



Talk of the Town

June 15, 2016
48th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. The Centers for Disease Control recommends you put on broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 before you go outside, even on slightly cloudy or cool days.

Industry Event Showcases Johnston County

"Racing For Recruitment" introduces Johnston County to potential employers and shows appreciation to existing industries.

To showcase all that Johnston County has to offer potential employers, county officials took industry leaders, economic development officials and invited guests for a ride last week - a fast, thrilling ride at the new GALOT Motorsports Park in Benson.

The "Racing for Recruitment" event attracted more than 175 industry representatives and invited guests, including representatives from the NC Department of Commerce, state and local officials, and other economic development dignitaries. Representatives from construction, retail, hotel, foodservice and manufacturing industries were on hand, including officials with companies such as Caterpillar, Lowes and McDonalds.

The event provided an inside look at the county's state-of-the-art racetrack. With luxury boxes and a seating capacity of more than 9,000, there is no other racing complex like it in North Carolina or on the East Coast.

Guests had the opportunity to see, touch and smell racing up close and personal at the NHRA track that regularly hosts regional drag racing events. Adrenaline junkies had the opportunity to "ride along" in high performance race cars with professional drivers - an exhilarating ride that left many visitors raving about Johnston County.

"This was an excellent opportunity for Johnston County to express our appreciation to existing industries and allow them to showcase our community to clients and potential customers who we'd like to bring here," said Chris Johnson, director of the Johnston County Office of Economic Development. "



The industry appreciation event was hosted by Johnston County, its local towns and Chambers of Commerce, and industry partners including ElectriCities of North Carolina and Duke Energy.

"This was a remarkable event that left industry representatives and economic development professionals with a very positive impression of Johnston County," said Brenda Daniels, Economic Development Manager at ElectriCities of North Carolina. "I've been to industry appreciation events across the state and this was one of the most memorable events ever."

About The Johnston County Economic Development Office

The Johnston County Economic Development Office (JCEDO) facilitates value-added interaction between government, education and the private sector in encouraging and promoting job creation and economic investment in Johnston County. A unit of county government, JCEDO collaborates with local, regional and statewide partners and allies in providing confidential location assistance to businesses and technical support to the county's 11 municipalities. Its menu of services includes customized digital mapping, labor and wage analysis, site readiness assistance and incentive packaging. For additional information, visit www.jnced.com.

Courtesy of [The Greater Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

First Third On Third Concert Of The Season This Friday



With great entertainment for the 2016 Third on Third Summer Concert Series, we hope that you will join us for some fun Friday nights of dancing in the street on June 17, September 16, and October 21! Held at the corner of Third and Johnston streets, the concerts will last from 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

First up, on Friday, June 17, is Nash Vegas. Widely known as one of the highest energy, high impact bands in North Carolina, Nash Vegas consists of talented and motivated, well-seasoned and extremely passionate artists. Their sole purpose is for each audience to experience the back woods of real country, the entertainment of Vegas in today's hits and the soul behind classic rock. Nash Vegas throws down a genuine, set in over-drive, feel good, hardcore show every time they step on stage.

We'll take a break from the heat of July and August, and return with The Justin Kyle Band on Friday, September 16. With soulful singing, grooving bass, drums, and rocking guitar, they have captured audiences of all ages. The Justin Kyle Band takes pride in having a superb sound quality, professional attitude, and a great family atmosphere.

Closing the series on Friday, October 21 is The Rhythm Express. Comprised of seasoned musicians with more than twenty years of experience, The Rhythm Express plays a variety of music, including Motown, R&B, Soul, Beach, Blues, and Classic R&B. Come early and have dinner at Bistro On Third, The Chicken Barn, Gotham's Deli, Mucho Mexico, or Simple Twist, get some ice cream from Country Folks Creamery, take a free carriage ride from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., catch a movie at the Howell Theatre, participate in the Ava Gardner Museum's free wine tasting from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., end the night with drinks at the Little Brown Jug, and enjoy Downtown Smithfield!

Courtesy of www.downtownsmithfield.com

Weekend Traffic Likely To Be Heavy

Traffic in Smithfield this coming weekend promises to be a little harder than usual to navigate.

For starters, the fourth annual Endless Yard Sale will bring increased traffic to U.S. 301 in Johnston County from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Also, from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, the 3 Little Pigs Triathlon will affect traffic around the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center. Here's what drivers need to know:

Booker Dairy Road will be closed to traffic from Smithfield-Selma High School to Buffalo Road.

Eastbound traffic on Booker Dairy Road Extension will be allowed only to turn right onto Buffalo Road. Northbound traffic on Buffalo Road will be allowed only to turn left onto Booker Dairy Road Extension.

Courtesy of [The Smithfield Herald](#)



Mosquito Prevention and Protection

Always Remember the 3 D's of Protection from Mosquitoes:

DRAIN:

Many mosquito problems in your neighborhood are likely to come from water-filled containers that you, the resident, can help to eliminate. All mosquitoes require water in which to breed. Be sure to drain any standing water around your house.

- Dispose of any tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers.
- Clear roof gutters of debris.
- Clean pet water dishes regularly.
- Check and empty children's toys.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
- Canoes and other boats should be turned over.
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers.
- Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles.



- Plug tree holes.
- Even the smallest of containers that can collect water can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes. They don't need much water to lay their eggs. (bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage can lids, etc.)

DRESS:

Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing. Studies have shown that some of the 174 mosquito species in the United States are more attracted to dark clothing and most can readily bite through tight-fitting clothing of loose weave. When practical, wear long sleeves and pants.

DEFEND:

Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Registered products have been reviewed, approved, and pose minimal risk for human safety when used according to label directions. Three repellents that are approved and recommended are:

- DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methane 3,8-diol, or PMD)

Courtesy of www.mosquito.org

Smithfield's
**Independence
 Celebration**
 Sunday, July 3
 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 S. Third Street
 Music by The Main Event Band

Food - Fun - Games
Fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

DowntownSmithfield.com
[DowntownSmithfield](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownSmithfield)
[DTSmithfield](https://twitter.com/DTSmithfield)
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Parks & Recreation / SRAC



SMITHFIELD - SRAC Summer Camp

Dates: June 13-17, June 20-24,
 June 27-July 1, July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29,
 Aug. 1-5, Aug. 8-12

Time: 8:30AM-4:30PM
 7:30AM-early drop off
 5:30PM-late pick up

Ages: 5-12yrs

Art, swimming, sports, and outdoor fun are just some of the activities your child will be involved in! Space is limited!
 Registration begins April 1, 2016. Children will be responsible for bringing their lunch, 2 snacks, a swimsuit and towel.

Fee: \$100-Smithfield Resident \$137.50-Non-Smithfield Resident
Early drop off/late pick up: Additional \$25/week.

SMITHFIELD - NETWORKS BASKETBALL BOOT CAMP

Dates: Tuesdays / Beginning June 14th until August 9th.
(Will NOT meet week of July 4th)
Ages: Elementary (Entering Grades 2nd - 5th)
Middle School (Entering Grades 6th - 8th)
High School (Entering Grades 9th - 12th)
Time: 6:30-8PM
Fee: \$150.00
Location: Smithfield Middle School Gym
Register at www.networksbasketball.com.

SMITHFIELD - Basketball Camp

Dates: June 20-23
Ages: 7-14 yrs.
Time: 9-Noon
Fee: \$40.00 (Make checks payable to James Robinson)
Location: SRAC Gym
James Robinson is a former HS & MS Coach. Other area coaches and high school players will assist.

SMITHFIELD - TENNIS CAMPS

Dates: June 27-29
Ages: 5-7 yrs. Time: 6-7PM
Fee: \$30.00 (Make checks payable to Jimmy Jernigan)
AND
Ages: 8-14 yrs. Time: 7-8:30PM
Fee: \$50.00 (Make checks payable to Jimmy Jernigan)
Location: Smithfield Community Park Tennis Courts
Jimmy has coached Tennis for 30 years.
There is a minimum for each to make.

SMITHFIELD - SPARTANS BASEBALL CAMP

Dates: June 27-30
Ages: 7-14 yrs.
Time: 9-Noon
Fee: \$50.00 (Make checks payable to Mike Sliger)
Location: SSS Football Field
Mike Sliger is the Baseball Coach at SSS. (10 Kid Minimum Required for Camp to Make.)

SMITHFIELD - VOLLEYBALL Camp

Dates: June 29-July 1
Girls Ages: 8-14 yrs.
Time: 8-Noon
Fee: \$60.00 (Make checks payable to Kim Smith)
Location: SRAC Gym
Kim Smith is a former HS Coach and Clemson player.

SMITHFIELD - SPARTANS BASKETBALL CAMP

Dates: July 11-15
Ages: Upcoming Grades 3rd through 8th
Time: 9AM-1PM
Fee: \$40.00 (Make checks payable to Matt Cuddington)
Location: SRAC Gym
Matt Cuddington is the Basketball Coach at SSS.

SMITHFIELD - SPARTANS TENNIS CAMP

Dates: July 11-15
Ages: 5-10 yrs. Time: 6-7PM
AND
Ages: 11-16 yrs. Time: 7-8PM
Fee: \$40.00 (Make checks payable to James Reid)
Location: SSS Tennis Courts
James Reid is SSS Tennis Coach.
There is a minimum for each to make.

SMITHFIELD - Soccer Camp

Dates: July 18-21
Ages: 5-14 yrs.
Time: 8:30-11AM
Fee \$50.00 (Make checks payable to Steve Brush)
Location: Smithfield Community Park Soccer Fields
Steve Brush, USSF Nat. D & NSCAA National Coaching Diploma, and will be assisted by Morgan Brush and Amber Brush, former Barton College players.

SMITHFIELD - YOUNG REMBRANDTS SUMMER DRAWING CAMP

Dates: July 25-29

Theme - Creatures of the Rain Forest

Ages: 5-7 yrs. Time: 9-10AM

Ages: 8-13 yrs. Time: 10-11AM

Fee: \$75.00

Location: SRAC

Learn to draw snakes, jaguars, toucans and more.

Register online at www.youngrembrandts.com/raleigh.

SMITHFIELD - YOUNG REMBRANDTS SUMMER DRAWING CAMP

Dates: August 8-12

Theme - Southwestern

Ages: 5-7 yrs. Time: 9-10AM

Ages: 8-13 yrs. Time: 10-11AM

Fee: \$75.00

Location: SRAC

Learn to draw a cactus, flowers, kokopelli, native American basketry, jeweled skill and pueblo.

Register online at www.youngrembrandts.com/raleigh.

SMITHFIELD - PLAY WELL LEGO SUMMER CAMPS

Dream it - Build it - Wreck it - Repeat!!! Dive into LEGOS, and build elaborate objects, structures and/or vehicles, as you explore fundamental principles of engineering and physics! Get extra inspiration from specially trained instructors!! The camp is offered at SRAC for two age groups as follows:

For 5 - 7 Year Olds:

Construction Vehicles & Machines

July 11th - 15th

9am - Noon

Cost \$150

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/49070>

Jedi Engineering

August 1st - 5th

9am - Noon

Cost \$150

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/49072>

For 8 - 12 Year Olds:

Bashem Bots

July 11th - 15th

1 - 4pm

Cost \$150

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/49071>

Jedi Master Engineering

8 - 12 Year Olds

August 1st - 5th

1 - 4pm

Cost \$150

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/49073>

SMITHFIELD - FREE TENNIS CLINICS

Come join James Reid, SSS Tennis Coach and learn the rules, fundamentals, scoring and get a basic overview of the game of tennis...

- Free Tennis Clinic for Ages 5-16 - Saturday, June 11th, at Smith Collins Park Tennis Courts, (502 MLK Dr.), from 9-10:30AM; and
- Free Family Day Tennis Clinic - Saturday, July 9th, at Smithfield Community Park (600 Booker Dairy Rd.), from 9-10:30AM.

There will be some tennis racquets available to borrow.

SMITHFIELD - WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

The 28th Annual State Wiffle Ball Tournament will be held July 16th and 17th at Smithfield Community Park Soccer Fields. For more information, call Jeff Davis at 919-915-2280 or go to the official website at <http://ncwiffleball.weebly.com>. July is National Parks & Recreation Month...

Help us celebrate with a Pool Luau on Friday, July 29th, from 5-8pm. Beginning at 5:00 pm, we will be discounting day passes to ½ off. Come enjoy the pool, the Wibit, punch and a "no hands" watermelon eating contest. Come enjoy the fun! For more information, please contact Tiffany Pearson or Laura Crumpler at SRAC.

SMITHFIELD - FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Red Devil Football registration will be June 13th - July 15th. Once again we will be playing in the Johnston County Youth Football League. Groups will be broken down as follows:

Rookie - Ages 7-8; J.V. - Ages 9-10; and Varsity - Ages 11-12. The child's age as of 8/1/16 determines playing age. The cost is \$40 for Smithfield residents and \$88 for non-residents. Games will be played in the fall on some Saturday mornings, and some weeknights, beginning in September. Practices will begin in early August.

SMITHFIELD - RED DEVIL CHEERLEADING

We offer Red Devil Cheerleading for girls between the ages of 5-12. The only time Cheerleading is offered is during football season. Registration begins in mid-June, with practices beginning in August. (Uniform cost should be around

\$50, which you purchase and keep.) Registration is \$25 for Smithfield residents and \$55 for non-residents.

SMITHFIELD - FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Fall Soccer registration will be July 11th - August 12th, for boys and girls ages 5-12. (Players must be 5 years old as of 8/1/16.) The cost is \$35 for Smithfield residents and \$77 for non-residents.

SMITHFIELD - GIRLS FALL VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for girls volleyball will be July 11th - August 12th for girls ages 9-14. The cost is \$35 for Smithfield residents and \$77 for non-residents. (The girls age as of 10/15/16 determines playing age.) Practices will begin mid-September with games beginning around the end of September. The season should wrap up around November 1st.

SMITHFIELD - MENS OPEN LEAGUE SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration will be July 11th - August 19th for Men's Open League Softball. The fee is \$475.00 per team. (The maximum number of teams is 12.) The registration fee must be paid before the season begins to be put on the schedule. Play will begin after Labor Day.

SMITHFIELD - KINDER SOCCER

Kinder Soccer registration will be August 1st - 19th, with playing dates scheduled in September. (All our Kinder programs are for 3-4 year olds.) They will meet and play 4 times in September. As of right now, those dates are not set. The cost is \$20 for Smithfield residents and \$44 for non-residents.

SMITHFIELD - BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Youth Basketball Registration will be September 12th - October 21st, for boys ages 5-15 and girls ages 5-12. (Players must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2016.) The cost is \$40 for Smithfield residents and \$88 for non-residents. Practices will begin mid-November with games beginning in December.

SMITHFIELD - Pickleball

Beginning mid-June, Pickleball will be offered at SRAC on Fridays only, from 10:30am-12:30pm. 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 107.

SMITHFIELD - STERLING SILVER SENIORS CLUB

All 55 and older adults are welcome.

Meet 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM

Fee: \$12/year dues (plus money for trips that you wish to take)

We are a club that takes trips together, fellowships together, and has fun doing different activities and crafts throughout the year. If interested in joining or if you have questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148 x107.

SMITHFIELD - SENIOR COFFEE CORNER

Join us at SRAC on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, between 8:30-10:30am for a FREE cup of coffee for adults 55 and over. There will be occasional breakfast treats and brain teasers. You do not have to be a member of SRAC to hang out with your friends, read the paper, and enjoy a cup-a-joe! Coffee Corner will continue through the end of May, take the summer off, and resume in the fall. Questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148 x107.

SMITHFIELD - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Join us Saturday mornings in July (9th, 16th, 23rd) from 9:30-11:30am, as we gear up for Christmas! We will be Christmas crafting and food decorating, so when Christmas comes, you will be ready!!

Smithfield Residents: \$10/per Saturday. Non-Residents: \$15/per Saturday.

Minimum of 10 required for each Saturday. Registrations due by the Wednesday before each class.

SMITHFIELD - SOCCER REFEREE CLINIC

If you are 15 years of age or older, and are interested in refereeing Recreational Soccer for the Johnston County Athletic Association (JCAA) County Soccer League, come attend our Clinic on Sunday, September 11th, at 2pm, at Smithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center. There is no cost to attend the Clinic, and light refreshments will be provided.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SMITHFIELD - Fourth of July Celebration - Sunday, July 3rd

Before the fireworks begin, come enjoy crafts, relays, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, hula hoops, face painting, etc.! Activities begin around 6:30pm, with Fireworks at 9pm.

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

June 7, 2016



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation to Interim Town Jim Freeman for his service to the Town of Smithfield
2. A Public Hearing was conducted to gain citizen input on the FY 2016-2017 Budget.
3. Approved the Consent Agenda.
4. Public Works Director Lenny Branch made a presentation to the Council on the Community Service Program.
5. Approved the hiring of two part time employees for the Water/ Sewer Department.
6. Engineer Bill Dreitzler gave an update on the Smithfield Crossings Buffer/ Fence.
7. Engineer Bill Dreitzler gave on the Pine Acres subdivision drainage concerns

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, July 5th. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Police Chief**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Licensed Water Plant Operator**
- **Water Plant Chemist / Operator**
- **Water/Sewer Utility Lineman**

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.
