



## *Talk of the Town*

October 23, 2017

6.4th Edition

### *Town Tidbit:*

**Did you know?** In 1909, the maximum speed limit in Smithfield was 10 mph. ([JOCO Report](#))

*Fire Department - Station 2 -  
is now in full operation!  
Please come visit @  
1200 West Market Street!*



### *Grants Will Pay For Riverbank Repairs*

NC House Representatives Larry Strickland and Donna White have secured grant funds for the Town of Smithfield to make repairs to the banks of the Neuse River adjacent to the Neuse River Trail Greenway.



A \$20,000 grant was secured through the NC Department of Commerce Rural Development and a \$20,000 grant was approved by the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

The \$40,000 in state funds should help pay for about two-thirds of the estimated \$60,000 cost of the project.

(Article courtesy of [www.jocoreport.com](http://www.jocoreport.com))

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## *2017 Smithfield-Selma Chamber Business Expo*

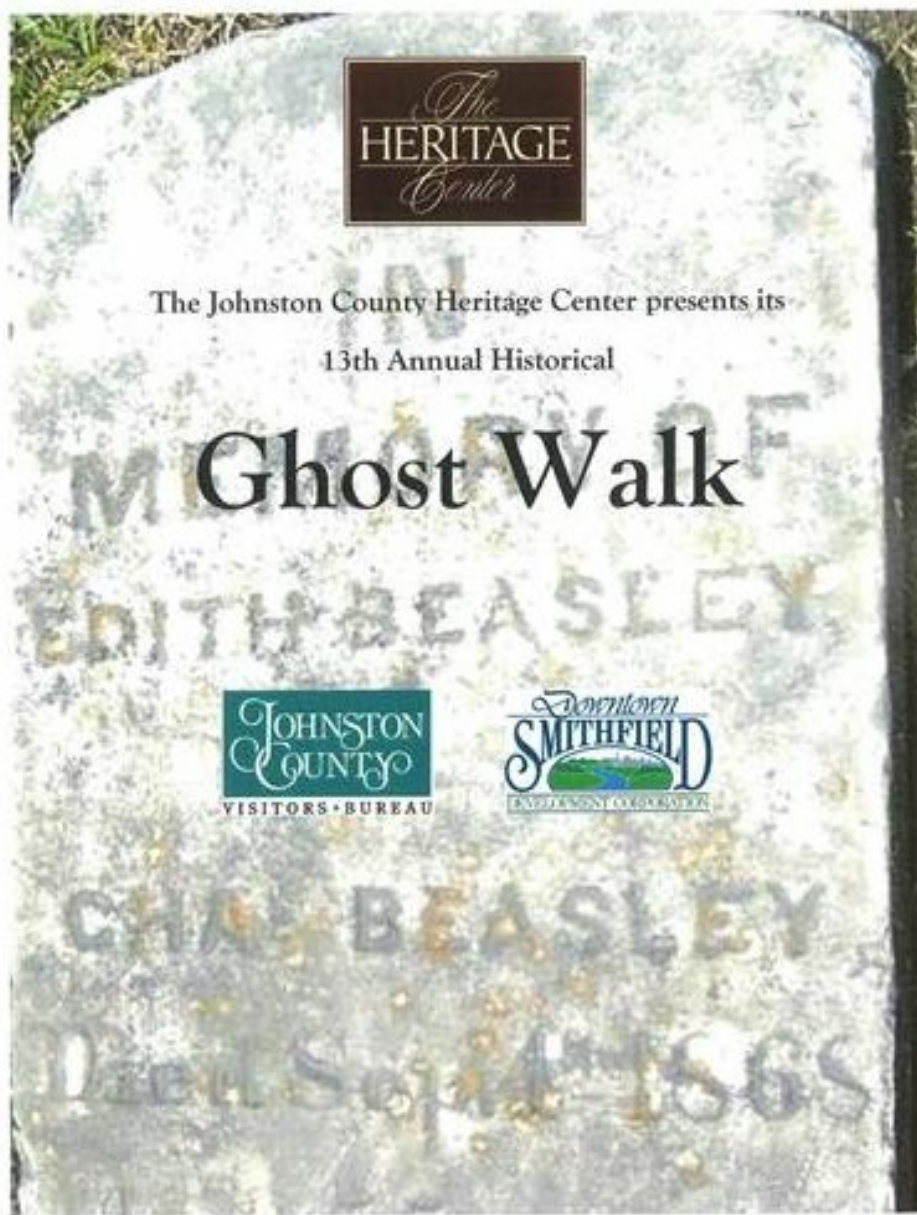


The Smithfield-Selma Chamber will hold the 2017 Business Expo on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Johnston County Agricultural Center. This annual one-day business trade show will feature over 40 exhibitors throughout the day and attracts nearly 1,000 attendees. This high energy, compact Business-to-Business and Community Marketing opportunity will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m.

[2017 Business Expo Booth Registration](#)

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## *13th Annual Historical Ghost Walk*



**Event Description:**

Five characters from Johnston County's past will be brought back to life October 26 during the Johnston County Heritage Center's 13th annual Ghost Walk in Smithfield's historic Riverside Cemetery. This unique event, sponsored by the Johnston County Visitors Bureau and presented in conjunction with the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation, will begin at 6:30 pm at the corner of Church and Second streets beside St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The line-up includes several fascinating Johnston County personalities-Clayton native Hubert Banks, a member of the famous Harlem Hellfighters in World War I; Mrs. B. B. Adams of Four Oaks, a World War I Red Cross worker; a naval stores producer; Blanche Mitchener, Selma's pioneering telephone operator; and Dr. Calvin Jones, a Smithfield physician who pioneered the use of the small pox vaccine in North Carolina.

"This is a fun educational event for all ages that a lot of people look forward to," says event chairman Matt Dean. "It's a great way for families to learn about interesting people who are part of the Johnston County story."

Visitors will be given guided tours through the cemetery where they will meet each ghost character. The tour concludes with refreshments at the Hastings House, the home of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation where Confederate generals had their headquarters at the end of the Civil War.

Admission charge is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, payable at the event. No advance tickets will be sold.

For further information, call the Heritage Center at 919-934-2836.

Name: 13th Annual Historical Ghost Walk

Date: October 26, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

[Website: http://www.johnstonnc.com/heritage2/hccontent.cfm?PID=news](http://www.johnstonnc.com/heritage2/hccontent.cfm?PID=news)

# Council Meeting Highlights

October 3, 2017



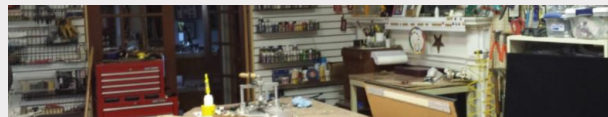
## Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Police Officer Robert Stewart was recognized for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Education and Training Standards Commission.
2. Mayor Moore read a proclamation Honoring Manufacturing Day on October 6, 2017 in the Town of Smithfield.
3. The Town Council adopted Resolution #612 (17-2017); Recognizing October 1-7, 2017 as North Carolina Public Power Week in the Town of Smithfield.
4. The Town Council denied a Conditional Use Permit (CUP-17-08) request by Theron Lee McLamb to construct and operate a recreation vehicle park on land located within a B-3 (business zoning district).
5. The Town Council approved a Special Use Permit (SUP-17-10) request by Johnston Animal Hospital to allow for an animal hospital on property located within B-3 (Business) zoning district.
6. The Town Council approved Ordinance Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).
7. The Town Council approved the Consent Agenda.
8. The Town Council approved the Site Plan of Tires and Wheels Service Shop.
9. The Town Council approved entering into an agreement with Aetna in the to be the provider of an Employee Assistance Program for Town full-time and permanent part-time employees.
10. The Town Council approved allowing the Fire Department to keep Fire Engine 3 to serve as a spare fire engine.

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, November 14, 2017. Come join us and get involved! View Minutes of Past Meetings Here

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## Local Business Spotlight: Memory Lane Frame Studio



We are a custom Picture Framer. We cut mats by computer, cut glass, make frames, resize frames for reuse, minor frame repairs. Shadowboxes our speciality.

We have certain regular hours we are open. I do see customers after hours by appointment only.

Memory Lane Frame Studio  
307 S 3rd St  
Smithfield, North Carolina

Phone: (919) 938-2900

[Facebook](#)

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## Quote Of The Week:

***Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.***

*Helen Keller*



# Smithfield Appearance Commission



Available to anyone who signs up: a gardening newsletter available through NC Cooperative Extension, State University, A&T University called "Gardeners Dirt". Master gardeners, industry & university experts contribute to the article.

To request a copy via email contact: [mhwarren@ncsu.edu](mailto:mhwarren@ncsu.edu). Or [cblassit@ncsu.edu](mailto:cblassit@ncsu.edu)

## Volunteers Needed



Opportunities Available to Serve on a Town Board

- Appearance Commission - 3 Position
- Historic Properties Commission - 3 Position
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - 1 In-Town position and 2 High School Representatives (2 year term)
- Planning Board: 1 ETJ Alternate position

Current Volunteer Town Board Opportunities:

All positions are three year terms, unless otherwise specified. Interested citizens can download an "[Application for Board Appointment](#)" on the [Town's website](#) or you may call Town Clerk Shannan Williams to request one by mail at 919-934-2116.

## Parks & Recreation / SRAC



### Upcoming Events

For more information on the below events without links, please visit: [http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/parks\\_programs](http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/parks_programs)

#### Smithfield - BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Youth Basketball Registration will be September 11th - October 20th, for boys ages 5-15 and girls ages 5-12. (Players age as of December 31, 2017 determines playing age.)

#### Smithfield - Alligator Steps

is offering swim lessons for children 6 months - 10 years of age.

For more information or to register please visit [www.alligatorsteps.com](http://www.alligatorsteps.com).

#### Smithfield - Tadpoles

Moms and dads bring out your little tadpoles and swim in the splash park.

Wednesdays, September - April 25, 2018

#### Smithfield - SRAC Sharks Fall League

Experience competitive swimming in a fun, enjoyable environment that will focus on stroke technique and development.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 26-November 16

#### Smithfield - Smithfield Marlins of Raleigh

To register, or for more information, go to [www.marlinsofraleigh.com](http://www.marlinsofraleigh.com); or contact John Fischetti at [jfischetti@aol.com](mailto:jfischetti@aol.com).

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays - September-November / December-February / March-May

#### Smithfield - Hot Dogs with Dad - Saturday, October 7

Come out and enjoy a hotdog dinner with Dad...as well as big games such as Cornhole, Jenga, Connect 4 and more! Must register at

#### Smithfield - Picture in the Park - Saturday, October 21

#### Smithfield - Doodlebugs - Fridays

Pre-registration required the Wednesday before each class so that accurate supplies are provided.

#### Smithfield - KIDS NIGHT at SRAC - Saturday, October 28; December 2

pre-registration

### Holiday Programs & Events

Smithfield - Ghosts & Pumpkins - Saturday, October 14

Smithfield - Halloween Egg Haunt - Thursday, October 26

Smithfield - Ornament Making Class - Saturday, November 4  
Must Pre-Register by October 30th.

Smithfield - Clay Christmas Tree and Snowman Tiles - Saturday, November 4

Smithfield - Cookie Decorating Class - Saturday, November 18

Smithfield - Swim with Santa - Friday, December 1

Smithfield - The Grinch Stink, Stank, Stunk 5k & Jingle Bell Jog Saturday, December 2  
If you'd like to purchase a t-shirt, you must register by 11/17/17. T-shirts are \$15 each. No extra shirts will be available.

Smithfield - Christmas Tree Lighting - Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm

Smithfield - Christmas Parade - Thursday, December 14, 7:00pm  
Applications due no later than 12/2/17.

Smithfield - JEDI LEGO Camps - December 27-29, 2017

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

Smithfield - STERLING SILVER SENIORS CLUB

Smithfield - Clay Night Out  
Dates: October 6, November 17, December 8

Smithfield - Clay Pendants & Beads - October 14

Smithfield - Beginning Handbuilding and Wheel Throwing Class - Session 3 Thursday nights, November 2 - December 14, 2017

Class is designed for those interested in learning the art of pottery making using handbuilding techniques and an introduction to using the wheel. Through a combination of demonstrations and individual work time, students will develop their pottery skills while making distinctive pieces that they can call their own. During the 6-week class session, students may come in during open studio times to work freely on projects.

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## 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 [southernnc@earthlink.net](mailto:southernnc@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. **Youth Adult Book Club** - Meetings are 6:30pm on the third Monday 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 Katie Barbour at 919-934-8146 ext.3 or email [kbarbour@pljcs.org](mailto:kbarbour@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.

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## Employment Opportunities with the Town of Smithfield

- Part-time Lifeguard(s)
- Police Officer
- Sanitation Equipment Operator
- Sanitation Worker

Applications may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall, 350 East Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577 or by visiting our website at [www.smithfield-nc.com](http://www.smithfield-nc.com). Full Job Advertisements may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall or by visiting our website at [www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs](http://www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs). Full Job Descriptions may be obtained upon request at the Smithfield Town Hall. 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

