



Talk of the Town

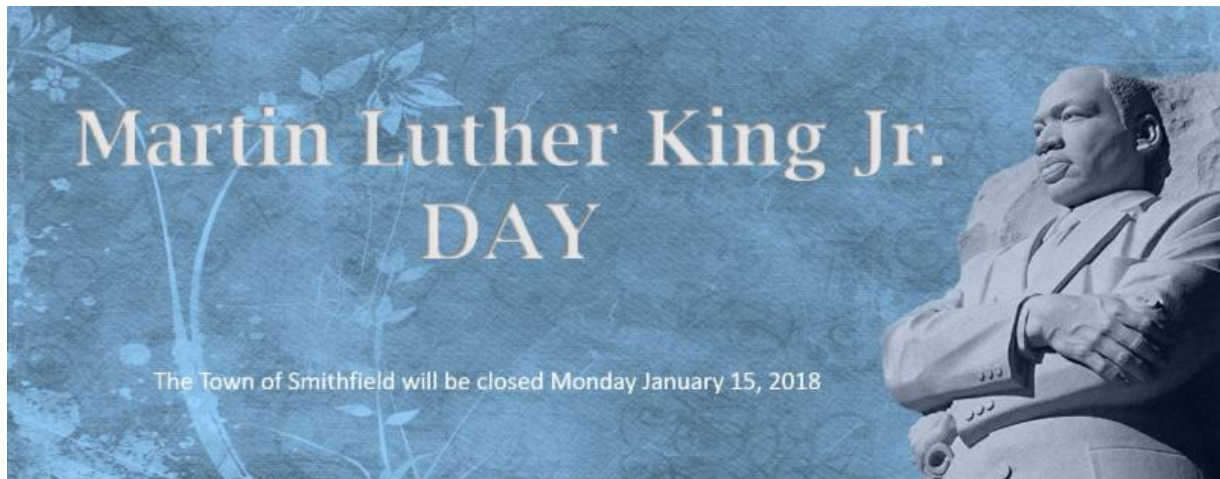
January 12, 2018

67th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know?

The success of bright leaf tobacco growers in the Piedmont areas of North Carolina and Virginia soon began to catch on in Johnston and other Eastern North Carolina counties in the 1890s to the extent that a market for tobacco was established in Smithfield in 1898.



**Due to inclement weather the Friday January 12, 2018 MLK Parade has been canceled!
Rescheduled date has yet to be determined.**

Economic Growth

Many have heard me say from time to time, that great things are happening in Smithfield, and that there are also some great things in the works. An example - is this morning at 10:00 the Town Council met jointly with the Johnston County Commissioners in order to conduct a public hearing on an Economic Development Incentive Grant for a local Smithfield industry. I'm pleased to share that today Penn Compression Molding, Inc. located on Component Drive in Smithfield, announced a \$3 million expansion of its Smithfield facility. The national manufacturer of custom molding thermoset composites plans to add 30,000 sq ft of production space, which will result in the addition of 30-40 new jobs.



A couple of weeks ago I had a Facebook Memory from December 11, 2015 pop up on my cell phone. It was from the Welcome Board in the front lobby of Penn Compression Molding, Inc. It stated Welcome Mayor Andy Moore, Councilman Perry Harris and Chris Johnson, Director of Johnston County Economic Development. This marked my first official industry visit as Mayor promoting our Economic Development initiative. In most cases Economic Develop doesn't just happen overnight, sometimes it takes years of planning, meeting, negotiating, and more planning before projects ever get off the ground. In this particular case, it took approximately 2 years. The main thing is that we continue to progress, cross hurdles and move forward together - businesses and government hand in hand!

The Town of Smithfield is eager to continue to partner with and collaborate with county leaders and businesses in efforts to grow our local economy. The expansion of a major industry like Penn Compression highlights the convenience, cost competitiveness, workforce quality and other advantages available to businesses of all kinds in our community. We are thrilled that Penn Compression CEO Daniel Leslie has chosen Smithfield for his company's expansion. It has been one of my goals as Mayor to boost our local economy. Investing in our community and providing our citizens job opportunities ultimately improves their quality of life and that of the town as a whole. I want to thank Tim Kerigan, Mike Scott, Chris Johnson, Perry Harris, the Town Staff, the Town Council, Chairman Jeff Carver and the Johnston County Commissioners for making this happen, and for helping to make Smithfield an even better place to live, work, play and stay. There are many other great things yet to come - stay tuned and Stay Involved!

Sincerely,

Mayor M. Andy Moore

Pearce Appointed To Appearance Commission

The Town of Smithfield held their Oath of Office ceremony for newly elected officials on December 5th. Two outgoing council members were also recognized.

Jeremy Pearce of E. Lee Street has been appointed to the Smithfield Appearance Commission.

Pearce was appointed to his first term on the commission by the Smithfield Town Council during their Dec. 5th meeting.

In his application, Pearce said he and his wife recently moved from Pittsboro to Smithfield and want to work and volunteer in the community where they live.

Courtesy of the [\(JoCo Report\)](#)

The Town Of Smithfield Sanitation Department Schedule for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Household waste and yard debris collections for Monday, January 15, 2018 will be collected on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. 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.

The Town of Smithfield Convenience Site Center will be closed in Observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday!

West Smithfield Elementary Receives North Carolina State Flag

Neuse Charter School has announce its 2017-2018 Science Fair winners. Students at West Smithfield Elementary participated in a live civics lesson when North Carolina Rep. Donna White presented a North Carolina state flag to the school on Dec. 7.

The flag the students and staff received had previously flown over the State Capitol and was specially approved for presentation to the school by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, according to White, who formerly served on the Johnston County Board of Education.

West Smithfield Elementary Principal Sharon Bryant, students, and staff also welcomed the Smithfield-Selma High JROTC, which officially opened the ceremony.

White shared the historical significance of presenting the flag on Dec. 7, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. White said the day also had special meaning to her, because it was her mother's birthday.

The high school's chorus ensemble led the attendees in the singing of the National Anthem. Girl Scout Troop 1607 of Four Oaks hoisted the American and North Carolina flags to half-staff in memory of Pearl Harbor.



[JCPS News](#)

Council Meeting Highlights

January 2, 2018



Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Police Officer Ricky Parker was recognized for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Education and Training Standards Commission.
2. Police Officer Joey Wheeler was recognized for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Education and Training Standards Commission.
3. The Town Council approved a Special Use Permit request from Boykin Investments, LLC (SUP-17-11)
4. The Town Council approved Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance that will allow for administrative approval of site plans and final plats when found to meet or exceed minimum development standards of the UDO.
5. The Town Council approved the Consent Agenda.
6. The Town Council approved an encroachment agreement with Boykin Motors.
7. The Town Council approved entering into a contract with Jewell Engineering to prepare the Stormwater Program Action plan for the Town of Smithfield.
8. The Town Council approved the update to the Public Utilities Capital Improvement Plan.
9. The Town Council discussed the proposed water plant expansion.
10. The Town Council approved an update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
11. The Town Council awarded a bid in the amount of \$35,564.10 to Outer Banks Tennis Contractors to resurface the tennis courts at Smithfield Community Park and the tennis court and basketball court at Smith-Collins Park.

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, November 14, 2017. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Local Business Spotlight: Gotham's Deli



Owned and operated by native New Yorker Scott Gandolph and his wife Lisa. This New York Style Deli opened in July of 2003. Scott was born and raised on Long Island, New York. Scott moved to Illinois where he met Lisa. Scott and Lisa have 6 children (all of whom have or do work in the deli) and 6 grand children.

Scott & Lisa continue to enjoy serving the people of Johnston County by bringing a taste of New York to the south. Lisa is a master at making fresh made salads and desserts, a talent which she has passed onto their kids.

Hail a Cab, or just stop by in downtown Smithfield, NC, you'll think your visiting New York City.

Quote Of The Week:

Live Life to the fullest, and focus on the positive.

Matt Cameron

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 dlassit@ncsu.edu

Volunteers Needed

Opportunities Available to Serve on a Town Board

- Appearance Commission - 3 Position
- Historic Properties Commission - 3 Position
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - 1 In-Town position and 2 High School Representatives (2 year term)
- Planning Board: 1 ETJ Alternate position

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.



Parks & Recreation / SRAC



Upcoming Events

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

Smithfield - Alligator Steps

is offering swim lessons for children 6 months - 10 years of age.

For more information or to register please visit www.alligatorsteps.com.

Smithfield - Tadpoles

Moms and dads bring out your little tadpoles and swim in the splash park.

Wednesdays, September - April 25, 2018

Smithfield - Smithfield Marlins of Raleigh

To register, or for more information, go to www.marlinsofraleigh.com; or contact John Fischetti at jfischetti@aol.com.

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays - September-November / December-February / March-May

Smithfield - Doodlebugs - Fridays

Pre-registration required the Wednesday before each class so that accurate supplies are provided.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Smithfield - STERLING SILVER SENIORS CLUB

Class is designed for those interested in learning the art of pottery making using handbuilding techniques and 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 session, students may come in during open studio times to work freely on projects.

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. **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

- **Electric Line Technician**
- **Part-time Lifeguard(s)**
- **Sanitation Equipment Operator**
- **Sanitation Worker**

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

