



Talk of the Town

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33rd Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? For the month of August, the Town of Smithfield's Fire Department responded to 157 emergencies, conducted 38 fire/compliance inspections and conducted 3 public fire education programs.

Ava Gardner Festival

October 3-5, 2014

New exhibits open for this year's Ava Gardner Festival dedicated to the fashion icon and legendary movie star born in Johnston County. Visit the museum for the new "Ava's Closet" exhibit, heritage tours, free showings of vintage films and more.

Friday, Oct. 3 Fashion Fling Reception 7pm
Join in the excitement of the new "Ava's Closet" exhibit with Sinatra-style tunes from the Carolina Crooner, refreshments and beverages provide the "fling".

Saturday, Oct. 4 Exhibits, Heritage Tours, Free Movies
The museum will show two John Huston films, "The Killers" at 10am and "The Life and times of Judge Roy Bean" at 2pm.
Heritage Tours begin at 9am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3pm
Clayton Music Festival Concert at The Clayton Center begins at 7pm with classical music movies tunes featuring an interlude for Ava.

Sunday, Oct. 5
"The Maltese Falcon" will show at 3pm

For more info, call 919-934-5830 or visit www.avagardner.org



Booker Dairy Road

Gov. McCrory Wants Expansion Approved

A widening and second extension of Booker Dairy Road has made the short list of rural road projects that Gov. Pat McCrory wants done right away.

To kick-start his 25-year transportation plan, McCrory wants the General Assembly to borrow \$1 billion. In Smithfield, the money would reroute the eastern end of Booker Dairy Road, carrying it behind the shopping centers that are home to Belk and Walmart before intersecting with North Bright Leaf Boulevard. Also, the money would widen the road from that point to the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center.

[\(Read More\)](#)



Historical Ghost Walk

Thursday, October 16th

Six extraordinary personalities from Johnston County's past will be brought back to life as the Johnston County Heritage Center stages its annual Ghost Walk in Smithfield's historic Riverside Cemetery on Thursday, October 16.

The event begins 7 pm beside St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Second and Church Streets. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students (grades K-12), with free admission for pre-school children. There will be no advance ticket sales, and guided tours will be conducted every five minutes or so on a first-come, first-served basis.

This year's "ghosts" include the following:

King Tom Blount, Tuscarora chief, portrayed by Jim Ingram of McGee's Crossroads;
Amy Woodard Harper, Civil War heroine, portrayed by Myra Wallace of Smithfield;
Ashley W. Smith, prominent African American businessman, portrayed by Haywood Watson of Kenly;
Billy Massengill, progressive farmer, portrayed by Stanton Massengill of Blackman's Crossroads;
Eva Johnson Cooper, longtime principal of Short Journey School, portrayed by Carolyn Ennis of Smithfield;
Mina Johnson Higgins, 50-year veteran teacher, portrayed by Mary Nell Ferguson of Smithfield.

For more information, call the Heritage Center at 919-934-2836 or send an email to heritagecenter@johnstonnc.com.



SSS Spartan Regiment

4A Grand Champions!

Saturday, September 27th, the SSS Spartan Regiment was crowned 1st place overall 4A Grand Champions at the Cleveland High School Marching Band Critique and Competition.

The Spartan Regiment placed 1st in all 4A caption awards including colorguard, percussion, music category, general effect, and visual performance. "We ended the season last year on an incredible note (pun intended) when we won the National Championship. Being a senior this year, I wondered how any experience could top that. I continue to be amazed with the wonderful leadership and encouragement Mr. Jones shares with us. We are truly blessed with an outstanding director. I know all of us band students and our parents are very excited to see what this season has in store," explained Emma Szczesiul, 12th grade Flute Section Leader. The Spartan Regiment was awarded a grand total of 7 trophies for their accomplishment.

Photo: Smithfield-Selma High School Spartan Regiment 2014-2015, on the field performing "Don't Try This at Home."



Candidates Debate

7th Congressional District

The Greater Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce will host a debate for candidates for the 7th Congressional District of North Carolina on Thursday, October 16 at 7 pm in the Great Hall at Johnston Community College in Smithfield.

Invited candidates include: Republican Nominee David Rouzer, Democratic Nominee Jonathan Barfield and Libertarian Nominee Wesley Casteen.

The Chamber would like for you to submit a question that you would like asked at the debate. Questions can be on any topic pertinent to this race. To submit a question, email Rick Childrey at rchildrey@smithfieldselma.com, text them to 919-915-5588, or submit them through the Chamber's [Facebook page](#).

Location:
Great Hall of Paul A. Johnston Auditorium
Johnston Community College
245 College Road
Smithfield, NC 27577

Date/Time Information:
Thursday, October 16, 2014
7:00 pm



College Promise Program

How Can High School Students Earn College Credit?

To learn more, attend one of our upcoming Career and College Promise (CCP) information sessions. These sessions are a great time to learn about the CCP Program at Johnston Community College. We would love to have you or your friends and family to attend. Please share this information with anyone who has students who may want to participate in CCP in the spring or next year. They can also visit our website for more information: <http://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/career-and-college-promise>. All sessions are open to the public.

Tuesday, October 7 at the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium at JCC at 6:30 pm
Thursday, October 16 at Corinth Holders High School Auditorium at 6:00 pm



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 two permanent "pill drop boxes" are now located inside the rear entrance of Town Hall and 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.



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.

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 TEKnologies 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. JEDI Engineering using LEGO for 5-7 year olds go to <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/34379> ; for JEDI Master Engineering using LEGO for 8-12 year olds go to <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/34380>. THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE WORKSHOPS!!

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@ncrrbiz.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
6 months	\$500.00
12 months/ 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. (1 year 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

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. 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**
- **Utility Line Mechanic**

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
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