



Talk of the Town

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58th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The A.G. Glenn Building was built in 1903 and housed Smithfield High School from 1913-1922 and 1926-1969. Renovation was completed in 2008 to become a museum and offices for the Johnston County Schools.

Evans Jewelers Honored

2016 Main Street Champion

On Thursday, March 16, Daniel, Vickie, and Anna Evans of Evans Jewelers were honored as Smithfield's 2016 Main Street Champion at the North Carolina Main Street Annual Awards Ceremony in Shelby. The Evanses were selected by the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation for this special recognition in appreciation of their investment in Downtown Smithfield, and their creation of a retail destination in their new store, located at 320 E. Market Street. Along with Champions from 35 other communities, they received a certificate and medal commemorating this designation, presented by N.C. Secretary of Commerce Anthony M. Copeland and Liz Parham, Director of the N.C. Main Street and Rural Planning Center.

Established in 2000 as part of North Carolina Main Street's 20th anniversary celebration, the Main Street Champion designation acknowledges the extraordinary efforts of those persons who have played pivotal roles in the revitalization of their downtowns. The dedication and hard work of countless volunteers is required to make a local Main Street program successful. Each of the state's active Main Street programs is given the opportunity annually to recognize a local Main Street Champion. The addition of this year's honorees brings the total number of North Carolina Main Street Champions to 639.

Commenting on the importance of downtowns and the work of the champions being recognized, Secretary Copeland said, "Downtown districts are important economic engines in our state. The men and women we're recognizing today are the people who keep those engines running, generating prosperity for communities all across North Carolina."

In recommending the Evanses for this honor, the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation offered the following:

"After five years of planning and more than two years of construction, the Evans family cut the ribbon in front of their jewelry store, Evans Jewelers. Around the corner from their previous location, Daniel and Vickie Evans, with the help of daughter-in-law Anna Evans and other family members, renovated a building that had been vacant for more than fifteen years, exposing brick and an original wood ceiling, installing a copper awning, and painting a mural on the side of the building. The move to the larger building gave the Evanses an opportunity to expand by offering wine, cigars, giftware, and a bridal registry, and has truly made Evans Jewelers a retail destination in Downtown Smithfield.

Evans Jewelers' new store is as custom as the one-of-a-kind jewelry they design and create, and an example of the importance of dreaming big, taking chances, and providing exceptional customer experiences."

Since opening in their new location, Evans Jewelers has received national recognition in several jewelry industry publications, including a July 2016 article in *Southern Jewelry News*, being named as one of *INSTORE's* "America's



Coolest" independent retailers in July 2016, and a feature story in INSTORE in February 2017. Daniel Evans was asked to participate in a session at the Atlanta Jewelry Show in March 2017 titled "Tales from the Inside: Intimate Conversations with Successful Retailers - Evans Jewelers," where Mr. Evans shared his strategies to attract customers, create a destination business, and provide customer service that sets Evans Jewelers apart.

"The growth that Evans Jewelers has experienced is a direct result of their hard work and investment," stated Sarah Edwards, Executive Director of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation. "The impact that the Evanses and other small business owners here in Downtown Smithfield have on our local economy is tremendous; we are proud of their success and grateful for their commitment to our community."

Main Street is a downtown revitalization program for smaller towns based on economic development within the context of historic preservation. The North Carolina Main Street program, which provides technical assistance to its communities, is part of the Office of Urban Development in the Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division.

Since 1980, the North Carolina Main Street program has generated \$2.5 billion in private and public investment. More than 22,400 cumulative net new full-time and part-time jobs, and 5,500 new businesses have been created in North Carolina Main Street districts since the program's inception.

Downtown Smithfield Wine Walk



Sip to Stop Domestic Violence at the Downtown Smithfield Wine Walk on Friday, April 21! A fundraiser benefiting Harbor, Johnston County's only nonprofit agency providing service and assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and women in transition, the Wine Walk will take participants to twenty Downtown Smithfield businesses, where they will try different wines.

The Wine Walk will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Tickets will be available for purchase for \$20 at Harbor's Pizazz Upscale Resale Store beginning Monday, April 17

15 Minute Parking Signs Going Up In Downtown Smithfield



At the request of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation (DSDC), the Town of Smithfield will be installing 15 minute parking signs in Downtown Smithfield.

The town council this month approved spending about \$200 to pay for two signs and then allow town staff to install them in the 100 block of South Third Street.

Sarah Edwards the Executive Director of the DSDC said she made the request at the request of business owners in the area.

"Parking in the 100 block of South Third Street tends to turn over less frequently than parking in other areas of Downtown," Edwards said. "The creation of two 15 minute parking spaces in that block will improve access to all of the businesses within that block for customers that need to make a quick visit to those businesses."

The signs have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they are received.

Courtesy of jocoreport.com

Grants for Downtown Businesses

Did you know that the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation offers a variety of grants? New retail and restaurant businesses can apply for the R2 RUSH grant, which provides a rent subsidy or upfit assistance. New and existing businesses can take advantage of storefront design services available through a partnership with the North Carolina Main Street Center and UNCG's Department of Interior Architecture, with DSDC funding available for awnings and the installation of timers to operate storefront lights.

The DSDC also offers a Joint Effort Marketing grant to encourage other non-profit organizations to hold events downtown.



Ham & Yam Festival

The 33rd annual Ham & Yam Festival will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. in Downtown Smithfield! Visitors to the Ham & Yam Festival will find a variety of foods highlighting country ham and sweet potatoes, racing pigs, craft vendors lining the streets, activities for the entire family, and entertainment on three stages, including Nantucket and The Ultimate Eagles Tribute - On the Border! For more information, please visit www.hamandyam.com.



Quote Of The Week:

Do not wait; the time will never be "just right." Start where you stand.
Napoleon Hill

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 - 3 Positions
- * Board of Adjustment - 1 In-Town Member and 1 ETJ Alternate
- * Historic Properties Commission - 3 Positions
- * Public Library Board of Trustees - 1 Position
- * Planning Board, ETJ Alternate - 1 Position
- * Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - 1 Position and 2 High School Representatives (2 year term)

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.

Local Business Spotlight: Hinson's Printing



We started this business over twenty-three years ago with a small press, a few finishing machines and just two employees. Since then, we have grown to a full range printing operation. Hinson's Printing is a family-owned business with a variety of experience in offset printing and copying services. In the last five years, we have expanded our services to include numerous promotional products. We will help you put your logo on anything, from business cards to cups. We strive to provide you with a positive printing experience.

Location: 1294 West Market Street Smithfield, NC 27577
Phone: 919-934-9036
Fax: 919-934-5611

Visit: hinsprint.com

Council Meeting Highlights

April 4, 2017



Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation recognizing April 22nd as #SSStrong Day in the Town of Smithfield. 1. Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation to Town of Smithfield Electric Lineman David Theiman and Public Utilities Director Ted Credle recognizing April 18th as Electrical Lineman Appreciation Day.
2. Mayor Moore Administered the Oath of Office to Police Patrol Captain James Grady.
3. Approved the Conditional Use Permit request by Linda Caulder (CUP-17-02).
4. Approved the Zoning Text Amendment request by the Rob's Hydraulics (ZA-17-02).
5. Approved the Consent Agenda.
6. Bid was awarded to Garris Grading & Paving for the FY 2016-2017 Street Resurfacing Project.
7. Approved Budget Amendments 1 & 2. Budget Amendment #3 was tabled.
8. Approved moving forward with accepting Lake Park Circle as a Town maintained street once the Homeowner's Association completes the road repairs explained by GeoTechnologies.
9. Approved moving forward with staff's plan of action for property code violations
10. Approved awarding the contract to JP Edwards for site work, grading and concrete at the Inclusion Park and Miracle League Baseball Field. This contract was originally awarded to Professional Services Group, LLC. in January 2017, but negotiations of the original contract could not be settled.
11. The Town Council recessed until April 20th at 6:30. This meeting will be held at the Electricities office located at 1427 Meadow Wood Blvd in Raleigh. The purpose of this meeting is to begin discussing the FY 2017-2018 budget.

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, April 4, 2017. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



Smithfield SRAC Kids Night

Dates: May 13

Times: 5:30-8:30pm

Ages: 5-10yrs

Fee: \$8-Smithfield Resident (pre-registration)

\$13.50-Non-Smithfield resident (pre-registration)

\$5/each add. child during pre-registration

\$10-Smithfield Resident (register day/night of)

\$16.50-Non-Smithfield Resident (register day/night of)

Smithfield Doodlebugs Art Class

Dates: Every Friday until June 2, 2017

Time: 9:30-10:15 AM

Ages: 18 mos-3yrs

Fee: \$5/class or \$19.00/4 classes-Smithfield Resident

\$8/class or \$30.00/4 classes-Smithfield Non Resident

Pre-registration required by Wednesday.

Smithfield Wee Read and Cook

Join us as we read a fun children's book and then create a snack that is based on the book that we read.

Dates: Thursdays, Feb. 2-June 2

Time: 9:30-10:15 am

Ages: 3-5 yrs

Fee: \$5/class or \$19/4 classes-Smithfield Resident
\$8/class or \$30/4 classes-Non-Smithfield Resident

Smithfield Tadpoles

Moms and dads bring your little tadpoles and swim in the splash park! Additional pool play activities may occasionally be provided. Play groups are welcome!

Dates: Wednesdays until April 26th, 2017

Time: 10am-Noon

Fee: Adults - \$3/Smithfield Resident
\$5.50/Non-Smithfield Resident
Children (3+) - \$2/Smithfield Resident
\$4/Non-Smithfield Resident

Each additional child \$3 each.

Smithfield Stroke Clinics

Want to work on some of your swim strokes? Our stroke clinics are designed for swimmers who already have a strong foundation of the fundamentals of swimming, and desire to learn more advanced swimming techniques. There are 8 lessons per month/session. New sessions begin the first week of every month. Maximum Class size is 4 students/individual attention.

Requirements: Must be able to swim 25 yards on front and back

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays - 6:00pm and 7:00pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 6:00pm and 7:00pm

Fees: Smithfield Residents - \$120/8 lessons (per session)

Non-Smithfield Residents - \$138/8 lessons (per session)

Smithfield SRAC Individual Swim Lessons

Are you ready to get in and SWIM? Our individual swim lessons will begin to build a foundation of swimming lessons. Each participant will have a specific lesson plan to meet his or her needs. Sign up at any time. Request forms can be picked up at the front desk or http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/srac_pool. For more specific information, please contact Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Director at 919-934-1408 or laura.crumpler@smithfield-nc.com.

Smithfield American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

SRAC will be offering 4 Sessions for Lifeguard Training, through Guards Get Trained. You must be at least 15 years old in order to take the class. You must pass a pre-course swim test in order to continue in the class. You must attend 100% of all classes.

Fee: \$250

Register on-line at www.guardsgettrained.com or for more information, please contact Guards Get Trained at 202-838-SWIM or guardsgettrained@gmail.com.

They can also do recertifications too.

ADULT EVENTS

Smithfield Open Studio for Pottery

Need a place to create? Our pottery studio is open for all potters participating in our classes to come in and work on their creations at their own pace. All supplies are brought in by the participant and all projects will need to be taken home. Studio time is open during regular SRAC operating hours, except when a class is in session.

Fee: \$100 for 6 months of studio time.

Smithfield Open Art Studio

The SRAC Art Studio is open Tuesday mornings, from 9:30-11:30am; and Wednesday evenings, from 6-8pm. Anyone can join at any time! This is a group with a variety of art projects going on at any given time, not a class in which everyone paints what the instructor is painting! Participants bring projects they are working on, and can collaborate with peers, get critiques, help with any problems, inspiration, and learn new techniques. Media used includes any water based materials and oils IF they are odorless products. The facilitator for the group is Judy Boyette, who taught art in the public schools for 37 years and is President of the Johnston County Arts Council. She paints murals, charcoal portraits, does drawing and book illustrations. Come by, check it out.

Time: Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday evenings, 6-8pm

Fee: \$100/6 months

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 Chick-fil-A 3 Little Pigs Triathlon

Start getting in shape now for our 8th Annual Triathlon on June 17th!!! The race includes a 250 yard swim, a 15 mile bike ride, and a 5k run. The swim takes place at SRAC. The bike portion takes you from SRAC along rural Johnston County, along a scenic but flat course. The run goes along the Buffalo Creek Greenway and ends back at SRAC. All proceeds raised from the event go towards the Friends of the Parks and the Smithfield Rotary Club of Central Johnston County, both of which help with events and programs through P&R and SRAC.

Register: <https://fsseries.com/ra/r/3-little-pigs-triathlon/>

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

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

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

