



Talk of the Town

April 13, 2018
70th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? 1985 - At the first annual Smithfield, North Carolina, Ham & Yam Festival, local cure masters go ham-to-ham with tradition-alists from Smithfield, Virginia.



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Grand Opening:

You're Invited!

Face Painting!

GRAND OPENING

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Partnership for Children Park & Miracle Field!

Date: April 14th, 2018

Time: 9:00 am—2 pm

Location: 600 Booker Dairy Road, Smithfield NC

Come celebrate the Grand Opening of the first Inclusion Park and Miracle Field in Johnston County, NC.

Children with all abilities now have an accessible play space to share with friends, and make amazing memories!

Ribbon Cutting and Ceremony and Miracle League Ball Game!



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Date and Time: Saturday, April 28th, 2018 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Location: The Johnston County Livestock Arena, 520 County Home Rd., Smithfield, NC 27577
(Next to the Landfill)

Call (919) 938-4750
for more information



Smithfield-Selma High Locker and Restroom Facility Officially Open

Smithfield-Selma High held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of the school's new locker and restroom facility on April 10.

"We are so grateful for this new facility and all that it will bring for our athletes and community as we share our resources and do great things here at Smithfield-Selma High," said David Allen, Smithfield-Selma High Principal.



The facility will be available for use for Smithfield-Selma High student athletes, visiting opponents, and spectators.

"This is an example of what's going on across Johnston County," said Johnston County Board of Education Chairman Mike Wooten. "We're building new facilities and the Board of Education isn't overlooking the schools that have been here a while." Smithfield-Selma High was built in 1969. Wooten said the new facility is an example of the Johnston County Board of Education and Johnston County Board of Commissioners working together to make sure all Johnston County public schools have what they need to educate students and house athletes.

The new facility was part of the \$30 million in LGC funds that was used to make facility improvement needs in Johnston County Public Schools.

"This is an example of how the school board and county commissioners can work together and get things done the way they need to be done," said Johnston County Commissioner Lee Jackson. "When the need showed up we all got together and made it happen, and I'm very proud of all of us for doing that."

School stakeholders and alumni, community members, and local elected officials attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. Everyone was invited to take a tour of the new facility after the ribbon cutting.

"This is a quality example of what can be achieved if we all work together," said Johnston County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ross Renfrow. "The brightest days of this public school system lie ahead of us."

VIDEO: [Smithfield-Selma High locker and restroom facility officially open](#)

PHOTO: Smithfield-Selma High held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of the school's new locker and restroom facility on April 10. Cutting the ceremonial ribbon (from left) are Johnston County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ross Renfrow, Johnston County Board of Education Chairman Mike Wooten, Johnston County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jeffrey Carver, Johnston County Commissioner Lee Jackson, Smithfield-Selma High Principal David Allen, Johnston County Board of Education member Dr. Peggy Smith, Town of Selma Event Planner Melissa Dooley, Johnston County Board of Education Vice Chairman Dorothy Johnson, Selma Town Council member Mark Petersen, Johnston County Board of Education member Teresa Grant,



[Click here for more information about the Ham & Yam Festival](#)

Council Meeting Highlights

April 3, 2018



Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation to Electric Lineman, Jeff Stewart, and proclaimed April 18, 2018 as Electrical Lineman Day in the Town of Smithfield.
2. Parks and Recreation Director Gary Johnson provided an update to the Town Council on the Mirade League Field, the Inclusion Park and the Grand Opening of the Sarah Yard Community Center.
3. The Town Council approved Rezoning Request RZ-18-04 by the applicant Adams & Hodge Engineering, PC.
4. The Town Council approved an amendment to Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to adopt the Flood Risk Insurance Study for Johnston County and to amend the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, Article 10, Part VII, Flood Damage Prevention, Non-Coastal Regular Phase as required by the study.
5. The Town Council approved an amendment to Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Appendix A, Article 7 and Article 10 to clarify minimum lot width standards and the maximum length of cul-de-sacs.
6. The Town Council approved the Consent Agenda.
7. The Town Council approved Ordinance # 494 to amend the Town of Smithfield's Code of Ordinances specifically Chapter 6: Cemeteries. This amendment will allow Columbarium in Riverside Extension Cemetery .
8. The Town Council approved changing online bill pay providers if the Town is able to terminate its current contract with NCO Financial Systems, Inc.
9. The Town Council determined that the tax imposed in the Downtown Municipal Service District is a legally imposed tax.
10. The Town Council tabled the request to eliminate the two hour parking limit on the 300 block of Johnston Street pending additional information.
11. The Town Council approved the use of occupancy tax funds for engineering services for a new design of the Neuse River Amphitheater.
12. The Town Council approved updates to the Sanitary Sewer Standards.
13. Business Items 7 & 8 were removed from the agenda.

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 1, 2018. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Local Business Spotlight: Firehouse Subs



Privately owned franchise built on the principals of it's founders, Chris and Robin Sorensen.

From their website: "Growing up in a family that is both entrepreneurial and built on decades of fire and police service, it seems we were destined to start Firehouse Subs®. People come back when they're treated well and fed well. Turns out, people absolutely LOVE the same things we do - the best meats, cheeses, and toppings we can find. Take our Hook & Ladder® Sub for example, with Virginia honey ham, smoked turkey breast, and melted Monterey Jack. People come back again and again because, unlike other sub places, we steam our meats and cheeses, releasing a rush of flavors, then stuff a serving that's way over code on one of our toasted private-recipe sub rolls. It's a winning combination that satisfies ravenous appetites and the value-conscious alike."

Address: 515 Outlet Center Drive
Smithfield, North Carolina 27577

[Website](#)

Quote Of The Week:

Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success.

Shiv Kherra

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 - 2 Position
- Historic Properties Commission - 3 Position
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - 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.

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



Upcoming Events

For more information on the below events without links, please visit: http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/parks_programs

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



- **Firefighter I (Full-Time Position)**
- **Part-time Lifeguard(s)**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Utility Line Mechanic**
- **Zoning Compliance Assistant (Temporary Part-time Position)**

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

