



## *Talk of the Town*

October 18, 2013  
19th Edition

### *Town Tidbit:*

**Did you know?** Did you know that the Smithfield Public Works department picks up more household waste than any other Johnston County town. We pick up 4,165 residential customers per week. Over 400 tons (800,000 lbs) of household waste is collected per month inside the Smithfield city limits.

### *Friends of the Parks*

Event Raised \$20,000

The Smithfield Friends of the Parks held its annual fundraiser on Thursday October 11 at the SRAC. The 3rd annual event raised approximately \$20,000 which will be given to the Town of Smithfield for support of the SRAC. The event included a great dinner provided by Golden Corral, an auction, and a reverse raffle. A total of \$7,500 was given away as prize money during the event with the big winners of \$1,000 each being: Earl Worley, Shawn Herman, Michael Taylor, Monty McLamb and Norman Johnson. The major sponsors of the event were: Golden Corral, Small World Travel, Mosquito Pros, Carroll Pharmacy, W. Landis Bullock Construction Supply, David Hinton Construction, Dr. Ray Carroll/Cary Orthopedic, Mutual Builders Inc., SSS Spartans, Frank Lee, and Jimmy Hite Associates. The Friends of the Parks group wishes to thank these sponsors and everyone who attended for making the event another huge success.



## "Mad About Ava"

### Another Great Success

The 2013 Ava Gardner Festival brought hundreds of visitors to Downtown Smithfield during the weekend of October 4-6 for a Friday evening gala, heritage tours, new exhibits, and screenings of the movie, THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA (1964). A new feature this year was a Fashion Show on Saturday, showcasing Raleigh designer Danielle Wiggins' fall line of women's fashions inspired by Ava and the Golden Age of Hollywood in the 1950s. While attendance was not as high this year as in previous years, the Ava Gardner Museum was able to raise about \$9,000. Special thanks to the following sponsors who helped make the Festival a success: Smithfield's Chicken 'n Bar-B-Q (Title Sponsor), Smithfield Tourism Marketing Committee, Carolina Packers, Johnston County Visitors Bureau, Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation, Travel Odyssey, Carroll Pharmacy, First Citizens Bank, Judith Keel Trust, Lampe and Malphrus Lumber Company, Interstate Outdoor Advertising, and Sleep Inn and Suites.

(Photo: Local residents Christopher and Jessica Gilmore, who were among the winners of a 1960s dress-up contest at the Mad About Ava Cocktail Party on October 4.)



## SSS Spartan Regiment

### Stellar Performances

The Spartan Regiment will perform in an October 19th competition at Fuquay-Varina High School (instead of in Winston-Salem at BOA as previously scheduled.) Congratulations to the Spartan Regiment on an outstanding performance on October 5th at the Clinton Band Day Competition. The band finished second in their class, received second place awards for all captions, and were second for the day ([Link to performance](#)). Last weekend, on October 12th, they were the Class 3A Overall Champion at the West Johnston Fall Marching Band Invitational ([Link to performance](#)). Go Spartans! ([Link to upcoming competitions](#)).



## Parks & Recreation / SRAC



**SMITHFIELD COMMUNITY PARK HARVEST CRAFT FAIR** - Calling all crafters and artisans! We are getting ready for the holiday season. If you are interested in being a vendor for the craft fair please contact Tiffany Pearson or Kristin Sasser at (919) 934-2148 or [tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com](mailto:tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com) or [ksasser-parks@ncrbiz.com](mailto:ksasser-parks@ncrbiz.com) for an application. The event will be held outside of the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center. Date: Saturday, November 2nd from 9AM-4PM.

**SMITHFIELD PRINCESS TEA PARTY** - Date: Saturday, November 16, 2013, Time: 10-11:30am, Ages: 2-5yrs. Bring your little Princess in for a morning of princess activities, tea drinking and treats! Princesses can come in their favorite princess outfit. Fee: \$15

**SMITHFIELD/SELMA Youth Council** - Smithfield and Selma Parks & Recreation Departments are starting a Youth Council. Looking for an opportunity to be involved in your community? Are you a high school student interested in being a part of a club that takes trips, does rewarding work, and starts the building blocks of your resume? For more information, contact Tiffany Pearson at [tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com](mailto:tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com) or 919-934-2148.

**SMITHFIELD Pottery: Handbuilding Class** - 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: Tuesdays, October 22-November 26, 2013 from 10am-12:30pm and Thursday Nights, October 17, 2013-November 21, 2013 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Fee: \$100-Smithfield Resident or \$125-Smithfield Non-Resident.

**SMITHFIELD CHILD/ADULT POTTERY HANDBUILDING WORKSHOPS** - You will work on one project, start to finish, in a 2hr time frame. Pieces will be glazed by our staff with your glaze choice and will be ready for pick up in about 2 weeks. Come to one class or all! Registration Deadline: Tuesday before each class.

Instructor: Kristin Sasser. Fee: \$15/person. Dates: Fri. Oct. 4, 2013; 6-8pm-Birds/Owls.

**SMITHFIELD KIDS IN NATURE SERIES** - Dates: Every Wednesday, Time: 9:30-10:30am, Ages: 3-5 years (with an adult). This hands on class will focus on one specific theme for the day. Participants will hike, create, experiment and LEARN about the natural world around them. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by the Monday before each class. Minimum 4 students. Fee: \$4.00-Smithfield Resident or \$6.00-Non Smithfield Resident (Fee applies to each child participating).

**SMITHFIELD DOODLEBUGS** - Dates: Every Friday, Time: 9:30-10:15am, Ages: 18 mos-3yrs. Dribble, drip, squish and squeeze. Delight in watching your child as together you get messy while creating and experimenting with different materials. Experiment with dough, pudding, gelatin, crayons, watercolors and more. Watch your young artist blossom! One child per adult please! You can sign up for one class at a time or for a 4 week session. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by the Wednesday before each class so that accurate supplies are provided. Fee: \$5/class or \$19.00/4 classes-Smithfield Resident , \$7/class or \$27.00/4 classes-Smithfield Non Resident.

**SMITHFIELD 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](mailto:tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com).

**SMITHFIELD River Rats Running Club** - The summer has caused routine to go out the window. Join us in reestablishing your routine with running on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM. We are meeting under the large picnic shelter. Looking for all running types and abilities so bring your running goals, come out and meet other people who enjoy running as much as you. Club dues: \$20. This fee includes a T-shirt. For more information or questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148 ext.112, or [tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com](mailto:tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com).

**SMITHFIELD Robotic Legos Workshop** - October 25th - Play-Well TEKnologies: Engineering FUNDamentals with LEGO Workshops: 10/25/13, 10AM-1PM Become a Play-Well Engineer this Fall! With over 100,000 pieces of LEGO®, 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 \$35 per person. For more information, contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-34-2148, ext. 112, or [tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com](mailto: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](#)

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## Around Town

*For fun or to help others in our community*

**Public Information Meeting** - A Public Information Meeting will be held on Monday, October 28 at 7 PM, to discuss the Town of Smithfield applying for a NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant to help with the "Partnership to Build a Miracle" project at Smithfield Community Park. The meeting, which will be held at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center, will be a public forum to view plans, ask questions and give comments on this project. The project entails the building of an accessible youth baseball field and an inclusion playground at Smithfield Community Park, both of which will serve the children in our community of varying abilities. The public is encouraged to attend, make comment, and learn more about the project. The meeting will be hosted by Smithfield Parks & Recreation and "The Partnership to Build a Miracle" Committee.

**Halloween** - Trick or Treating throughout the Town of Smithfield will be on Thursday, October 31st beginning after school and continuing until 8pm.

**Veteran's Day - Sanitation Schedule** - Household waste and yard debris collections for Monday, November 11, 2013 will be collected on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. All other customers will have their household waste and yard debris collected on their regular scheduled day. Please have your curbside container and or all debris at curbside after 5:00pm on the day before your collection day. All curbside containers must be removed from curbside no later than 8:00am on the day after collection.

**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](mailto:mpaty@pljcs.org).

**Operation Helping Hand** - Many of our citizens have fallen on tough times. Some have medical problems, are elderly or just can't financially put the pieces together. Some can't cut their grass, need minor help with construction and repairs or just need a hand hauling limbs and debris away from their home. If your church or civic organization is looking to lend a hand, our community could use a hand and would certainly appreciate it. If you or your organization is interested, please contact Brent Reck at 919-934-2116 or email at [brent.reck@smithfield-nc.com](mailto:brent.reck@smithfield-nc.com).

**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*

October 01, 2013



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Recognized Sergeant David Tyndall for obtaining the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification.
2. Received the Appearance Commission Annual Report.
3. Approved ANX-12-01 Julian Marshall.
4. Approved RZ-13-04 - Family Media Group, LLC.
5. Moved Consent Agenda Items 4 and 5 to Business Items (items 7 & 8 respectively). Approved remaining Consent Agenda.
6. Approved Special Event - Larry W Barnes on behalf of the Sudan Shriners.
7. Considered and approved an Agreement with Neuse Charter School to provide School Resource Officer services.
8. Considered and approved a Police Department Budget Amendment.
9. Considered and approved certification pay increases for two Police Officers.
10. Received update on the treatment of sludge at the Water Plant. Approved to proceed with recommended procedures and continue to explore alternatives.
11. Received update regarding Piedmont Natural Gas survey progress.
12. Approved Parks and Recreation Department to hire a part-time fitness instructor and two lifeguards.
13. Considered and approved Resolution #535 (22-2013).

The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th, beginning at 7:30pm as to avoid conflicts with Elections on Tuesday, November 5th. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

## *Employment Opportunities*

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Police Officer I**
- **Water Plant Operator/Trainee**

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](http://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  
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