



Talk of the Town

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32nd Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? For the month of August, the Town of Smithfield's Public Works Department handled a total of 252 special work orders, collected 428 tons of household waste, collected 134 tons of residential yard debris; and responded to 70 animal control issues.

Special Meeting



Tuesday, September 16th @ 6PM
Town Hall Council Chambers

Electric Rates Forum

What does our future hold?
Come receive an update!



Smithfield-Selma High

Welcomes New Athletic Director



Many exciting things are happening at SSS. In July, Coach Jeffrey Dufour joined the Spartans as the new Athletic Director. Having previously taught for 12 years in Pitt County, he brings a wealth of experience to the school. His last eight years were spent at Ayden-Grifton High School as the Head Girls' Varsity Basketball and Head Track and Field Coach. When asked about his plan for SSS, Dufour explained how he wants to maximize participation from student athletes and create a culture in which everyone is excited to come to school and participate. He is joined by his wife of 30 years, Sharon Dufour, who will teach in SSS's Math Department.

"I believe the big time is where you are, and I believe the big time is here at SSS," says Dufour, quoting his inspiration, Frosty Westering, veteran coach and professor at Pacific Lutheran University. Dufour continued to say, "I've seen a lot of great things here at SSS since July, but since the first day of school with students, my enthusiasm has risen quite a few levels. The students are motivated and excited. Great things were done in the past, and we're going to elevate our game and build on those experiences." Smithfield-Selma's Principal, Stephen Baker added, "Spartan pride is really about this community, and what our high school means to us. It involves the past, present, and our dreams and vision for the future. Coach Dufour and I are united in this vision, and he brings a skill set that is uniquely suited to help us grow our students into successful student athletes."

SMITHFIELD-SELMA ATHLETICS
SPARTANS

**Spartan Athletic
Booster Club
2014-2015**

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The banner features a blue background with a yellow Spartan helmet logo. On the left, there is a photo of a basketball player in a white jersey with the number 20. On the right, there is a photo of a volleyball player in a dark blue jersey jumping to hit a ball. The text is centered in white and yellow.

Officers Recognized

Three Earn Life Saving Awards

Three Smithfield police officers were honored at Tuesday's Town Council meeting with Life Saving Awards. Mayor John Lampe presented medals to Officers (from left to right) Victor Denoble, Jordan Cutchins and Jeremy Stewart.



The officers were honored for saving the life of a shooting victim on May 10th. Police Chief Mike Scott said police responded to a shooting at 2:55am in a parking lot at 1300 South Brightleaf Boulevard.

Officer Cutchins was the first to arrive on the scene, followed immediately by Officers Denoble and Stewart. Officer Cutchins located a man with six gun shot wounds to his torso and upper extremities.

Chief Scott said the victim was bleeding profusely. Officer Cutchins identified the most life threatening wounds and worked to stop the bleeding. Officers Denoble and Stewart each took a different set of wounds and applied first-aid that prevented additional massive blood loss until Johnston County Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived.

Chief Scott said the actions taken by the three officers, working together, saved the life of the gunshot victim.
(Courtesy of www.wtsbradio.com)

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.

Celebration of Education

Some Events Postponed



Due to the forecast of rain, Johnston Community College is postponing to a later date the Movie on the Lawn planned for Friday, Sept. 12 and the Celebration of Education events scheduled from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. The Donor Appreciation and Scholarship Event as well as the 45th Anniversary Tribute Concert will be held as planned on Saturday. Tickets are still available for the tribute concert by calling the box office at (919) 209-2099.

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



SMITHFIELD YOUTH BASKETBALL - Registration begins September 15 for Youth Basketball. Basketball is open to boys ages 5-18, and girls ages 5-12. (The child's age as of 12/31/14 determines playing age.) The cost is \$40 for Smithfield Residents and \$80 for Non-Residents. Practices will begin in late November with games beginning in January.

Pottery: Beginning Handbuilding - This class is designed for students interested in creating pottery without using the wheel. Through a combination of demonstrations and individual work time, students will develop their handbuilding skills while making distinctive pieces such as plates, vases, and bowls. The variety of construction techniques include stiff slab and soft slab. During the 6 week class session, students may come in during open studio times to work freely on projects. An instructor will be available to answer questions. Clay can be purchased @ SRAC for \$20/25lb bag. Class max: 5 people

Dates: Tuesday Days: September 16-October 21, 2014

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Fee: \$100-Smithfield Resident \$125-Smithfield Non-Resident

Pottery: Wheel Throwing - Just beginning or a little rusty, students will be introduced to the pottery wheel, pottery equipment and how to create mugs, vases, and other vessels. Because of limited wheels, student to teacher ratio is very good and students will have a very personal learning experience. Clay can be purchased @ SRAC for \$20/25lb bag. Class max: 4 students

Instructor: Kristin Sasser

Dates: Tuesday Nights: September 16-October 21, 2014

Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Fee: \$100-Smithfield Resident \$125-Smithfield Non-Resident

Ceramic Bead Building and Jewelry Design - Students will explore clay making and discover the beauty in the smallest of details through creating their own beads. Various sizes, shapes, and textures will be investigated as we gain experience each week working with the clay. Students will also have the opportunity to create jewelry pieces and have plenty of pieces to take and create at home.

Dates: Saturdays (6 weeks) September 13- Oct 18, 2014

Time: 10am-12pm

Ages: 8-15yrs

Fee: \$60-Smithfield Resident \$75-Non Smithfield Resident

Supply Fee: \$20 covers clay and jewelry making supplies

SRAC KIDS NIGHT - When SRAC closes, the fun begins! Drop your kids off in a safe, supervised environment that is kid friendly and parent free. Swimming, gym time, snack and other organized activities are offered throughout the night. Please contact the center to find out the activities for each night. Activities will vary.

Dates: Saturday, September 20, 2014

Time: 5:30-8:30pm

Ages: 5-10 years

Fee: \$8-Smithfield Resident (pre-registration by 9/19)

\$12-Non-Smithfield resident (pre-registration by 9/19)

\$5/each add. child during pre-registration

\$10-Smithfield Resident (register night of)

\$15-Non-Smithfield Resident (register night of)

SRAC PAC Workday Camp - Need something for your child to do on a teacher workday? Art, swimming, sports, and outdoor fun are just some of the activities your child will be involved in! Space is limited! Pre-registration is required.

Dates: September 26, 2014

November 11, 2014

Time: 8:30am-4:30pm

7:30-early drop off

5:30pm-late pick up

Ages: 5-12yrs

Fee: \$25-Smithfield Resident \$30-Non-Smithfield Resident

DOODLEBUGS ART CLASS - Bring your 18 mos. to 4 year old and you and your child can enjoy Art Class together! This 45 minute Parent/Child class meets Friday mornings, 10:00 am, beginning September 12. This class introduces your child to all mediums of art. Dribble, drip, squish and squeeze your way to fun while experimenting with dough, paper, watercolors, glue and much, much more! \$5/Class or \$19/4 Classes - Smithfield Resident or \$7/Class or \$27/4 Classes - Non-Smithfield Resident. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE CLASS.

TADPOLES - Be a Tadpole, a SRAC Tadpole that is... Moms and dads can bring your little tadpoles and swim in the splash pool on Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m. We will have additional activities for the kiddos too. Play groups are welcome. Price is \$5 for mom and 1 tadpole and \$3 for each additional tadpole. Starts on September 3rd. Questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148 ext 112.

ROBOTIC LEGOS WORKSHOP OCTOBER 24TH - Play-Well TEKologies LEGO Workshops: 9am-Noon (5-7 year olds) and 1-4pm (8-12 year olds) Become a Play-Well Engineer this fall! With over 100,000 pieces of LEGOS, take on real-life engineering challenges that explore concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture. This is a hands-on, brains on workshop suitable for LEGO novices to building "maniacs"! Price is \$40 per person.

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.

Pickleball - Pickleball will continue on Fridays at SRAC, from 2-4pm. 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.

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](#)



Why Advertise

At the Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center
& with Smithfield Parks & Recreation?

Approximately 110,000 indoor visitors per year
Approximately 108,000 outdoor visitors per year

(These numbers do not even include events such as basketball tournaments, gym rentals, and special events where numbers are estimated by the booking party.)

Indoor Option:

Advertisement banner around the indoor track

Time period	Cost
1 month	\$100.00
3 months	\$250.00
6months	\$500.00
12months/ 1yr	\$1,000.00

(This cost is hanging the banner that is provided by your company.)

We are able to provide the banner with your company logo and advertisement for \$75 for a 3x6 or \$130 for a 4x8.

Outdoor Option:

4x4 panel on scoreboard magnetic or sheetmetal outside at ballfield. (1year is February-November)

Time period	Cost
1 year	\$300.00
2 years	\$500.00
3 years	\$600.00

(This cost is hanging the panel that is provided by your company.)

However we can provide the panel with your company logo for \$115.

Corporate Option:

\$3,000 per year (which can be paid in full or in four payments of \$750)

- Your business logo on the back of our newsletter. We print 9,000 copies per year.
- Your company logo will be placed on our webpage. (We have approximately 7,500 views per month.)
- Your company will receive one free shelter reservation or banquet room rental per year. (This would allow you to hold an employee picnic, company event, or meeting at our facility.)
- Your employees register for SRAC memberships at the corporate rate. (As members they have access to racquetball, basketball, indoor running, walking track, water aerobics classes, fitness classes, workout room, weight room, lap swim, splash park, child care, and more!
- Your company can pick the indoor or outdoor option for advertising for the year.

A minimum of one year contract must be signed by the manager or business owner agreeing to pay our fee for advertising your business.

Our Team Wants To Help Your Team!
Call 919-934-1408 for more details!

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

FREE Child Passenger Safety Check Event - Saturday, September 20th from 10am - 1pm - Carolina Premium Outlets, 1025 Outlet Center Drive. Learn to:

- Choose the right safety seat for your child
- Properly Secure child in safety seat
- Properly secure safety seat in vehicle
- Understand the importance of child safety seats

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

September 02, 2014



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Mayor Lampe administered the oath of office to new Police Officer, Terry Douglas White.
2. Mayor Lampe and Chief of Police Mike Scott presented Life Saving Awards to Smithfield Police Officers R. Jeremy Stewart, Jordan Cutchins and Victor Denoble for their heroic actions on May Tenth, 2014 that resulted in the saving of a life.
3. Mayor Lampe presented a Proclamation declaring September 17th - 23rd as Constitution Week to the following members of the Smith-Bryan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution: Mary Aker, Janie Temple, Mary Fuller, and Phoebe Landfried
4. Mayor Lampe presented a Proclamation declaring September as Recovery Awareness Month to Rachel Ayers.
5. Andre' Nabors with the NC Department of Commerce made a presentation on the Retire NC Program.
6. Approved the Consent Agenda.
7. Approved a contract with NCO Financial Systems, Inc. for Online Bill Payment Services
8. Awarded the bid to VACALL and approved the purchase of a combination single engine sewer cleaner with positive displacement vacuum system for the Water/ Sewer Department.
9. The Council tabled a request to approve a contract for a Cost of Survey and rate study until January 2015.
10. The Council requested that informal bids be obtained for engineering services for a water system valve GPS and GIS digital mapping. \$6800 was approved for an asset management plan to be conducted.
11. Approved a budget amendment to upgrade the Brogden Road Substation's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.
12. Approved an increase in compensation for the members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. The Planning Board will now receive \$50.00 per month and the Board of Adjustments will receive \$25.00 per meeting.
13. Approved to move forward with the West Smithfield Beautification Project.

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, October 7th. There will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 16th @ 6pm for a forum to discuss electric rates. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **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.