



Talk of the Town

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27th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The Town of Smithfield celebrated its 237th Birthday on Wednesday, April 23rd.

30th Annual Ham & Yam Festival

Food Takes Center Stage



One big change is coming to the 2014 Ham & Yam Festival, scheduled for May 2 and 3. In an effort to return to the agricultural roots of the festival, all food vendors will offer an item that features either country ham or yams.

"For the 30th annual Ham & Yam Festival, I wanted to return to the roots of the festival, and celebrate the fact that ham and sweet potato producers are still thriving here in Johnston County," states Sarah Edwards, festival organizer and Interim Director of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation.

In addition to the Kiwanis Club's ever popular Stevens Sausage country ham biscuits, food vendors will offer sweet potato funnel cakes, sweet potato pie, sweet potato ice cream, sweet potato desserts, sweet potato fries, sweet potato chips, sweet potato smoothies, sweet potato muffins, and baked sweet potatoes.

The Kiwanis Club's annual Ham & Yam supper, scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, will feature Stevens Sausage country ham, yams, cabbage, and corn bread. The supper is from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, located at 140 E. Market Street in Downtown Smithfield; tickets are \$7.00, and will be available at the door.

In addition to the food, a full schedule of events on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 will attract thousands of people to Downtown Smithfield, where the festival occupies several blocks. Craft and commercial vendors line the streets, local entertainers perform on two stages, and there are activities for the entire family. The festival features free concerts on Friday and Saturday nights; America's favorite 80s tribute band will take the stage at 8:00 p.m. on Friday after Girlz Girlz opens at 6:00 p.m. Neon Radio will open the free Saturday night concert at 6:00 p.m., with Who's Bad: the Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band taking the stage at 8:00 p.m.

The Ham & Yam Festival is organized by the nonprofit Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation. To learn more about the Ham & Yam Festival, please visit www.hamandyam.com, or call Sarah Edwards at 919-934-0887.

Smithfield Town Council Schedule

Meeting Time Changed

At it's regularly scheduled meeting on April 1st, the Town Council discussed and approved changing it's meeting time from 7:30pm to 7:00pm going forward. The meeting will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers located within Town Hall at 350 East Market Street, unless rescheduled.

The next Council meeting will be held at the Town of Smithfield's Fire Department Training Room. The Fire Department is located across the street from Town Hall at 111 South 4th Street.



Lights, Pollen, Action!

Spring Cleaning Tips

Ah-choo! Electricities' new "Spring Cleaning" animated video is ready to view. The video features Meg A. Watts and a cast of budding stars as they provide a variety of ways to help you prepare for summer weather. Watch this colorful video on the Electricities' [YouTube channel today](#).



Distracted Driving Video

Help Promote Safety and Awareness

Distracted driving is at an all-time high and we are seeing more and more accidents from cell phone use among all age groups. For teen drivers though, inexperience and accessibility to smartphones has made for a lethal combination.

[Please view this video](#) and share with all of your friends, family members and loved ones. "CRASH" is a collaborative effort between Backwards Man Productions & Johnston County EMS. Intro is provided by Johnston Community College. This short film aims to show teens the dangers of distracted driving.



You can also view more teen driving safety tips from Johnston County Teen Drivers (JCTD) at www.jocoteendrivers.com. Johnston County Teen Drivers (JCTD) is a peer-to-peer safety program for young drivers, involving teenagers directly in developing and delivering driving safety messages. Our goal is to raise awareness of the top driving dangers for teens and prevent crashes involving young drivers. The program empowers teens to spread the word among their peers about deadly driving risks and encourage them to make smart choices while behind the wheel and as passengers.

Smithfield-Selma High School

Sophomore Selected as NC Library Ambassador

Smithfield-Selma High School's Machai Smith is one of four high school students in the state selected to be part of the 2014 NCLA Student Library Ambassadors Program.

The North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) Student Library Ambassadors Program chose 12 students (four elementary, four middle, and four high school) to attend an all-expense paid, overnight trip to Washington, D.C. on May 5-6 as part of National Library Legislative Day. The trip will include meetings with Congress, a U.S. Capitol tour, a private tour of the Library of Congress, and sightseeing.

In order to be considered for the program students across the state were asked to show how much they love libraries and what effect libraries have had on their life in an essay, song, video, or poem.

Smith's essay touched on how her love of books since early childhood has evolved into her passion for libraries today. As



an ambassador she will have the opportunity to meet and speak about her experiences with Senator Richard Burr on the Capitol steps on May 6.

"It means a lot to my family and me. I feel accomplished, and I want to represent SSS in the highest regard," said Smith when asked about being chosen to go to Washington, D.C.

"What we have at SSS is special. I feel so fortunate to be able to work with our students every day. I couldn't be prouder of Machai for being chosen to speak on Capitol Hill," said Samantha Lam, media coordinator for Smithfield-Selma High School.

SSS Runs in Partnership for Children 5K



During spring break a group of Smithfield-Selma High School faculty, students, and parents joined together to participate in the 5K Color Spectacular to help support to the Johnston County Partnership for Children.

Held in the equestrian Portofino community in Clayton, the run helped to raise funds for the Partnership for Children of Johnston County, a non-profit organization supporting children 0-5 and their families to ensure every child enters Kindergarten healthy and ready for success in school.

Principal Michael Taylor was part of the Smithfield-Selma running group, the Spartan Sprinters.

"It was a beautiful day and for a great cause," said Taylor.

The local non-profit event took place on Saturday, April 12 and was sponsored by Omega Sports. The participating teachers trained in the months leading up to it, often running on the track alongside student athletes after school.

"It was a great team building experience for all of us," said Spartan Sprinter Samantha Lam. "Now we're looking forward to our next challenge."

PHOTO: Spartan Sprinters on the front row (from left) are Samantha Lam, Arlene Smith, Kaye Pearce, Megan Bryant, Sarah Barnhart, and Sarah Reynolds. On the back row are Christina Lee, Kaitlyn Rabil, JoEllen Holder, Tina Lee, Bridget Correia, Lori Rose, and Principal Michael Taylor.

5th Annual 3 Little Pigs Triathlon

Register Now for Lowest Entry Fee



Title sponsor Chick-fil-A welcomes everyone to this great event held on June 14th at 7:30 am. The race is comprised of a 250 yard swim, a bike portion (14 miles) and a running portion (5 km). The swim portion is in the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center; the bike portion takes you from SRAC into rural Johnston County, on a scenic but flat course; and the run portion is an out and back course that takes you through Smithfield's Community Park and onto its new Buffalo Creek Greenway and back to SRAC. Feel free to bring your family - your kids can play at the park while you do all the work!

All proceeds raised during the event will be split between Smithfield Parks and Recreation Department/Friends of the Park and the Rotary Club of Central Johnston County.

Race Registration is as follows:

Before 5/05/14
Individual: \$40.00
Relay: \$80.00

Before 6/11/14
Individual: \$50.00
Relay: \$100.00

After 6/10/14 - This is on-site, race-day registration
Individual: \$60.00
Relay: \$120.00

All registrations are done on-line at www.fsseries.com. The last day to register online is 6/10/14. On-site registration may be available if this event is not full. A fee for USAT race day insurance will be added if you are not a USAT member (\$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for ages 17 and under).

Lifeguard Training Classes at Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center



Must pass Pre-Course Swim Test in order to continue in class.
For Boys and Girls - Must be at least 15 in order to take this class

Cost: \$175.00 / Smithfield Residents
\$200.00 / Non-Smithfield Residents

You MUST attend 100% of all classes.

The Lifeguard Training we offer is the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class.

To register for the class, you must submit a \$25 non-refundable deposit upon registration. If you pass the Pre-Course, this deposit will be applied to your balance. Upon passing Pre-Course, you will pay the remainder fee at the first class.

Pre-course swim test includes: 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 & #3. You MUST complete all of the above requirements in order to continue in the class.

Available Class Dates:

*First Session/Option - Friday, March 7 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM & Sunday, March 9 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM (Completed)*

*Second Session/Option - Friday, April 4 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM & Sunday, April 6 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM (Completed)*

*Third Session/Option - Friday, April 25 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM & Sunday, April 27 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM (Completed)*

**Fourth Session/Option - Friday, May 16 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM & Sunday, May 18 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM**

YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL DATES IN THE CLASS SESSION YOU SIGN UP FOR. SESSIONS CAN NOT BE MIXED.

For more information, contact Laura Crumpler at 919-934-1408 or lcrumpler-parks@ncrrbiz.com.

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



Swimming Stroke Clinic - If you are between the ages of 5-18 years old, and want to improve your swimming skills, come to the Stroke Clinic at SRAC. The Stroke Clinic begins April 29th through May 22nd, on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Children between the ages of 5-10 will meet from 6:00 to 6:45pm; and children ages 11-18 will meet from 6:45 to 7:45pm. Cost is \$70 for Smithfield Residents and \$80 for Non-Residents. There is a 10% sibling discount. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke to be eligible for the clinic. For more information contact Laura Crumpler at lcrumpler-parks@ncrrbiz.com, or 919-934-1408.

Group Tennis Lessons - May 5th through 29th we will be offering group tennis lessons at Smithfield Community Park. Lessons will be Monday and Thursday nights, from 6:30-7:30pm. Come learn the game with a coach with 30 years experience - Jimmy Jernigan. The cost is \$40. Checks should be made payable to Jimmy Jernigan. You must provide your own tennis racquet.

SRAC Summer Camp - 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, 2014. Children will be responsible for bringing 2 snacks, a lunch, swimming suit and towel. Dates: June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-Aug 1, Aug 4-8, Aug 11-15; Time: 8:30am-4:30pm Early drop off and late pick up are available for an extra \$25 per week. Ages: 5-12yrs; Fee: \$100-Smithfield Resident; \$125-Non-Smithfield Resident

Basketball Camp - Ages: 7-14 yrs.; Dates: June 16- 19; Time: 9-12 Noon; Fee: \$65.00 (Make checks payable to James Robinson). \$75 if you sign up on first day of camp. Location: SRAC Gym. James Robinson is the Head Coach at SSS High School. Other area coaches and high school players will assist, with former college players in attendance! Camp includes slam dunk contests, 3-point shooting contests, most improved and more.

Cheerleading Camp - Grades: 1-6th ; Dates: June 23-25 and/or July 28-30; Time: 9-11am; Fee: \$50.00 (Make checks payable to Jessica Brank). Location: SRAC Gym. For more information contact Jessica at brankncs@gmail.com

Tennis Camp - Ages: 5-7 year olds - \$30 / From 6-7pm; 8-14 year olds - \$50 / From 7-8:30pm. Location: Smithfield Community Park Tennis Cts. (Make checks payable to Jimmy Jernigan)

Softball Camp - Ages: Girls 7-16 yrs.; Dates: June 23-26; Time: 9-Noon; Fee: \$60.00 (Make checks payable to Britney Smith). Location: Smithfield Community Park. Britney Smith is a former SSS Softball Coach.

Baseball Camp - Ages: 7-14 yrs.; Dates: July 7-10; Time: 9-Noon; Fee: \$65.00 (Make checks payable to SSS Dugout Club). Location: SSS Baseball Field. Chase Crocker is the Athletic Director at SSS.

Volleyball Camp - Girls Ages: 8-14 yrs.; Dates: July 7-10; Time: 9:00 - Noon; Fee \$60.00 (Make checks payable to Kim Smith). Location: SRAC Gym. Kim Smith is a former Clemson player.

Spartans Football Camp - Boys Ages: 6-14 yrs.; Dates: July 7-8; Time: 5:30-8pm; Fee \$45.00 (Make checks payable to David Lawhon). Location: SSS Football Field. David Lawhon is the Head Coach at SSS High School.

Engineering with Lego Summer Camps - Dream it - Build it - Wreck it - Repeat!! Drive 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:
Pre-Engineering - 5-7 Year Olds; July 7th-11th ; 9am-Noon; Cost - \$150;
Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/30450>
Engineering FUNDamentals - 8-12 Year Olds; July 7th-11th; ;1-4pm; Cost - \$150
Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/30451>

Pottery Camp - Come play in the clay! Students will learn the techniques for handbuilding with clay as well as basic wheel throwing. Projects will be made that can go home. A 25lb bag of clay must be purchased separately at the front desk. Date: July 7-11, 2014 and August 4-8, 2014; Time: 9am -12pm
Ages: 8-15yrs; Fee: \$85-Smithfield Resident; \$100-Non-Smithfield Resident

Soccer Camp - Ages: 5-14 yrs.; Dates: July 14-17; Time: 8:30 -11:00 am; 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, a former Barton College player, and Amber Brush, a current Barton College player.

Pickleball - May 2nd through August 22nd, ON FRIDAYS ONLY, from 2-4pm, Pickleball will be offered at SRAC. 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 112.

Pour It & Paint - Ladies grab your girlfriends and plan some girl time!!! Our new series will be offered in May, June, July and August once a month. You must pre-register and be at least 21 years old to participate. We supply the canvas and the paint, you supply the wine. Classes run from 7-9pm, and the cost is \$35/class. The May date is Friday, May 16th. For remaining dates contact 919-934-2148 or 934-1408, Tiffany or Kristin.

Craft Fair - Looking for Vendors for an upcoming Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, June 21st, from 9am-4pm, in the parking lot of Smithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center (SRAC). This should be a good weekend for the craft fair, as there will be a baseball tournament in the park and a basketball tournament in the Aquatics Center! Vendor fee is \$25 for an 8x10 space. Looking for vendors with hand-crafted items, re-purposed or unique finds, antiques, plants/herbs, jewelry, pottery, photography, paintings, woodwork, hand-sewn items, mixed media, etc. Contact Kristin Sasser (ksasser-parks@ncrbiz.com) or Tiffany Pearson (tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com) or 919-934-2148 for more information or to secure your spot.

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.

Be A Tadpole -Come bring your little ones... "tadpoles"... (18 mos. to 3) and swim and play in the SRAC Splash Park

from 10am-Noon on Wednesdays. There will be additional activities for the little ones at this time. The price is \$5 for mom and one child. Additional children are \$3/each. This program continues until the end of April. Moms - please be prepared to get in the splash park with your child.

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.

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](#)

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

Business After Hours - Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation will host a Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" event on Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 5:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m. to recognize the 2014 Ham & Yam Sponsors and kick-off this annual festival. The event will be held at Bistro on Third located at 146 S. Third St., Smithfield. Contact Kelly Wallace at 919-934-9166 for more information. Come by for some food and beverages and take advantage of another Chamber networking opportunity. This is a great way to reconnect with old acquaintances and make new ones in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

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

April 01, 2014



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Recognized 2013 Smithfield Police Department's Officer of the Year - Richard Conerly.
2. Recognized Smithfield's Public Utilities Department for 2013 NC Public Power Awards of Excellence.
3. Received update from Raleigh Area Development Authority (RADA) concerning the Talent Enhancement Grant.
4. Considered and approved Rezoning: RZ-14-01 George Mack Langdon, Jr.
5. Considered and approved Conditional Use Permit: CUP-14-02 St. Joseph of the Pines.
6. Approved the Consent Agenda.
7. Received an update and approved a process for replacement of pool heaters/UV systems at the SRAC.
8. Discussed and approved a bid award for 2014-2014 Street Resurfacing Project.
9. Considered and approved a change of vendors for copier services.
10. Received an update regarding water plant improvements.
11. Received an update regarding electric rate review by Power Services and new sales tax charge by the State of NC.
12. Discussed and approved to change the time of the regularly scheduled monthly Council meeting from 7:30pm to 7:00pm.
13. Received Town Manager's report.

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, May 6th at the Smithfield Fire Department Training Room, as elections will be held in the Council Chambers..

Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Electric Line Technician**
- **Part-time Collections Assistant**
- **Part-time Lifeguard**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Sanitation Worker**
- **Water/Sewer Pump Station 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.