



Talk of the Town

February 8, 2016
44th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The Smithfield Police Department received and responded to 21,821 calls for service during the 2015 calendar year. This number was down 5,235 from the previous year.

D.O.T. Board Approves Deputy Paul West Bridge Naming



The U.S. 70 Business/Market Street Bridge in Downtown Smithfield will soon be named in memory of a local hero who devoted his career to the communities of Smithfield and Johnston County.

At their January meeting, the N.C. Board of Transportation approved the naming of the bridge over the Neuse River as the Deputy C. Paul West Sr. Bridge in honor of the late Johnston County Sheriff's deputy. West's sister, Angie attended the board meeting along with former Board of Transportation Member Durwood Stephenson.

West was a graduate of Smithfield-Selma High School, joined the United States Marine Corps and after an honorable discharge returned to Johnston County where he later became a deputy with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office.

In addition to his work, West spent countless hours working in his community to support the youth through coaching and volunteering.

On September 11, 1995, West was fatally wounded in the line of duty. He left behind a wife and two sons. The Johnston County Board of Commissioners and the Smithfield Town Council requested the bridge be named in honor of West.

A ceremony to officially name the bridge over the Neuse River as the Deputy C. Paul West Sr. Bridge will be scheduled for later this year.

Courtesy of <http://www.jocoreport.com/>

Thank You

Thank you to the Smithfield Public Utilities Department for the superior job done in managing the recent ice storms.

Town of Smithfield electrical customers experienced fewer and shorter outages than surrounding areas thanks to the efforts and expertise of our electrical crews. Thank you also to the Smithfield Public Works, Police and Fire departments for their extra hours and commitment to excellent service.



Smithfield Selma Chamber Recognizes Local Citizens



The Greater Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce held its 46th Annual Meeting on Monday, January 25th where it recognized a number of outstanding local citizens.

The following awards were presented:

Citizen of the Year - Rep. Leo Daughtry of Smithfield, who will be completing a 28 year career in the North Carolina General Assembly in 2016

Distinguished Citizens (two) for long-time service to the community - Mike Parrish of Selma, and owner of Parrish Funeral Home and Kim Mitchell McCullers, owner of Mitchell Temporary Services in Smithfield.

Chamber Athena Award, for support of women in business and the professions - Doris Huebner, owner/operator of several McDonald's franchises in Johnston County.

Jimmy Creech Small Business Persons of the Year - Daniel and Vickie Evans, Evans Jewelers, who recently renovated a building in downtown Smithfield for its new store. Mr. Evans is a former mayor of Smithfield.

Life Membership - Phil Taylor, who recently retired after a 32 year career in the financial services business, most recently with Raymond James.

Past Chair's Plaque - Crystal Roberts, who served as the Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors in 2015.

The Chamber also recognized its Ambassadors, Chamber Champion Sponsors and Board of Directors.

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Town of Smithfield Welcomes Public Utilities Director



Town of Smithfield has announced the hiring of Walter "Ted" Credle as Public Utilities Director.

Mr. Credle has nearly 30 years of progressively responsible work in public water and sewer systems. He has previously worked for several private and public agencies including Durham County, where he served as Project

Manager. In this capacity, Mr. Credle created and managed a budget of \$14M worth of design, construction and administration. He is a Professional Engineer in the State of North Carolina and earned both a Bachelor and Master of Science from NC State University in the fields of Nuclear/Civil Engineering.

Mr. Credle will report directly to Interim Town Manager Jim Freeman. "We're excited to welcome Mr. Credle to our Town of Smithfield team," comments Mr. Freeman. "We believe he will be a great asset to the Utility Department and the Town as a whole."

Mr. Credle, who will officially begin his full-time duties with the Town of Smithfield on February 22nd, states, "I am excited for this opportunity. I am looking forward to getting to know, and serve, the citizens and customers of the Town of Smithfield."

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Baseball is underway until February 12th for boys ages 7-14. (Age as of 5/1/16 determines playing age.) Practices will begin late March with games beginning in April. Fee is \$35 for Town of Smithfield Residents and \$77 for Non-Residents. Forms available in lobby of SRAC.

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Girls Softball is underway until February 12th for girls ages 7-12. (Age as of 1/1/16 determines playing age.) Practices will begin in April. Fee is \$35 for Town of Smithfield Residents and \$77 for Non-Residents. Forms available in lobby of SRAC.

T-BALL REGISTRATION

Registration begins February 15th and runs until March 11th for boys and girls ages 5-6. (Players must be 5 years old as of 5/1/16.) Practices will begin in April. Fee is \$30 for Town of Smithfield Residents and \$66 for Non-Residents.

KINDER BASKETBALL

Registration begins February 8th and runs until March 4th for boys and girls ages 3-4. Our Kinder programs only meet 4 times, and it is basically an introduction to the sport of basketball. We will have two sessions per night - Session 1 from 6pm-6:45pm; and Session 2 from 6:50-7:35pm. Each session can take 15 kids. Actual play dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3/8, 3/10, 3/15 and 3/17. Fee is \$20 for Town of Smithfield Residents and \$44 for Non-Residents.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Registration begins February 8th and runs until March 7th. Due to budget restraints and field availability, we can only accept the first 24 teams that register. To be registered, a team must turn in the Team Registration form and pay the fee. Due to limited space, spots can not be held. A coach's meeting will be held the last week of March and league play will begin in April. Teams should expect to play two games per week, on Mondays, Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. For more information, call 934-2148, or pick up a packet at SRAC. Registration fee per team is \$475.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads and your girls (ages 3-14) ... time to register for our Daddy-Daughter Dance on February 20th. Registrations must be made by February 17th. The Dance begins at 7:30pm and goes until 10:00pm. Come enjoy the music, dancing, pictures and Appetizers! Fees are \$45 per couple / Smithfield Residents; \$50 per couple / Non-Smithfield Residents. There is an additional \$5 charge for each additional daughter. Registration forms available in lobby of SRAC, or on Town's website at www.smithfield-nc.com.

ST. PADDY'S DAY POOL PARTY

SRAC will be charging ½ off day passes from 5-8pm on Friday, March 18th in honor of St. Paddy! So bring your bathing suit and come help look for pesky little leprechauns, and enjoy green snacks!!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter comes early this year, so mark your calendars for Sunday, March 20th. The Easter Bunny will be at Smithfield Community Park that day, 3:00pm, near the Soccer Fields/Small Playground area. Come hunt for Easter Eggs!! Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place egg collectors! Everyone will receive a little something from the Easter Bunny! Bring your Easter Basket, and don't be late!!!

ENGINEERING WITH LEGO SPRING BREAK CAMPS

SRAC will be offering LEGO camps during Spring Break - March 30th- April 1st. Join us and defeat the empire by designing and refining LEGO X-Wings, R2-units, and settlements on far-flung edges of the galaxy. Use your imagination and engineering skills to create motorized and architectural projects such as energy catapults, shield generators and defense turrets. Registration for Lego camps are online. Register at www.play-well.org. Morning Session (Jedi Engineering) is from 9am-12pm, for Ages 5-7 - Register at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/49541>. Afternoon Session (Jedi Master Engineering) is from 1pm-4pm, for Ages 8-12 - Register at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/49543>. Camp will be held at SRAC, in the Banquet Room. A snack will be provided each day. If your child has specific allergies, please note at time of registration. For questions contact Tiffany at 919-934-2148. Cost is \$90.

MOM & SON NIGHT

Moms and Sons... sign up now for a night of fun on April 30th, from 7-9:30pm. Join us for music, games, an obstacle course, slide, bounce house, etc.! Wear your favorite team jersey and support their team! Loads of fun for everyone! Cost is \$25 per couple/Resident; and \$40 per couple/Non-Resident, with extra \$5/per additional boy. Registration deadline is April 20th - and there is a minimum of 40 pairs for this event to make!

TEA FOR TWO

This event is for Mothers and Daughters...or any of the special ladies to honor one another! Registrations due by May 2nd. Tea is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, 10:00am. Fee is \$20 - Smithfield Resident, and \$30 - Non-Smithfield Resident. There is an additional \$5 per each additional child. We will be serving tea and lemonade, a selection of pastries and finger foods. Minimum of 10 people. For questions contact Tiffany at 919-

934-2148.

SRAC SUMMER CAMP

It's not too early to start thinking about where your children will go this summer and what they'll be doing... Registration for SRAC Summer Camps for kids ages 5-12 begins in May. Camp weeks are as follows: June 13-17; June 20-24; June 28-July 1; July 5-8; July 11-15; July 18-22; July 25-29; August 1-5; and August 8-12. Register for one week or all of them! Registration forms will be available in the lobby of SRAC. Children will be responsible for bringing their lunch, 2 snacks, drinks, and a bathing suit. Please inquire at front desk of SRAC. Regular camp hours are 8:30am until 4:30pm. Remember - space is limited, so sign up April 1st! Camp fees are \$100 for Smithfield Residents and \$137.50 for Non-Smithfield Residents. Early drop off and late pick up are available for an additional fee. For questions contact 919-934-1408.

SRAC LEGO CAMP

SRAC will be offering two LEGO camps this summer - July 11th-15, and August 1st-5th! Registration for Lego camps are online. Register at www.playwell.org. Morning Session is from 9am-12pm, for Ages 5-7. Afternoon Session is from 1pm-4pm, for Ages 8-12. Camp will be held at SRAC, in the Banquet Room. A snack will be provided each day. If your child has specific allergies, please note at time of registration. For questions contact Tiffany at 919-934-2148.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASSES

SRAC will be offering American Red Cross Lifeguard Training again this spring. You must be at least 15 years of age in order to take the class. You must also pass a Pre-Course Swim Test in order to continue in the course. You must also attend 100% of the classes in your session, and you can't mix sessions. Registration fee is \$200 / Town of Smithfield Residents and \$225 / Non-Smithfield Residents. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is due with your application. If you pass the Pre-Course swim test, then this will be applied to your balance for the course. Upon passing Pre-Course Swim, remainder balance for class due in full at the first class. Pre-Test Swim includes the following: 1) A 300 yard swim with rhythmic breathing and breath control. You may use the following strokes all or in combination: freestyle and breaststroke. You may NOT swim on your back. 2) You must tread water for 2 minutes using only your legs, with your hands placed under your armpits. 3) You must swim 20 yards to retrieve a brick in 9 feet of water, then swim the brick back 20 yards to the wall, using only your legs. All this must be done in a time limit under 1 minute and 40 seconds. You may NOT use goggles for #2 and #3. YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE IN THE CLASS.

Available Class Dates are:

First Session: Sunday, February 21, 2-4pm; Friday, February 26, 3-8pm; Saturday, February 27, 9am-6pm; and Sunday, February 28, 1-7pm.

Second Session: Sunday, March 13, 2-4pm; Friday, March 18, 3-8pm; Saturday, March 19, 9am-6pm; and Sunday, March 20, 1-7pm.

Third Session: Sunday, April 17, 2-4pm; Friday, April 23, 3-8pm; Saturday, April 24, 9am-6pm; and Sunday, April 25, 1-7pm.

Fourth Session: Monday, May 9, 5-7pm; Friday, May 13, 3-8pm; Saturday, May 14, 9am-6pm; and Sunday, May 15, 1-7pm.

Class sizes are limited, so sign up early.

For more information, contact Aquatics Supervisor Laura Crumpler at 919-934-1408.

SMITHFIELD TADPOLES

Come to SRAC on Wednesday mornings, 10am-Noon, and bring your little "tadpoles" to SRAC Splash Park. Resident rate is Adult Smithfield Resident: \$3, and \$2 Resident Child (Ages 3-12); Adult Non-Resident: \$5.50, and \$4 Non-Resident Child (Ages 3-12). Each additional child \$3. Questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148, ext 107.

ALLIGATOR STEPS

It's not too early to help develop happy and confident swimmers... Parents and Toddlers, join us for Alligator Steps, our Parent/Tot 30 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of splash pool play! This program is for children ages 6 mos. - 3 years, and meets every Monday @ 9:30am. Fee is \$10/per lesson. For more information contact 919-397-3158 or www.AlligatorSteps.com.

SENIOR COFFEE CORNER

Senior Coffee Corner is back at SRAC for the Fall ya'll! If you are 55 and older, join us for FREE coffee and occasional breakfast treats every Tuesday and Thursday morning, from 8:30 to 10:30am. You do not have to be a member of SRAC to join us for coffee these mornings.

SWIM LESSONS

SRAC offers swim lessons on an individual basis. Each participant will have a specific lesson plan to meet his or her needs. Sign up year round. Request forms can be picked up at the front desk of SRAC. For more information, please contact Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Director, at lcumpler@ncrbiz.com or 919-934-1408. 3 Lessons/Smithfield Residents - \$45; NR - \$71.50. 5 Lessons/Smithfield Residents - \$85; NR - \$121.

STERLING SILVER SENIORS CLUB

This Club meets the second Wednesday of every month, 10:30am at SRAC. Club members have the opportunity to go on day trips, occasionally overnight trips, as well as participate in other activities outside of regular meeting days. Members must be 55+, and dues are \$12/year.

DOODLEBUGS

Dribble, drip, squish and squeeze... delight as you watch you and your child get messy 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 the time or for a 4-week session. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE EACH CLASS so that accurate supplies are provided. Fee is \$5/Class or \$19/4 Classes - Smithfield Resident; and \$8/Class or \$30/4 Classes - Non-Smithfield Residents.

SRAC KIDS NIGHTS

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, from 5:30-8:30pm, for kids ages 5-10. Fee is \$8/Smithfield Resident (pre-registration); \$13.50/Non-Smithfield Resident (pre-registration). \$5/Each additional child during pre-registration. \$10/Smithfield Resident (Register day or night of); and \$16.50/Non-Smithfield Resident (Register day or night of).

Dates:

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Saturday, June 4, 2016

OPEN ART STUDIO

This art studio is ongoing. Anyone may join at any time. This is not a class where everyone paints with the instructor but is a diverse group with a variety of art projects going on at any time. Participants bring the projects on which they are working and use this time to collaborate with peers,

show what they have been doing, get critiques, get help with a problem they've encountered, get inspiration, and learn about new techniques from other participants, etc. Media that can be used include any water based materials and oils if you use odorless products. The facilitator for the group is Judy Boyette, who taught art in public schools for 37 years and is president of the Johnston County Arts Council. She paints murals, charcoal portraits, does drawing and book illustrating. Come by and visit and check out the studio! We meet in the multi-purpose room!

Time: Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30AM

Wednesday Evenings, 6:00-8:00PM

Fee: \$100/6 months

SRAC GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Free fitness classes are offered to SRAC members throughout the week. Water Aerobics, Cycling, Hybrid Fitness, Tai Chi, Yoga and Zumba are available. The schedule is distributed monthly and can be picked up in the SRAC lobby, or viewed online at www.sraconline.com. If you are NOT a member of SRAC, but wish to attend a fitness class, you may purchase a day pass.

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

February 2, 2016



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Mayor Moore administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Tyler Hayes.
2. Planning Director Paul Emblar gave the Council an update on the proposed buffer between the Pine Acres Subdivision and the Smithfield Crossings Project. A committee of Councilmembers, residents and staff was formed to find a solution to the issue.
3. Approved a Conditional Use Permit request by Caliber Development, Inc. (CUP- 15-06)
4. Keith Branch spoke to the Council regarding his candidacy for Johnston County Commissioner.
5. Approved the Consent Agenda.
6. Approved a Water/ Sewer Rate Study with the Wooten Company
7. Approved a bid award to GE Prolec for the purchase and installation of (1) 30-MVA LTC transformer as the second transformer at the Brogden Road Substation.
8. Planning Director Paul Emblar gave an update to the Council on the Planning Board's revision to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Council approved hiring Holland Consulting Planners to assist the Town with final revision to the UDO.
9. Council chose to table a decision on allocating the Downtown Revitalization State Grant Application Funds until the March 1st meeting.
10. Council chose to allow the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to negotiate with BB&T \$25,000 for the Family Life Center building only if the Town could obtain a clear title (free of liens) to the building.

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, March 1st.** Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Police Officer I**
- **Licensed Water Plant Operator**
- **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.

Online Bill Pay Now Available

Smithfield utility customers may now pay their bill online via the Town's website (www.smithfield-nc.com) or by calling 1-855-331-7952. The town accepts Visa and MasterCard credit/debit cards or checks.



There is a nominal transaction fee of \$2.45 and payments are limited to \$700 or less. When entering your Town of Smithfield account number, please remove the decimal. Example: Account number 23001234.0091 should be entered as 230012340091

Customers can still take advantage of other payment options, including, bank draft, the afterhours drop box, walk in, and mail.