



## Talk of the Town

July 10, 2015  
38th Edition

### *Town Tidbit:*

**Did you know?** The Town of Smithfield Police Department offers a "Ride-Along" program to its citizens. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of the types of situations that officers encounter on a daily basis. Contact the Police Department at 919-934-2121 for more information.

## *Girl Scout Award Mural*

### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

"Clar and I are Cadettes in Girl Scouts and we are working on our Silver Award. The Silver Award is the highest award you can earn as a Cadette. We chose to paint a mural. The spot we chose has a lot of graffiti on it and we wanted to prevent it. We started researching the sight and we found out it was a part of the Mountain to Sea Trail. In our mural, it has five panels and we chose 5 areas in North Carolina that the Mountain to Sea Trail goes through.



There have been a lot of people who have helped us and we were granted approval from the town of Smithfield and the state of North Carolina Department of Transportation. The president of the Johnston County Arts Council, Judy Boyette, is our subject matter expert.

Thank you,  
Sarah Gaskins and Clar McGeough"

Sarah and Clar are excited about the positive community reaction and would be honored to have you attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate their Girl Scout Silver Award Mural highlighting North Carolina Mountain to Sea Trail Landmarks. Location: at the Smithfield Neuse Greenway near the Neuse River Amphitheater; near the corner of Market Street and Front Street, behind the Neuse Little Theater.

Friday July 24th at 10am

## *Smithfield PD Needs Your Help!*

### Vandalism on Kay Drive

The Smithfield Police Department is currently investigating a Damage to Property call that took place on the night of June 24, 2015 between 6 pm and 6 am. The incident took place on Kay Drive in the Johnston Court Apartment complex.



The victim's 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe was spray painted. The suspect spray painted a racial epithet as well as the letters KKK on the side of the victim's vehicle. The Smithfield Police Department is offering a \$1,000.00 reward for information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of the individuals responsible for this crime. Detective Ronald Johnson can be contacted at 919-989-1072 or the Smithfield Tip Line at 919-989-8835.

## *Stephen Holland, Water Plant Operator*

Receives Advanced Certification



Water Plant Operator Stephen Holland was recently awarded a grade "B" water treatment certification having passed this exam May 27th, 2015 with a score of 90! Stephen graduated from Campbell University in 2012 with a degree in Chemistry before starting his career in water treatment with Harnett County as a water plant operator I. He joined the Smithfield plant staff February 2, 2015 where he uses his knowledge of chemistry performing jar tests in an effort to optimize our treatment process. Stephen obtained many plumbing, electrical and mechanical skills working for his dad who owns Precession Septic and Plumbing. His mechanical skill set is proving valuable in making treatment process and building maintenance repairs around the plant.

We are proud to have Stephen as part of our staff!

Please join us in congratulating Stephen for one of many accomplishments we know he will achieve in his career as he aspires to someday become Chief Water Plant Operator.

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## *Police Department Promotions*

Lieutenant O'Branovich and Patrol Sergeant Johnson



The Smithfield Police Department has promoted two officers.

Mayor John Lampe (left) administered the new oaths to Officers Brian O'Branovich (center) and David Johnson (right) on Tuesday night.

O'Branovich was promoted to lieutenant of the C-Team patrol squad. Johnson was promoted to patrol sergeant of the B-Team squad.

Lt. O'Branovich has been a member of the Smithfield Police Department for the last 10 years. Sergeant Johnson has been on the force 11 years.

O'Branovich was previously a Master Police Officer, Housing Authority Officer, General Investigator, and Patrol Sergeant. Johnson had been a Master Police Officer, holding the position of General Investigator for the last seven years. After being given their oaths, their spouses pinned new badges on their patrol uniforms. The officers were then congratulated on their promotions by members of the Smithfield Town Council.

(Photo and story courtesy of WTSB - [www.wtsbradio.com](http://www.wtsbradio.com))

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## *Online Bill Pay Now Available*



Smithfield utility customers may now pay their bill online via the Town's website ([www.smithfield-nc.com](http://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.

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## "FUN in the PARK" 2015



Let's get together and enjoy a day in the park. Bring the family and meet your neighbors and town leaders.

**Smith-Collin's Park located on E. Lee Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive**

We will have **FREE** Food, Music, Bike Rodeo, Blow-Up Bounce House, Water Slide, Basketball toss, Tug-Of-War and a few other games. We will have many vendors with services that are provided in the area.

**July 25, 2015 from 11am till 4pm**

**Sponsored by the East Smithfield Improvement Organization, Smithfield Police Department, and District One Councilman Marlon Lee**

## *Parks & Recreation / SRAC*



### RED DEVIL FOOTBALL

Football registration begins Monday, June 15 through July 17 for boys ages 6-12. SPRD participates in the Johnston County Youth Football League. Our football teams are split into the following age groups: Rookies - Ages 6 to 8; JV - Ages 9 to 10; and Varsity - Ages 11 to 12. The child's age as of 8/1/15 determines playing age. Games will be played in the fall on some Saturday mornings, and some weeknights, beginning in September. Practices will begin the week of August 10th. Registration fee is \$40 for Town of Smithfield Residents and \$80 for Non-Residents. For more information contact 919-934-2148.

### RED DEVIL CHEERLEADING

The only time Cheerleading is offered by SPRD is during Football Season. Cheerleading registration begins Monday, June 15 through July 17 for girls ages 5-12. Practices will begin the week of August 10th, with games beginning in September. Games will be played in the fall on some Saturday mornings and some weeknights. Registration fee is \$25 for Town of Smithfield Residents and \$50 for Non-Residents. Uniform cost is \$60, which you purchase and keep. For more information contact 919-934-2148.

### PARENT/CHILD SWIM CLASS

We will be offering a Parent and Child Swim Class. This class familiarizes children between the ages of 6 months and 3 years of age with the water and teaching water readiness skills. A parent must accompany the child in the water. Classes are 30 minutes long, and the cost is \$30 for Smithfield Residents and \$40 for Non-Smithfield Residents.

July 14, 16, 21, and 23 @ 6:00pm

### SWIM LESSONS

Swim Lessons are offered on an individual basis. These lessons can be tailored to your child swimming goals. Days and Times vary. Please email [lcrumpler-parks@ncrrbiz.com](mailto:lcrumpler-parks@ncrrbiz.com) for a request form or you can pick one up at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center.

### Wiffle ball tournament

The 27th Annual State Wiffle Ball Tournament will be held July 18th and 19th 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>.

### SRAC SUMMER CAMP

SRAC offers day long summer camps which include art, swimming, sports and outdoor fun... just some of the activities your child will be

involved in during summer camp! Space is limited, so go ahead and sign up now! Registration begins April 1. Children will be responsible for bringing their lunch, 2 snacks, drinks, swim suit and towel. Sign up for one week or all. Limited spots available.

Fee: \$100 - Smithfield Resident \$125 - Non-Smithfield Resident

Early Drop Off/Late Pick Up: Additional \$25/week

July 13-17/ FULL

July 20-24

July 27-31

Aug. 3-7

Aug. 10-14

Times: 8:30am-4:30pm

7:30am-Early Drop Off

5:30pm-Late Pick Up

Ages: 5-12

Questions contact 919-934-1408.

Yoga camp

Ages: 9 and older

Dates: June 22- 26 and/or July 13-17

Time: 1-2pm

Fee: \$50.00 (Make checks payable to Robin Koppen)

Location: SRAC

Strengthen your mind and your body. Learn the basics of yoga with instructor Robin Koppen. Mats and blocks provided. Only cash or checks accepted. Make checks payable to Robin Koppen. Register at SRAC front desk. Questions contact 919-934-1408.

POTTERY CAMPS

Ages: 8-15 yrs.

Dates: August 3-7

Time: 9:00AM-Noon

Fee: \$85.00 - Smithfield Resident \$100.00 - Non-Smithfield Resident

Location: SRAC

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 25-lb. bag of clay must be purchased separately at the front desk. Clay is \$20. Questions contact 919-934-1408.

SPARTANS FOOTBALL CAMP

Ages: 6-14 yrs.

Dates: July 13-15

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Fee: \$35.00 (Make checks payable to Wes Hill)

Location: SSS Football Field

Wes Hill is the Football Coach at SSS.

Soccer Camp

Ages: 5-14 yrs.

Dates: July 13-16

Time: 8:30 -11:00AM

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.

SPARTANS TENNIS CAMP

Ages: 5-10 yrs. AND Ages: 11-16

Dates: July 13-17

Time: 5-10 year olds from 6-7:00pm

11-16 year olds from 7-8:00pm

Fee: \$40.00 (Make checks payable to James Reid)

Location: Smithfield-Selma High School Tennis Courts

James Reid is the SSS Tennis Coach.

There is a minimum for each to make.

ARTZ KIDZ PLAY

Ages: 5-13 yrs.

Dates: July 20-24

Time: 9-11:00 AM

Fee: \$2.00/day or \$10/week

Location: Smith Collins Park

SRAC & SPRD are partnering to bring a craft and activity camp to Smith Collins Park! (20 Kid Maximum) Camp will end with ice cream social on Friday.

MIXING IT UP WITH ANIMALS ART!

Ages: 6-8 yrs.

Dates: July 27-31

Time: 9-12 Noon

Fee: \$100.00 (Make checks payable to Courtney Murphy)

Class Min: 4 Students / Class Max: 8 Students

Location: SRAC

Campers will try a lot of techniques such as painting, collaging, drawing, and layering to create different kids of animals. Instructor - Art Teacher Courtney Murphy. Register at SRAC front desk. Questions contact 919-934-1408.

#### ENGINEERING WITH 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:

Mine, Craft, Build

5 - 7 Year Olds

July 13th - 17th

9am - Noon

Cost \$150

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/39712>

Mine, Craft, Build

8 - 12 Year Olds

July 13th - 17th

1 - 4pm

Cost \$150

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/39713>

#### WEAVING THE SUMMER AWAY!

Ages: 9-12 yrs.

Dates: August 10-15

Time: 9-12 Noon

Fee: \$100.00 (Make checks payable to Courtney Murphy)

Class Min: 4 Students / Class Max: 8 Students

Location: SRAC

Campers will learn the basics of weaving on a handmade loom. They will also create an open weave basket using reed and recycled materials. Instructor - Art Teacher Courtney Murphy. Register at SRAC front desk. Questions contact 919-934-1408.

#### PICKLEBALL

June 26th through August 7th, 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 and play. We will provide the paddle, balls and net. For questions, contact 919-934-1408.

**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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## Council Meeting Highlights

July 07, 2015



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Recognized the promotions of Sergeant Brian O'Branovich to Patrol Lieutenant and Master Police Officer David Johnson to Patrol Sergeant.

2. Administered Oath of Office to new Police Officer Miguel Renteria.
3. Received a report from Margaret Marshall on the EZ Literacy & Lifelong Learning Grant received by the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield.

**The July 7, 2015 Town Council Meeting was adjourned due to a lack of quorum. All public hearings and business items originally on the agenda for this meeting will be taken up at the next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on August 4, 2015.**

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, August 4th. Come join us and get involved!

[View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

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## *Employment Opportunities*

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Electric Utilities Director**
- **Fire Chief**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Utility Line Mechanic**
- **Licensed Water Plant Operator**

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](http://www.smithfield-nc.com) or by calling 919-934-2116. Only qualified applicants should apply. The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.