



Talk of the Town

August 24, 2018
74th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? Town Commons is the location of the Historic Hastings House, the Boat Ramp and the Mountains to the Sea Trail that connects downtown to Smithfield Community Park, is a 3-mile walk.

Important Notice:

SMITHFIELD
NORTH CAROLINA

SMITHFIELD TOWN PLAN UPDATE 2018

Just Drop In! **VISIONING WORKSHOP** *Open House!*

September 18th ~ 6-8pm
Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center
600 E Booker Dairy Rd

About the Project
Smithfield's new Town Plan will seek to address transportation, land use, economic development, and recreation priorities and will be an opportunity for the citizens of Smithfield to shape the future vision and identity for the community.

Take the Survey
<https://publicinput.com/smithfieldtownplan#>

For more information, visit the project website:
http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/planning_townplan

Or contact Stephen Wensman, Smithfield Planning Director
stephen.wensman@smithfield-nc.com, 919.934.2116, ext. 1114

[Click for more information](#)



¡Acompáñenos!

TALLER DE VISIÓN

Septiembre 18th ~ 6-8pm

Centro Acuático y de Recreación de Smithfield
600 E Booker Dairy Rd

¡Casa Abierta!

Sobre el Proyecto

El nuevo Plan de la Ciudad de Smithfield buscará abordar las prioridades de transporte, uso de la tierra, desarrollo económico y recreación y será una oportunidad para que los ciudadanos de Smithfield moldeen la visión e identidad del futuro para la comunidad.



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Neighborhood Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Town of Smithfield has designated Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action to serve as the Town's Housing Selection Committee.

A map of the area under consideration follows.

Map



The Town's Neighborhood Revitalization Housing Program must benefit owner occupied housing whose household income is less than 80% of Johnston County's. The Town's housing rehabilitation program provides deferred forgivable loans that are proportionally forgiven over a period of time. The housing rehabilitation program provides up to \$38 per square foot of heated, occupiable space per house not to exceed \$40,000.

For More Information please contact Skip Green at (919) 763-0925

Town Camera

Introducing, the new Live Town Cam located in front of Town Hall. Please visit: www.smithfield-nc.com to see a live view of Market Street.



JCPS Receives \$75K Education Innovation Fellowship

Five schools in Johnston County Public Schools were among the 20 selected across North Carolina to be a part of the 2018-2019 TrueSchool Innovation Fellowship.

The project, fully funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is an intensive, collaborative effort aimed at improving literacy among students, pre-kindergarten to 3rd grade.

*The selected Johnston County schools include Micro, East Clayton, **West Smithfield**, Benson and Four Oaks elementary schools.*

"Johnston County Public Schools is excited to be a part of the TrueSchool experience," said Brandon Garland, innovation officer for Johnston County Public Schools. "We believe this opportunity will benefit the students and staff of our participating schools."

The TrueSchool Innovation Fellowship provides a \$15,000 scholarship per school to cover the full cost of year-long programmatic and coaching support. Only two states, North Carolina and Nebraska, and 20 schools within each of these two states, were selected.

[Click here to read full story.](#)

*courtesy of the:
JOHNSTON COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

Department Highlight: Public Works Department

The Public Works Department is located at 231 Hospital Road in the Public Works Building. Hours of business are Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm. After Hours Emergency Number: After business hours Monday - Friday 5:00pm - 7:00am, Saturday and Sunday (919) 934-1117



Our Goal

Providing professional quality service in an efficient manner, ensuring 100% customer satisfaction. We strive to improve the quality of life through citizens' safety, by maintaining a solid infrastructure throughout the city limits.

[Website](#)

USDA Awards \$99,256 Grant To Smithfield

The US Department of Agriculture Rural Development has awarded the Town of Smithfield \$99,256 for the Wayfinding Project. The award is part of a matching fund grant that will require the Town to contribute \$104,375 towards the \$203,631 project.

The Town of Smithfield will use the funds to purchase and install wayfinding signage to attract more people to the Downtown area. The project will support the development of small and emerging private business enterprises.

Town Manager Michael Scott said staff is working to secure locations for the gateway signs on both side of Highway 301 and Highway 70.



Representatives with the US Department of Agricultural Rural Development answer questions from members of Smithfield Town Council about a \$99,256 matching fund grant awarded to the Town this month to help pay for new signs. JoCoReport.com Photo

[Click here for more information on this story.](#)

Courtesy of the JOCO Report

Town of Smithfield Now Offering E-Billing:



Three easy ways to sign up:

Come see Customer Service at Town Hall*Call (919) 934-2116 Ext.1105 or Ext.1113*Or email: utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com

Council Meeting Highlights

August 7, 2018

Regular Meeting Summary:



1. Chairperson Peggy Scott presented the Appearance Commission's Annual Report.
2. The Town Council approved entering into an agreement with Buffalo Road LLC for residential reimbursements.
3. The Town Council authorized the sale of property located at 916 Third Avenue by upset bid.
4. The Town Council approved a bid award to Central Builders in the amount of \$317,000 for riverbank refurbishments at the Water Plant
5. The Town Council approved Zoning Text Amendment ZA-18-04 allowing churches and placing of worship within retail shopping centers located in the B-3 zoning district
6. The Town Council approved Special Use Permit Request SUP-18-08, LifeSpring Church.
7. The Town Council tabled a decision on Zoning Text Amendment ZA-18-05 allowing on-site highrise identification signs on properties located within the B-3 zoning district and that are within 660 feet on the Interstate 95 right-of-way.
8. The Town Council approved Special Use Permit Request SUP-18-09, Market Street Automotive
9. The Town Council authorized the filing of an application to USDA for the financing of a 100 foot aerial platform ladder truck
10. The Town Council approved the Consent Agenda.

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, September 4, 2018. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Local Business Spotlight: Panera Bread

In the past 35 years, Panera has grown from one 400-square-foot cookie store into an enterprise with more than 2,000 bakery-cafes, 100,000 associates and annual system wide sales of over \$5 billion. So what's the secret to Panera's success? It's been our ability to transform our business whenever necessary and pivot as appropriate. Panera's journey so far has been punctuated by five major transformations - each of which positioned us for ever greater success. Here are the five transformations that created the Panera you see today:

Located On :
1716 E Market St
Smithfield, NC 27577

Phone Number:
(984) 201-8005

[Website](#)



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 cblassit@ncsu.edu

Volunteers Needed

Opportunities Available to Serve on a Town Board

- Appearance Commission - 3 Position
- Board of Adjustment - 1 Alternate
- Historic Properties Commission - 2 Position
- Planning Board - There is 1 regular member vacancy and 1 alternate member vacancy on this board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission - There is 1 vacancy on this board

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



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



- **Part-time Lifeguard(s)**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Utility Line Mechanic**

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

