



Talk of the Town

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Town Tidbit:

Did you know? Researchers of local history and genealogy can access an exceptional collection of materials in the Johnston County Heritage Center's Margaret McLemore Lee Reading Room and the Brown-Ross Audio-Visual Room. They hold approximately 2,000 books, 800 reels of microfilm, 300 maps/atlasses, 50,000 photographic images, 400 private collections of books and papers, and vertical files on genealogy, biography, and local history. Local history materials relate exclusively to Johnston County, while the focus for genealogical records primarily includes the eastern half of North Carolina and the Virginia Tidewater region. In addition, genealogy researchers may "roam the world" with us via the Internet! We have a subscription to ancestry.com that visitors to our Reading Room may use at one of several public terminals available. For more info visit [here](#) or call 919-934-2836.

Downtown Smithfield Wine Walk Supporting Harbor on Friday, November 15th

On Friday, November 15th, the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation will host its third annual Downtown Smithfield Wine Walk, a wine tasting to raise money for Harbor and the programs Harbor supports.



The Wine Walk fundraiser will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. as a continued part of the Downtown Smithfield's monthly Third on Third series. Walkers will visit participating businesses in the downtown district to sample different regional, national and international wines at each location. Walkers will begin at Harbor's Pizazz, located at 119 North Third Street in Downtown Smithfield, where tickets will be available for \$20 per person. There, walkers will be given a wristband to wear, which will allow them to taste wines at other businesses, and the first hundred participants will be given commemorative wine glasses.

Businesses participating in the Wine Walk include Pizazz, the Johnston County Heritage Center, 231 Market Classic Printing, Market Street Coffee and Bakery, Plus Plus Consignment, Jewel's Formals, Evans Jewelers, The Yoga Connection, Bistro On Third, Memory Lane Frame Shop, and Aspect Financial.

Local musicians will provide live entertainment throughout the evening, and local artists will be selling their works. Evans Jewelers will host a trunk show featuring pieces from top designer Gabriel & Co. Their line offers a wide array of diamond and color stone fashion jewelry that is sure to fit any budget. Walkers who stop at Bistro on Third will be treated to the classic tunes of The Carolina Crooner. Free carriage rides within the downtown district will also be offered.

"The Wine Walk is a wonderful event for Downtown Smithfield and its business," states Sarah Edwards, Interim Director of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation. "We are delighted

to bring the community together to raise funds for Harbor to support the incredible work that they do."

Harbor is Johnston County's only nonprofit agency providing service and assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and women in transition. Harbor provides safe, compassionate, and advocacy services, resources, and programs. Harbor has a team of highly credentialed and experienced staff and volunteers who work diligently to assist women and children in need.

To learn more about Downtown Smithfield and its businesses, please call Sarah Edwards with the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation at 919-934-0887 or visit them on the web at www.downtownsmithfield.com.

Auction!

Unclaimed Property to Benefit Johnston Schools

Unclaimed property, having been in the possession of the Smithfield Police Department for a period in excess of the 180 days as required by law, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

The proceeds from the sale of said property, less cost associated with sale, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Johnston County Board of Education for the benefit of maintaining the free public schools of Johnston County.

This auction will be held Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 10:00am at the Smithfield Police Department at 110 S Fifth Street.

For a list of types of items being auctioned, please [click here](#) or visit the Town Hall Bulletin Board at 350 East Market Street.



I-40 and I-440 Improvements Begin

Re-Dubbed "Fortify"

The North Carolina Department of Transportation project to fortify two of the Triangle's busiest roads has begun. The Fortify project involves removing and replacing an 11.5-mile stretch of I-40 and I-440 to address immediate safety concerns. Drivers will see nighttime lane closures now, with some additional daytime closures to follow in early December.

For more information, visit [here](#) or call the project hotline at (919) 707-2683 to speak with a dedicated project representative.



Parks & Recreation / SRAC



SMITHFIELD PRINCESS TEA PARTY - Date: Saturday, November 16, 2013, Time: 10-11:30am, Ages: 2-5yrs. Bring your little Princess in for a morning of princess activities, tea drinking and treats! Princesses can come in their favorite princess outfit. Fee: \$15. Must register by Wednesday, November 13th.

SMITHFIELD/SELMA Youth Council - Smithfield and Selma Parks & Recreation Departments are starting a Youth

Council. Looking for an opportunity to be involved in your community? Are you a high school student interested in being a part of a club that takes trips, does rewarding work, and starts the building blocks of your resume? For more information, contact Tiffany Pearson at tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com or 919-934-2148.

SMITHFIELD KIDS IN NATURE SERIES - Dates: Every Wednesday, Time: 9:30-10:30am, Ages: 3-5 years (with an adult). This hands on class will focus on one specific theme for the day. Participants will hike, create, experiment and LEARN about the natural world around them. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by the Monday before each class. Minimum 4 students. Fee: \$4.00-Smithfield Resident or \$6.00-Non Smithfield Resident (Fee applies to each child participating).

SMITHFIELD DOODLEBUGS - Dates: Every Friday, Time: 9:30-10:15am, Ages: 18 mos-3yrs. Dribble, drip, squish and squeeze. Delight in watching your child as together you get messy while creating and experimenting with different materials. Experiment with dough, pudding, gelatin, crayons, watercolors and more. Watch your young artist blossom! One child per adult please! You can sign up for one class at a time or for a 4 week session. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by the Wednesday before each class so that accurate supplies are provided. Fee: \$5/class or \$19.00/4 classes-Smithfield Resident , \$7/class or \$27.00/4 classes-Smithfield Non Resident.

SMITHFIELD Senior Coffee Corner - Every Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30AM to 10:30AM we will have FREE coffee available to all 55 and older adults. There will be occasional breakfast treats and brain teasers available. You do not have to be a member of SRAC to come hang out with your friends, read the paper, and enjoy a cup-a-joe. Where: The Smithfield Recreation and Aquatic Center. Questions: contact Tiffany Pearson 919-934-2148 ext.112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

Specialty Pottery Handbuilding Workshops - You will work on one project, start to finish, in a 2hr time frame. Pieces will be glazed by our staff with your glaze choice and will be ready for pick up in about 2 weeks. Come to one class or all! Registration Deadline: Friday before each class. Instructor: Courtney Pernell. Fee: \$15/class. Dates: Tues., Nov. 19; 6:30-8:30pm-Ornaments

Pour It and Paint - Are you looking for something fun to do with your friends? Come paint in a relaxing environment and bring your favorite bottle of wine. The class is Saturday, November 23rd, at SRAC, from 7-9:00pm. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$35. Must be 21 years or older to participate. We provide the canvas and paint, you provide the wine! Make it a date and bring a girlfriend too! The design for November is a beautiful cardinal. For questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148, x112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

Soap Making for Kids - This class, for kids between the ages of 5-10, is Saturday, December 7. You must register for the class by Wed., 12/4. The class is from 2:00-3:30pm. Your kids can get creative with this activity! Maybe they would like to make some soaps to give away as Christmas presents... or just keep them for themselves. All supplies are included. Class fee is \$15

Swim with Santa - You knew Santa could fly ... but did you know he could swim?? Join us on Friday night, December 6, from 6-8pm and check him out! Santa will be here working on his list, and just cooling his heels before the big night. The Swim with Santa is free to SRAC members. All others \$5 per person.

The Grinch Stink-Stank-Stunk 5k Toy Run & Jingle Bell Jog - Sat., 12/7 - "Don't be a bad banana with a greasy black peel".... Join us and give!! This is our 2nd Annual Grinch Stink Stank Stunk 5k Toy Run and Jingle Bell Jog. All participants are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card. All toys will benefit Harbor and the Johnston County DSS Angel Tree Project. There will also be prizes awarded for some of your favorite "Whoville" characters, so dress up and have fun! Registration forms are available at SRAC, or can be found on-line [here](#). Race packets will be available for pick up Fri., 12/6, between 12-7pm. Toys can be dropped off when you pick up your race packet. Register by 12/2 if you want a t-shirt. T-Shirts are \$15 each. No extra shirts will be available. The Run begins at 10:00am on 12/7. The Jog/Walk begins at 10:05.

Christmas Mouse Ornaments - This class, for kids between the ages of 6-15, is Saturday, December 14, from 9am-Noon. You must register for the class by Wed., 12/11. Your kids can create their own Christmas Mouse ornament as a keepsake, or as a gift to give away. Originally made out of bread dough, this workshop will take children through the steps of creating a mouse ornament now made of polymer clay. All supplies are included. Class fee is \$15.

SMITHFIELD Baseball Registration - After the holidays, we don't waste anytime ... registration for Baseball begins on January 6 and runs through February 7. Baseball is open to boys, ages 7-14 years of age. (The child's age as of 5/1/14 determines playing age.) Registration is \$35 for Residents of the Town of Smithfield, and \$70 for Non-Smithfield Residents. (A Smithfield Resident resides within the Town limits of Smithfield and pays taxes to the Town of Smithfield.) Practices will begin mid-March with games beginning in April.

SMITHFIELD Softball Registration - After the holidays, it's time to start thinking of spring sports ... registration for Softball begins on January 6 and runs through February 7. Softball is open to girls, ages 7-14 years of age. (The child's age as of 1/1/14 determines playing age.) Registration is \$30 for Residents of the Town of Smithfield, and \$60 for Non-Smithfield Residents. (A Smithfield Resident resides within the Town limits of Smithfield and pays taxes to the Town of Smithfield.) Practices will begin in April.

SMITHFIELD T-Ball Registration - Boys and girls between the ages of 5-6 can register for T-Ball beginning February 10 until March 7. (The child must be 5 years old as of 5/1/14 to be eligible to play.) Registration is \$30 for Residents of the Town of Smithfield, and \$60 for Non-Smithfield Residents. (A Smithfield Resident resides within the Town limits of Smithfield and pays taxes to the Town of Smithfield.) Practices will begin in April.

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](#)

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

Veteran's Day - Sanitation Schedule - Household waste and yard debris collections for Monday, November 11, 2013 will be collected on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. 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.

Thanksgiving Day - Sanitation Schedule - Household waste and yard debris collections for Thursday, November 28, 2013 will be collected on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. 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.

Christmas Tree Lighting - Join us as we light the Town's Christmas Tree and officially bring in the Christmas Season on Thursday night, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. The tree is located at the corner of Third and Market Street, in front of the Library. Come enjoy hot chocolate, entertainment, and a visit from Santa Claus! For more information contact Tiffany Pearson at tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

Christmas Parade - Christmas is officially here when the Parade comes to Town - on Thursday night, December 12, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be in the Parade, applications can be picked up at SRAC, or found online [here](#). For questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148, x112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com. The application deadline is 12/6/13.

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.

Operation Helping Hand - Many of our citizens have fallen on tough times. Some have medical problems, are elderly or just can't financially put the pieces together. Some can't cut their grass, need minor help with construction and repairs or just need a hand hauling limbs and debris away from their home. If your church or civic organization is looking to lend a hand, our community could use a hand and would certainly appreciate it. If you or your organization is interested, please contact Brent Reck at 919-934-2116 or email at brent.reck@smithfield-nc.com.

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

October 01, 2013

Regular Meeting summary:



1. Recognized Sergeant David Tyndall for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification.
2. Received the Appearance Commission Annual Report.
3. Approved ANX-12-01 Julian Marshall.
4. Approved RZ-13-04 - Family Media Group, LLC.
5. Moved Consent Agenda Items 4 and 5 to Business Items (items 7 & 8 respectively). Approved remaining Consent Agenda.
6. Approved Special Event - Larry W Barnes on behalf of the Sudan Shriners.
7. Considered and approved an Agreement with Neuse Charter School to provide School Resource Officer services.

8. Considered and approved a Police Department Budget Amendment.
9. Considered and approved certification pay increases for two Police Officers.
10. Received update on the treatment of sludge at the Water Plant. Approved to proceed with recommended procedures and continue to explore alternatives.
11. Received update regarding Piedmont Natural Gas survey progress.
12. Approved Parks and Recreation Department to hire a part-time fitness instructor and two lifeguards.
13. Considered and approved Resolution #535 (22-2013).

The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th, beginning at 7:30pm as to avoid conflicts with Elections that were held on Tuesday, November 5th. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Police Officer I**
- **Water Plant Operator/Trainee**

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.