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## *Talk of the Town*

October 10, 2012

### *Town Tidbit:*

**Did you know** that the average person throws away 4 pounds of garbage per day. The US is the #1 trash producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year. This means that 5% of the world's people generate 40% of the world's waste.

## ***TRASH TALK!***

### *Where and When to Dispose of Trash and Recycle*



The Smithfield Public Works Department would like to remind citizens not to place debris in the gutter areas when setting them out for pickup. When yard waste and other debris is placed in the gutter areas, they can very easily be washed away and clog storm drains - possibly causing flooding in your neighborhood. Using a container to place your debris in can help reduce possible flooding. The Public Works department has yard waste stickers that can be placed on private containers free of charge for its citizens. If you need a sticker for your container, please contact the *Public Works office at 919-934-2596*.

The Town of Smithfield provides a self-disposal *Convenience Center at 231 Hospital Road for Smithfield residents.*

Hours of operation:  
Monday-Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday - 8:00am - 12:00pm

Residents can utilize the Convenience Center for Disposal of the following items:

Recycling, Household and Yard waste, white goods, tires, construction debris, paint, batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, cooking oil. We also have a clothes drop off container on site. All articles of clothing go directly to the Smithfield Family Mission to help the needy inside the city limits.

## Miracle Donations!



On September 13, The Miracle League of Johnston County received two donations to help fund "The Partnership to Build a Miracle Project". This worthy project which includes a baseball field and playground for children of all abilities will be built at Smithfield Community Park.

A donation of \$2,500 was received from the family of Johnston County native Johnny Parker. Upon his untimely death earlier this summer, Johnny's family requested donations to the project be made in honor of Johnny because of his deep love of the game of baseball and children.

Also received was a donation of \$25,000 from local State Farm Insurance Agent, Shawn Herrmann. The project won a nationwide vote which helped it win the award of \$25,000 for the construction of the project.

For more information about the project, contact Tim Johnson at Smithfield Parks & Recreation @ 919-934-2148.

## US 70 Bridge Replacement

### Road Closure / NCDOT Adjustments to Help Traffic Flow



On Tuesday, September 25, 2012, the North Carolina Department of Transportation began work to replace the bridge over the Neuse River on U.S. 70 Business in downtown Smithfield. The bridge will be closed for approximately 240 days, equivalent to eight months. The contractor for this development hopes to complete the project in six months, weather permitting. The early detour traffic following the closure was somewhat heavy but has stabilized over the past week. The NCDOT has adjusted signage and traffic signals, specifically at the Buffalo Road/Booker Dairy Road intersection, to ease the backups at that location and others. NCDOT also reduced the number of orange barrels in the downtown area to reduce congestion. Please use caution when traveling the detour route and remember that our downtown businesses and westside businesses near the bridge closure are still open for business and need your special support during this disruptive period. *Please make the effort to support all of these businesses!* [More Info and Detour Map](#)

NCDOT will sponsor an informational meeting regarding future bridge replacement projects (Holts Lake Bridge on US 301 and Neuse River Bridge on 301) at The Pentecostals of Smithfield Church, 3020 S. Brightleaf Blvd., Smithfield, on Tuesday, October 30th from 4pm to 6pm. Call NCDOT at 919-707-6067 for more information.

## Around Town

### Friends of the Park Event & Meetings

**Friends of the Park** - Make a commitment to your community on October 11th from 5:30pm-8:30pm by attending the Friends of the Park Dinner and Reverse Raffle event hosted at the SRAC. A total of \$10,000 will be given away; 1st Prize \$5,000 and a limited number of raffle tickets will be sold! Auction items include: vacations, sports memorabilia, jewelry, and more! Due to this event being hosted at the SRAC, the building will close early (5pm). Please contact 919-934-2148 for tickets and more information. [More Info](#)

**Pink Event** - Entire month of October - Carolina Premium Outlets and Susan G. Komen for the Cure are teaming up to support breast cancer awareness, research, and treatment programs in the community. During

the month of October, visit the on-site Information Center to donate \$10 to support the cause and receive 25% off one item from select stores including Brooks Brothers, Eddie Bauer, J. Crew, Jones New York, Nautica, Polo Ralph Lauren, Talbots, Tommy Hilfiger and more. Donations will be accepted on-site only via cash or credit, with all proceeds benefiting Komen NC Triangle. [More Info](#)

**Give Thanks/Give Food** - From now through Monday, November 19th, all Town of Smithfield employees are hosting a Thanksgiving food drive. Donation boxes are located at all town buildings, including the primary donation location of Town Hall at 350 E Market Street. All donated items must be non-perishable and not be beyond their expiration date. All collected items will be used to assist local families during the holiday season.

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## Council Meeting Highlights

October 2, 2012

Highlights from the October 2012 Regular Meeting of the Town Council include:

- Two new Police Officers, Sean Lee Cook and Jarred Dean Bridges, were sworn in and welcomed to the Police Department by the Mayor and Council;
- A public hearing was conducted for consideration of a grant application with the NC Commerce Department for two new local restaurants;
- The Council re-appointed Reginald E. Foye and Sarah Edwards to the Board of Adjustments;
- "Slow, Children At Play" signs were approved for Collier Street and Hamilton Drive;
- Presentation was made on storm water treatment for the Phase II portion of the Spring Branch area;
- Discussion was conducted on a new whistleblower policy and fund balance/financial policy for the Town;
- Budget amendment approved that recognized \$301,000 of additional revenues for the Town's general fund; and,
- Council received the Manager's Report and monthly financial statements.

The Town Council 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 6th, beginning at 7:30pm. **However, due to the Council Chambers being used for elections that day, the meeting location has been moved to the Banquet Room at SRAC** - located at 600 Booker Dairy Road. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

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## Parks & Recreation / SRAC



The Smithfield Parks & Recreation Department partners with approximately 20 different local organizations to better serve their clients and programs. These organizations include (but not limited to): Harbor, Inc., JC Department of Social Services; JC Health Department; Central Johnston Rotary Club; Relay for Life; JC Council on Aging. Call today to sponsor a Parks and Rec program or event and to promote your business! **919-934-1408**.

Youth Basketball Registration NOW! Boys Ages 5 - 18 and Girls Ages 5 - 15 register now at the SRAC! Resident fees are \$40 and non-residents are \$80. Registration ends October 12th. The season will begin in early December and run through February 2013. Kinder Basketball for Ages 3 - 4 can register from February 4th through 22nd (\$20 for residents and \$40 for non-residents) and play a 4 session learning season focusing on the fundamentals during the month of March 2013. [Registration Info](#)

Doodlebugs Classes Every Friday, 9:30am-10:15am - Doodlebugs Art Class (Ages 18 months-3 years old) This 45 minute class introduces your child to all mediums of art! More Information Here! [Registration Info](#)

October 25th is the Halloween Egg Haunt at the Community Center Park. 7PM for ages 2-7 years old.

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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