



Talk of the Town

July 25, 2018
73rd Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? According to the U.S. Census, the estimated population of the Town of Smithfield is 12,309 as of July 1, 2017.

Important Notice:



Town of Smithfield
Fire Department
111 S. Fourth St. Smithfield, NC 27577
Jeremy Daughtry
Division Chief



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

**A HOUSE at 811 Blount Street
WILL BE BURNED IN A TRAINING EXERCISE
SATURDAY, JULY 28th**

**Blount Street will be CLOSED from Midway to Lee Streets
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

On Saturday, July 28, 2018, we are conducting a live burn training event at 811 Blount Street.

To maintain a safe environment for our personnel to work, we have received approval to **close Blount Street between Midway and Lee streets from approximately 7am until 5pm.** This closure will restrict ***all traffic*** due to hose lines and apparatus. You can detour around Blount Street by turning onto Midway Street, 2nd Avenue, West Street, then back to Lee Street - see map below. For safety reasons and because of equipment on site, residents who live immediately across from the street from the house to be burned may not be able to come and go between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., but all efforts will be made to accommodate residents. **This type of exercise will produce products of combustion such as smoke and ashes. Please take precautions to remove any property such as vehicles that may be affected.**

This road closure has been approved through local ordinances. This event has also been approved through specific procedures required by the NC Division of Air Quality, NC Health Hazards Control Unit, and the Office of State Fire Marshal. Due to the smoke generated by a burning house, **we strongly suggest that you keep your windows and doors closed during the event.**

The Town of Smithfield Fire Department has a training program designed to help our firefighters maintain their skills as well as train new personnel to the State of North Carolina Firefighter II Certification criteria. To do this, we routinely burn vacant houses to simulate true working conditions. Since this is a common practice around the country, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has developed a standard for Fire Department Training Programs dealing with Live Fire training, NFPA 1403. This standard is designed to maintain a safe training environment and is strictly adhered to by the Town of Smithfield Fire Department.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Division Chief Jeremy Daughtry at 919-934-2468 or on his cell, 919-915-3445. Thank you for your cooperation as we better prepare our personnel to handle the variety tasks of an inherently dangerous job.



Ciudad de Smithfield
Departamento de Bomberos
111 Calle Cuarta Sur, Smithfield, NC 27577
Jeremey Daughtry
Jefe de División



AVISO IMPORTANTE A LOS RESIDENTES
LA CASA UBICADA EN EL 811 DE LA CALLE BLOUNT
SERA QUEMADA EN UN EJERCICIO DE ENTRENAMIENTO
EL SÁBADO, 28 de JULIO

La Calle Blount será CERRADA desde la Calle Midway a la Calle Lee entre las 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

El Sábado, 28 de Julio, del 2018, estaremos llevando a cabo un entrenamiento de incendio en vivo en el 811 de la Calle Blount.

Para mantener un entorno seguro para nuestro personal de trabajo, hemos recibido aprobación para cerrar la Calle Blount entre las calles Midway y Lee por aproximadamente entre las 7am hasta las 5pm. Este cierre restringirá todo el tráfico debido a las líneas de manguera y maquinaria utilizada. Usted puede desviar alrededor de la Calle Blount doblando en la calle Midway, a la Segunda Avenida, a la calle Oeste y devuelta a la calle Lee – Favor de mirar el mapa en la parte posterior de esta página. Por razones de seguridad y por el equipo en el sitio, los residentes que vivan inmediatamente al otro lado de la calle de la casa que va ser quemada no van a poder ir y venir por esta calle entre las 7 a.m. y las 5 p.m. pero se harán todos los esfuerzos para acomodar a los residentes. **Este tipo de ejerció va a producir productos de combustión como humo y cenizas. Por favor tome precauciones para remover cualquier propiedad como vehículos que puedan ser afectados.**

Este cierre de carretera ha sido aprobado a través de ordenanzas locales. Este evento también ha sido aprobado a través de procedimientos específicos requeridos por la División de Calidad del Aire de Carolina del Norte, la Unidad de Control de Riesgos de Salud de Carolina del Norte y la Oficina del Mariscal de Bomberos del estado. Debido al humo generado por una casa en llamas, **les sugerimos que mantengan sus ventanas y puertas cerradas durante el evento.**

El Departamento de Bomberos de la ciudad de Smithfield tiene un programa de entrenamiento diseñado para ayudar a nuestros bomberos a mantener sus habilidades, y también a entrenar nuevo personal al criterio de la certificación de Bombero II del Estado de Norte Carolina. Para ello, rutinariamente quemamos viviendas vacantes para simular las condiciones verdaderas de trabajo. Ya que es una práctica común en el país, la Asociación Nacional de Protección de Incendios (NFPA) ha desarrollado un estándar para el Programa de Entrenamiento del Departamento de Bomberos que consiste con entrenamiento con fuego en vivo, NFPA 1403. Este estándar está diseñado para mantener un ambiente de entrenamiento seguro y es estrictamente adherido por el Departamento de Bomberos de la Ciudad de Smithfield.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, puede comunicarse con el Jefe de División Jeremey Daughtry al 919-934-2468 o a su celular al 919-915-3445. Gracias por su colaboración en lo que nosotros preparamos mejor a nuestro personal para manejar la variedad de tareas de un trabajo inherentemente peligroso.

JCPS Names Principal And Assistant Principal Of The Year

Heather Anders, principal of Smithfield Middle School, was selected as the 2018-2019 Principal of the Year for Johnston County Public Schools. Kelly Holland, assistant principal of Glendale-Kenly Elementary School, was selected as the 2018-2019 Assistant Principal of the Year for Johnston County Public Schools.

[Click here to read full story.](#)

courtesy of the:
JOHNSTON COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Smithfield Water Plant Receives Award

The Town of Smithfield Water Plant has received an award from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources. The water plant received the 2017 Area Wide Optimization Award.



The Division of Water Resources honors water treatment plants across the state each year for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards. The Area Wide Optimization Award is part of a state effort to enhance the performance of existing water facilities.

[Click here for more information on this story.](#)

Courtesy of the JOCO Report

Department Highlight: Public Utilities Department

Smithfield's Public Utilities Department operates and maintains the electric distribution system, the water distribution system, water treatment plant, and wastewater collection system. Smithfield is a member of the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Association (NCEMPA) and affiliated with Electricities of North Carolina.



The Public Utilities Department always strives to provide the best service possible. Our electric system reliability is constantly at 99.9%, and when problems do arise, crews respond in minutes. The water distribution and wastewater collection systems are well maintained with adequate capacity.

The Public Utilities Department is located in the Operation's Center at 230 Hospital Road. Office hours are between 8:00 and 5:00 Monday through Friday. For questions about service availability and to report system problems, please call the Operation's Center at 919-934-2798. For questions about bill payments or deposits, please contact Customer Service at 919-934-2116 Extension 1105 or 1113.

[Website](#)

Town of Smithfield Now Offering E-Billing:



Three easy ways to sign up:

Come see Customer Service at Town Hall*Call (919) 934-2116 Ext.1105 or Ext.1113*Or email: utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com

Council Meeting Highlights

July 10, 2018

Regular Meeting Summary:

1. The Town Council accepted a USDA Rural Business Development Grant in the amount of \$99,256 for the Wayfinding Project.
2. Master Police Officer Jordan Cutchins was recognized for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Education and Training Standards Commission.
3. Public Utilities Director Ted Credle and Water Plant Superintendent Dale Boyette were presented with the North Carolina



- Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources award, signifying that the Town of Smithfield Water Plant received the 2017 Area Wide Optimization Award.
4. The Town Council denied Special Use Permit Request SUP 18-07, Baldovinos Event Space.
 5. The Town Council authorized staff to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Housing Rehabilitation and approved Johnston, Harnett, Lee Community Action to serve as the Town's housing selection committee.
 6. The Council tabled a request to approve Resolution #619 (06-2018) Closing a portion of North Second Street.
 7. The Town Council approved the Consent Agenda.
 8. The Town Council approved amending the FY 2018-2019 Fee Schedule due to recent increases by Johnston County for tipping fees for solid waste services and for wastewater treatment.
 9. The Town Council approved amending the FY 2018-2019 Fee Schedule as it related to SRAC rates for Town of Smithfield Employees and Johnston County School Employees. Rates will be reverted back to the FY 2017-2018 rates for these two classifications while staff determines if the SRAC membership could be at no cost to all full-time Town of Smithfield employees.
 10. The Town Council approved entering into an agreement with Envirolink for the purpose of performing an analysis that will be the basis of the beginning of a discussion regarding the implementation of System Development Fees

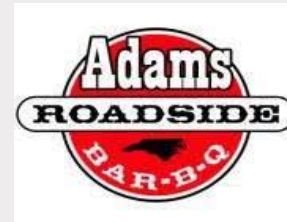
The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Local Business Spotlight: **Adams Roadside Bar-B-Q**

Serving authentic Eastern NC pit cooked BBQ, Texas beef brisket, Memphis Style Baby Back Ribs, Smoked Turkey, and Fried and Bbq Chicken!

Located On :
728 North Brightleaf Blvd.
Smithfield NC, 27577

Phone Number:
919-938-8395



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. Or cblassit@ncsu.edu

Volunteers Needed

Opportunities Available to Serve on a Town Board

- Appearance Commission - 2 Position
- Historic Properties Commission - 2 Position
- Planning Board ETJ Alternate - 1 Position
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 1 In-Town Members



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.



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. **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.

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.

Employment Opportunities With The Town Of Smithfield

- **Marketing and Communications Specialist**
- **Part-time Lifeguard(s)**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Utility Line Mechanic**



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. Full Job Advertisements may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall or by visiting our website at 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

