningham serves at West Smithfield and Smithfield-Selma High and previously served at South Smithfield Elementary and South Campus Community School. He is described by his colleagues as a great asset for both the school system and the students in his care.

Henningham is known for taking the time to build relationships with each of his students and their families, and treating every student like they are his own child.

During several instances over the 2016-2017 school year, Henningham used his communication skills to keep parents and students informed with changes being made to routes and bus stop times.

Henningham is an outstanding team player who is willing to help out wherever he is needed. He's described as a reliable, dependable, and professional person to work with daily.

PHOTO: Johnston County Public Schools named Robert Henningham as the Bus Driver of the Year on May 19. Those photographed (from left) are Area Bus Coordinator Robin Peedin, West Smithfield Elementary Assistant Principal Tamara Barbour, West Smithfield Principal Lorrie Johnson, JCPS Bus Driver of the Year Robert Henningham, Director of Transportation and Growth Services Sherrie Turnage, and Executive Director of Transportation and Growth Services Michael Taylor.

Courtesy of www.johnston.k12.nc.us

New Payment Drop Box



Introducing Our New Drive-Up Payment Drop Box

The Town of Smithfield just made it easier to pay your utility bill. Now there's no need to leave the comfort and safety of your vehicle. The New Drive-Up Payment Drop Box is located in the rear corner of Town Hall at 350 East Market Street.



- Balances may also be paid by:
 - **Bank Draft** - customers can sign up for drafts online or by filling out a form and submitting it by mail, fax or email. Instructions can be found on the Town's website at <http://www.smithfield-nc.com>
 - **Online** - bills can be paid by credit card, debit card or electronic check through the Town's website at <http://www.smithfield-nc.com>
 - **Mail** - payments can be sent to Town of Smithfield, PO Box 63027, Charlotte, NC 28263-3027. Payment must be received before 5 p.m. on your bill's due date to avoid penalties and/or disconnection.
 - **Phone** - bills can be paid by credit card, debit card or electronic check by calling 1-800-487-4567, Ext. 3 for (General Customer Service). You will need your account number and know the amount you wish to pay.
 - **In person** - at Town Hall, 350 East Market Street St. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Notice: Not for Johnston County Water Customers

Quote Of The Week:

Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams.

Ashley Smith



Smithfield Appearance Commission



Available to anyone who signs up: a gardening newsletter available through NC Cooperative Extension, State University, A&T University called "Gardeners Dirt". Master gardeners, industry & university experts contribute to the article.

To request a copy via email contact: mhwarren@ncsu.edu. Or cblaisit@ncsu.edu

Volunteers Needed



Opportunities Available to Serve on a Town Board

- Appearance Commission - 1 Position
- Historic Properties Commission - 1 Position
- Planning Board, ETJ Alternate - 1 Position
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - 1 Position and 2 High School Representatives (2 year term)

Current Volunteer Town Board Opportunities:

All positions are three year terms, unless otherwise specified. Interested citizens can download an ["Application for Board Appointment"](#) on the [Town's website](#) or you may call Town Clerk Shannan Williams to request one by mail at 919-934-2116.

Local Business Spotlight: Heavner Furniture Market



Heavner Furniture Market was started in 1974 in Smithfield North Carolina. We are a family owned business and concentrate on providing value and service to each our customer. Furniture Market has served the Triangle and Eastern North Carolina's home furniture needs for over thirty years. We concentrate on discount furniture buying and we passing the savings on to our customers. In 2006 we opened our second showroom in Raleigh, North Carolina. Heavner Furniture invites you to visit our two locations are the areas largest furniture showrooms and provide the best furniture values in North Carolina.

Location: 1701 West Market St (hwy 70 bus), Smithfield, NC 27577

Phone: 919-934-0551

Email: info@nc-furniture-market.com

Visit: [furniture-market](http://furniture-market.com)

Council Meeting Highlights

June 6, 2017



Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Mayor Moore administered the Oath of Office to new Police Lieutenant Nathan Memmelaar.
2. Mayor Moore administered the Oath of Office to new Police Sergeant Jordan Jeffay.
3. Mayor More presented a Proclamation to Paul C. Embler, Jr. for his service to the Town of Smithfield.
4. The Town Council approved the Rezoning request by E & F Properties, Inc. (RZ-17-01).
5. The Town Council adopted the FY 2017-2018 Budget and Fee Schedule.
6. The Town Council approved the Consent Agenda.
7. The Town Council approved an agreement with ETC Institute to conduct a Community Survey
8. The Town Council authorized staff to file application with CSX railroad for a "Quiet Zone" at the Peedin Road railway crossing with the understanding that the developer would pay the \$6,000 deposit to the Town for the application at a time suitable to both the Town and the developer.
9. The Town Council accepted NCDOT's offer to purchase Ava Gardner Blvd Right of Way.
10. The Town Council approved the revised garbage truck funding source and Budget Amendment
11. The Town Council approved FY 2016-2017 year End Budget Amendments.

The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Upcoming Events

For more information on the below events without links, please visit: http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/parks_programs

Smithfield - Alligator Steps - Register please visit www.alligatorsteps.com

Smithfield - Walk to Run - Dates: Monday nights, May 8 - July 17 - Time: 6:30-7:30pm

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

Smithfield's Fourth of July Celebration - Sunday, July 2nd - Time: 6:30pm

Smithfield - WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

For more information, please contact Jeff Davis at 919-915-2280 or go to the official website at <http://newiffleball.weebly.com>.

July is National Parks & Recreation Month...

- Friday, July 28th, from 5-8pm

SUMMER CAMPS - 2017

Smithfield - SRAC SUMMER CAMP

Smithfield - NETWORKS BASKETBALL BOOT CAMP - Dates: Tuesdays / Beginning June 13th until August 8th

Register at www.networksbasketball.com

Smithfield - Younger Basketball Camp

Smithfield - Basketball Camp

Smithfield - KIDZ @ PLAY SPORTS CAMP

Smithfield - POTTERY CAMP

Smithfield - VOLLEYBALL Camp

Smithfield - TENNIS CAMPS

Smithfield - SPARTAN FOOTBALL CAMP

Smithfield - SPARTAN BASEBALL CAMP

Smithfield - EARTH ART CAMP

Smithfield - ARTZY KIDZ CAMP

Smithfield - SPARTANS TENNIS CAMP

Smithfield - SPARTANS Soccer Camp

Smithfield - YOUNG REMBRANDTS SUMMER DRAWING CAMP

Smithfield - ART SMART CAMP

Smithfield - YOUNG REMBRANDTS SUMMER DRAWING CAMP

Smithfield - PLAY WELL LEGO SUMMER CAMPS

Intro to STEM with LEGO - register.play-well.org/registration/new/60324

Mine, Craft, Build Adventure Game - register.play-well.org/registration/new/60326

STEM Challenge with LEGO - register.play-well.org/registration/new/60325

Mine, Craft, Build Survival Game - register.play-well.org/registration/new/60327

UPCOMING SPRD FALL SPORTS / WITH SUMMER REGISTRATIONS:

Smithfield - FOOTBALL REGISTRATION - Red Devil Football registration will be June 12th - July 14th

Smithfield - RED DEVIL CHEERLEADING - Registration begins in mid-June

Smithfield - FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION - Fall Soccer registration will be July 10th - August 11th

Smithfield - MENS OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL REGISTRATION - Registration will be July 10th - August 18th

Smithfield - KINDER SOCCER - Kinder Soccer registration will be August 1st - 25th

Smithfield - BASKETBALL REGISTRATION - Youth Basketball Registration will be September 11th - October 20th

ADULT EVENTS

Smithfield - STERLING SILVER SENIORS CLUB

All 55 and older adults are welcome.

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

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. **Youth Adult Book Club** - Meetings are 6:30pm on the third Monday 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 Katie Barbour at 919-934-8146 ext.3 or email kbarbour@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.

Employment Opportunities with the Town of Smithfield

- **Planning Director**
- **Police Officer**
- **Sanitation Equipment Operator**
- **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

