



Talk of the Town

October 23, 2012

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? In 2011, the Smithfield Police Department handled over 25,000 calls for service. Officers took more than 2,300 incident reports and investigated over 800 motor vehicle accidents. The department answered almost 1,600 burglar alarm calls. On average, the police department drives more than 30,000 miles a month.

Crime Prevention Tips

Locks, Doors and Windows

- Install and use deadbolt locks on your doors (about half of all burglars enter through unlocked doors and windows).
- Secure sliding glass doors with locks or a rigid wooden rod wedged in the track.
- Lock double-hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail into a hole drilled at a downward angle through the top of each sash and into the frame.

Outside

- Trim shrubbery hiding doors or windows so a potential burglar cannot hide.
- Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb to second story windows.
- Make sure all porches, entrances and yards are well lit (motion activated lights are a good choice).

Key Sense

- Do not hide house keys in mail boxes, flower pots or under doormats (burglars will search these locations).
- Do not put personal identification on key rings.
- Leave only your car key and never your house key with mechanics or parking attendants.
- If you lose the keys to your home or move into a new home, change the locks immediately.

Going Away



- Make your home appear occupied when you go out.
- Leave lights on and a radio playing.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Use timing devices to turn inside lights on and off.
- If you will be gone several days, arrange to have the mail and papers stopped or picked up. A pile of newspapers and a full mail box tells everyone you are out of town.

Answering the Door

- Install a peephole or viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door.
- Do not trust door chains. They can be easily broken.
- Do not open the door to anyone you do not know. Insist service personnel verify their identity before allowing them in.

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

Halloween Egg Hunt - October 25th at the Community Center Park (by SRAC). The dash for the prize-filled eggs begins at 7PM. Be sure to arrive early to make sure you do not miss the fun! For ages 2-7 years old.

Ghost Walk - The Johnston County Heritage Center's annual Ghost Walk through Smithfield's historic Riverside Cemetery is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25th. Guided tours with small groups will begin at 7PM at the corner of South Second and Church Streets - beside St Paul's Episcopal Church. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students in grades K-12. Preschoolers can take the walk for free with parent or guardian. Tours will depart every five minutes or so. [For more information](#), call the Heritage Center at 919-934-2836 or email heritagecenter@johnstonnc.com.

BB&T Business Expo - On October 25th, the Smithfield-Selma Chamber will hold the 2012 BB&T Business Expo at the Johnston County Agricultural Center. This annual one-day business trade show will feature over 40 exhibitors and entertainment throughout the day and attracts nearly 1,000 attendees. This is a great way for residents to learn more about the products and services offered in our area, as well as a great opportunity for local businesses to network with one another. [More Info](#)

Family Fun Day and Champions 5K Walk/Run - The first annual Johnston Health 5K Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, October 27th. This event is for all ages, runners, walkers and fitness levels. [More Info and Registration](#)
[Family Fun Day Activities](#) will be held in conjunction with the Champions 5K Walk/Run and is for the whole family. Family Fun Day will include vendors, food, jump houses, a Halloween Costume Contest, a FREE Monster Dash for kids and a raffle drawing for a [Free Pig Pickin' for 50 People!](#)

SRAC - Spooktacular! - It's that scary time of year again! Register your child/ren, ages 5-12, for a night of pizza, games, face painting and more! Saturday, October 27th from 5:30PM - 8:30PM. [More Info](#)

Trick or Treat - The Town of Smithfield recommends neighborhood trick-or-treating on October 31st from 5PM - 8PM. Remember that to keep this a fun and enjoyable event, we must all respect everyone's private property and make safety a priority.

Pink Event - Entire month of October - Carolina Premium Outlets and Susan G. Komen for the Cure are teaming up to support breast cancer awareness, research, and treatment programs in the community. During the month of October, visit the on-site Information Center to donate \$10 to support the cause and receive 25% off one item from select stores including Brooks Brothers, Eddie Bauer, J. Crew, Jones New York, Nautica,

Polo Ralph Lauren, Talbots, Tommy Hilfiger and more. Donations will be accepted on-site only via cash or credit, with all proceeds benefiting Komen NC Triangle. [More Info](#)

Give Thanks/Give Food - From now through Monday, November 19th, all Town of Smithfield employees are hosting a Thanksgiving food drive. Donation boxes are located at all town buildings, including the primary donation location of Town Hall at 350 E Market Street. All donated items must be non-perishable and not be beyond their expiration date. All collected items will be used to assist local families during the holiday season.

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



Doodlebugs Classes Every Friday, 9:30am-10:15am - Doodlebugs Art Class (Ages 18 months-3 years old) This 45 minute class introduces your child to all mediums of art! More Information Here! [Registration Info](#)

Splash Park hours have changed. [Click here](#) for the new Fall/Winter hours.

Join the SRAC! The area's most modern and well-equipped aquatics and fitness center is right in your own backyard. Check here for membership rates and special offerings for seniors, Johnston County School System employees and short-term memberships for Johnston County Community College students. Get Fit! [Membership Info](#)

Candy Holidays

Health and Hygiene Tips

Over the next few months, we have the "Candy Holidays". Here are a few tips for Halloween and beyond that should help promote healthy dental hygiene.

- Separate all of your chocolate/milk chocolate candy from everything else. This is the best selection for kids as it has milk (calcium) in it and melts quickly with no gooey residue on the teeth.
- Eliminate all gummy, sour (acid powder), sticky and gooey candies.
- Let your kids enjoy their Halloween candy for 2-3 days, then GET RID OF IT! Don't keep it around for months!
- Give all of your kids' candy to the nursing home or consider shipping it to the troops!
- BRUSH AND FLOSS! Use a fluoride rinse to help protect from all the sugar and acid.

US 70 Bridge Replacement

Road Closure / NCDOT Adjustments to Help Traffic Flow

On Tuesday, September 25, 2012, the North Carolina Department of Transportation began work to replace the bridge over the Neuse River on U.S. 70 Business in downtown Smithfield. The bridge will be closed for approximately 240 days, equivalent to eight months. The contractor for this development hopes to complete the project in six months, weather permitting. Please use caution when traveling the detour route and remember that our downtown businesses and westside businesses near the bridge closure are still open for business and need your special support during this disruptive period. *Please*



make the effort to support all of these businesses! [More Info and Detour Map](#)

NCDOT will sponsor an **informational meeting** regarding future bridge replacement projects (Holts Lake Bridge on US 301 and Neuse River Bridge on 301) at The Pentecostals of Smithfield Church, 3020 S. Brightleaf Blvd., Smithfield, on **Tuesday, October 30th from 4pm to 6pm**. Call NCDOT at 919-707-6067 for more information.

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Licensed Water Plant Operator**
- **PC/IT Specialist**
- **Police Officer I**

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.

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