



Talk of the Town

August 15, 2014
31st Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? Of the 32 electric municipalities in eastern North Carolina, Smithfield has the 2nd lowest residential electric rates. Smithfield trails only Apex, which has benefited greatly from their recent surge in growth.

Smithfield's Little Helper

Letter of Recognition from Public Works Director

As Smithfield's Public Works Director, I've helped numerous scouts - boys and girls - with projects for merit badges, the Eagle award, etc.

Most recently, I had the pleasure of assisting 9-year-old Serenity Bean, who lives in Eden Woods subdivision. Serenity explained that she was interested in doing a community-service project that would make her eligible for a scholarship to attend Camp Kanata in Wake Forest in 2015.

Serenity's idea was to rid the roadside of trash and clutter. But because she was such a young volunteer, I couldn't allow her to be on the roadsides for safety reasons. After discussing the situation with her mother, we came to an alternative that would work. Serenity was appointed to clean up the greenway and Community Park. She successfully completed five service hours and collected two bags of trash and recyclables.

Afterward, her mother called and said Serenity wanted to do another cleanup project but this time because she wanted to make Smithfield a greener place to live.

I'm definitely keeping my fingers crossed for Serenity and her hopes of winning the scholarship. Smithfield is a great place to live, and our citizens are some of the best people in the world, even the ones that come in small packages.

Lenny E. Branch
Public Works Director, Town of Smithfield



Tim Johnson Retires

30 Years of Dedicated Service!

Family, friends and co-workers gathered to pay tribute to Smithfield's former Parks and Recreation Director Tim Johnson.

Johnson was honored by Mayor John Lampe, Town Manager Paul Sabiston, and the Smithfield Town Council at the August Town Council meeting for 30 years of service to the Town.

Johnson resigned July 31st to become Grants Manager of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF).



Mayor Lampe presented Johnson with a plaque and proclamation approved by the Town Council.

Even though Johnson will no longer be an employee with the Town of Smithfield he still plans to live in Smithfield and volunteer on the Smithfield Fire Department. WTSB Photo

Town Clerk Honored

"North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk"

July 2014

SHANNAN L. WILLIAMS, NCCMC

TOWN CLERK of SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA

HONORED BY NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS

Shannan L. Williams, Town Clerk of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, has been awarded the prestigious designation of "NORTH CAROLINA CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK" (NCCMC) from the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks, along with the School of Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for achieving its high educational, experience, and service requirements.

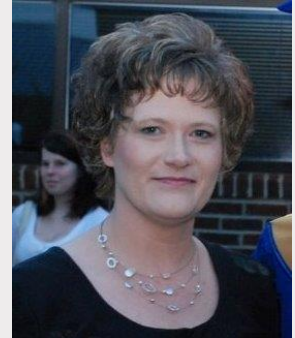
Ms. Williams attained her designation as a NC State Certified Municipal Clerk through the completion of the NC Association of Municipal Clerks Program conducted in cooperation with the School of Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

As an established member of the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks (NCAMC), Ms. Williams joins the 2014 class of municipal clerks from North Carolina who are receiving this State designation - "North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk." The NCAMC is a professional organization of city, town and village clerks from across the state, dedicated to the continued growth and development of clerks and their municipalities.

Established on November 5, 1975, the Association, among other things, promotes educational and professional development opportunities for municipal clerks to enhance their knowledge and effectiveness. This is no small task, considering the wide array of duties performed by municipal clerks, which often vary from municipality to municipality. The Association partners with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the School of Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) to meet the needs of each individual municipal clerk.

The North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk Program is a five-year designation with requirements for continuing education to sustain and develop the ever-changing knowledge of the profession of municipal clerks. The NCAMC, together with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, strives to promote educational and professional development to enhance the clerk.

This Certification Program was developed with the assistance of the UNC School of Government at Chapel Hill and will be administered in cooperation with the School of Government. Qualifications of applicants are reviewed and approved by the NCAMC State Certification Committee.



Officers Recognized

Two Earn Advanced Law Enforcement Certification

Two Smithfield Police officers were recognized at the Smithfield Town Council meeting for earning their Advanced Law Enforcement Certification.

Officers Donna Currin and Thomas Lee received their certification from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Police Chief Mike Scott said the two officers joined 13 other members of the Smithfield Police Department that have earned this specific recommendation.

To earn their Advanced Certificates, Chief Scott said Currin and Lee had to surpass several law enforcement thresholds, including a Bachelor's degree, at least six years of law enforcement experience and over 480 hours of continued law enforcement training.



Meet the Spartans!

Friday, August 22nd @ 2:00pm

Hibbett Sports will be hosting the "2014 Meet The Spartans" event on Friday, August 22, 2014. The event will start at noon and will continue until 2:00 PM. The SSS Varsity Football team will be on hand to meet the fans, along with the Spartan Cheerleaders and the Spartan Marching Regiment. This event precedes the season opener at West Johnston High School, with the kick-off beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be free drawings for prizes, to include auto servicing from Evans Tires, golf course passes from Cardinal Country Club and Country Club of Johnston County, Rudy Theatre tickets, auto race tickets from Southern National Speedway, movie passes from Smithfield Cinemas, autographed memorabilia from the 2014 Spartans courtesy of Hibbett Sports, area restaurant passes, and much, much more. The event will also include a "Press Conference," where fans can ask head Coach David Lawhon and your favorite players questions. Come out and support our town's football team, the Smithfield-Selma Spartans, sponsored by Hibbett Sports. For more information, contact SSS High School at (919) 934-5191, Hibbett Sports at (919) 934-2654, or Bruce Barrett at (919) 631-9659.



Prescription Pill Drop Box Program

Securely and Anonymously Dispose of Medications

If you are looking for a safe and secure method to dispose of unwanted medications, the Smithfield Police Department can now help.

Chief Michael Scott has announced a permanent "pill drop box" is now located in the lobby of the Smithfield Police Department on South Fifth Street. The drop box is a large white mailbox-type container with a trap hatch to ensure security of deposited medications.

All medications deposited in the pillbox drop box will remain anonymous and no contact with police officials is necessary when depositing your meds.

Once a prescription, or any medication, has expired or is no longer in use, obscure any personal information that may be present on the label with a black felt tip marker and dispose of the medication in the drop box.

Prescriptions, cold and flu medications, pain relievers, over-the-counter medications, cough syrups, topical ointments, vitamins, and pet medications are all accepted at the drop box. Needles and syringes will not be accepted. The drop box is accessible during normal business hours, 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

The drop box was made possible through Project Lazarus, a non-profit organization who believes that by taking the appropriate measures to safely dispose of medications, the amount misuse, abuse, and diversion of medications will decrease.

National studies indicate that 70% of diversion is among family and friends. The FDA also recommends properly disposing of medications in order to prevent harm, and in some cases, fatality, due to accidental ingestion by children, teens, seniors and pets.

Additionally, prescription drugs flushed or placed in landfills make their way into water supply systems further posing a threat to animals and the environment.

For more information, contact Lt. Keith Powell at 919-934-2121.



Bells Across America

Celebrating the Signing of the United States Constitution

The Smith-Bryan Chapter
National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Invites you to participate this year and every year hereafter:
Bells Across America
September 17th at 4:00 pm.

Bells Across America is a way to celebrate the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787. At 4:00 when the delegates emerged from what is now known as Independence Hall in Philadelphia, all the bells rang to celebrate the signing of the Constitution.

The idea is to have churches, schools, fire departments, civic organizations and individuals to participate simultaneously, to hear the ringing of bells from coast to coast, across the United States.

The DAR perpetuates the memory and spirit of the men and women who won American independence. The group also helps maintain historic state properties.



Please encourage everyone you know to participate in this effort.

Parks & Recreation Survey

Please share your opinions!



The Johnston County Sports Council, a subcommittee of the Johnston County Visitors Bureau, is conducting a survey for the county-wide Parks & Recreation Master Plan project and seeks your input. The purpose of the plan is to bring together parks & recreation departments and county-wide sports organizations to help identify recreation resources in the county and determine the need for future facilities which will ensure there are physical and educational recreational opportunities available to all users. This survey will gather information on community use and need for facilities throughout the county and no personal data will be shared from this survey.

Your help is needed in completing and circulating the online survey for community input as our goal is to reach at least 10% of the households in Johnston County. Recreation is the third most important factor for families looking to move here, aside from home location and prices and schools. As Johnston County continues to grow, the need to provide quality recreation opportunities for existing and new residents will be in high demand.

Please share this survey and encourage your contacts to share with their friends, family and co-workers.

[Complete the quick survey here!](#)

Thank you for your help. Results of the survey will help complete the Master Plan, which will be available to the community in early 2015.

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



The Town of Smithfield Sanitation Department schedule for Labor Day will be as follows:

Household waste and yard debris collections for Monday, September 1, 2014 will be collected on Wednesday, September 3, 2014. All other customers will have their household waste and yard debris collected on their regular scheduled day. Please have your curbside container and all debris at curbside after 5:00 pm on the day before your collection day. All curbside containers must be removed from curbside no later than 8:00 am on the day after collection.

Red Devil Football - Registration continues for Fall Football until Rosters are full. The Smithfield Red Devils will be participating in the Johnston County Youth Football League. Games will be played in the fall on some Saturday mornings and some weeknights, beginning in September. Practices will begin mid-August. Football is broken in to the following age groups: Positions remain open in Rookie (6-8 year olds) and Varsity (11-12 year olds). The child's age as of 8/1/14 determines playing age. Children in the JV (9-10 year olds) will be placed on a waiting list. The fee is \$40 for Smithfield Residents and \$80 for Non-Residents.

Men's Open League Softball - Registration going on now through August 22nd for Men's Open League Softball. Registration fee is \$475/team. For more information, contact Jon Moore at 919-934-2148. Registration fee should be paid by August 22, and a coach's meeting and play should begin after Labor Day.

Pour It & Paint - Ladies grab your girlfriends and plan some girl time!!! The next Pour It & Paint is scheduled for August 22. You must pre-register and be at least 21 years old to participate. We supply the canvas and the paint, you supply the wine. Classes run from 7-9pm, and the cost is \$35/class. For upcoming dates contact 919-934-2148 or 934-1408, Tiffany or Kristin.

Pickleball - Now through August 22nd, ON FRIDAYS ONLY, from 2-4pm, Pickleball will be offered at SRAC. If you are not a member of SRAC, it will be \$2 per session to come out and play. We will provide the paddle, balls and net. For questions, contact Tiffany at 919-934-2148, ext 112.

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

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

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. 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.

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

August 05, 2014



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Recognized Master Police Officers Donna Currin and W. Thomas Lee for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Education and Training Standards Commission.
2. Recognized Town Clerk Shannan Williams for obtaining the IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk designation
3. A Proclamation was given to former Parks and Recreation Director Tim Johnson for 30 years of service to the Town of Smithfield
4. Public Hearing was held to review the Town's proposed project to improve its raw water intake facilities as required by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
5. Approved Resolution #545 (07-2014) - Intent to request grant funding
6. Approved Resolution #546 (08-2014) - 2013-2014 CDBG Program Funding Years Program Manual.
7. Approved Conditional Use Permit - Olivia Holding (CUP-14-06)
8. Approved the Consent Agenda.
9. Adopted a Five - Year Capital Improvement Plan for Public Utilities
10. Update on the schedule for Departmental Reviews by Town Manager
11. Authorized the adjustment of the hourly rate of pay for part-time Fire Inspector positions.

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 2nd .Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Assistant Aquatics Supervisor**
- **Parks and Recreation Director**
- **Part-time Fire Inspector**
- **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.

Contact: **Tim Kerigan** - HR Director / Public Information Officer
350 E Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577
919.934.2116 x1109

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