



Talk of the Town

October 29, 2018
76th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? In 1917, Dalton Lee Motor Company in Smithfield was selling a new Ford Model T for \$400 and gasoline in Smithfield was 20¢ a gallon.

Governor Cooper Visits Johnston County

NC Governor Roy Cooper was in Johnston County on Wednesday.

Cooper spread a bit of good news to those who lost everything in the state and to farmers whose crops were devastated by Hurricane Florence. Agriculture in NC's number one industry and farmers in Eastern NC are facing major losses which even crop insurance is not going to cover, according to the Governor.



While in the Smithfield area, the Governor signed Hurricane Florence Aid Bills to help with recovery efforts.

[Courtesy of JoCo Report](#)



Photo Courtesy of Tim Kerigan

Vote:



Halloween Tips:



Planning Department

The Planning Department provides services and staffing to a number of different constituencies within the community. These constituencies include:

- City Council and its members
- Planning and Zoning Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Board of Adjustment
- Appearance Commission
- Residents, businesses, and property owners

Within these services, the Department assists property owners, residents, businesses, and development interests in interpreting the town's regulations and requirements for land use in this community related to:

- Enforcement of ordinances, regulations, and requirements relating to land use and site planning to ensure
- environmental protection, preserve community character, and promote best development practices as were intended by their creation
- Administration of the process for changes in a parcel's zoning
- Government of all divisions of property, as well as requirements for their design and service, under the town's subdivision code
- Maintenance of the town's GIS program and all official town maps
- Administration of property maintenance requirements to ensure that existing land, buildings, and structures are maintained at a minimum level, thereby guaranteeing the value of the improvement is preserved, and the surrounding neighborhood character is protected.



[Website](#)

Number: 919-934-2116 ext. 1111

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sophomores Isabella Leonard and Sophia Torres on being accepted into the North Carolina School of Science & Math!

NEUSE CHARTER SCHOOL DESIGN WINS AWARD



Smithfield NC - Design Development Architects of Raleigh, NC has been awarded "Outstanding School Design 2018" for two of their recent educational projects by American School & University, a premier publication celebrating the best in educational design on a national level.

Neuse Charter School's High School in Smithfield, and East Wake Academy's Middle School in Zebulon were the only North Carolina schools to receive this recognition in 2018. Architect Jonathan Medlin, AIA/LEED AP, was the lead designer on both projects.

Neuse Charter's High School building was constructed as the anchor project ...

[Courtesy of Neuse Charter School News](#)

Town of Smithfield Now Offering E-Billing:



Three easy ways to sign up:

Come see Customer Service at Town Hall*Call (919) 934-2116 Ext.1105 or Ext.1113*Or email: utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com

Council Meeting Highlights

October 2, 2018

Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott presented a Proclamation to the Regina Sanders in memory of her husband, Daniel Sanders, for his dedicated service to the Town of Smithfield's Planning Board and Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
2. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott presented a Proclamation to Regina Sanders for her dedicated service to the Town of Smithfield's Appearance Commission.
3. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Bryant Jimenez
4. The Town Council received an update on Economic Development efforts in the Town.
5. The Town Council received an update on the Wayfinding Project.
6. The Town Council received an update on the Neuse River Amphitheater Project.
7. The Town Council approved the Consent Agenda.
8. The Town Council received the final report for the State awarded Asset Inventory & Assessment



grant for water inventory .

9. The Town Council adopted Resolution #628 (15-2018) fixing the date of Public Hearing on the Question of noncontiguous annexation pursuant to NCGS 160A-58.2 and accepted the Town Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency .

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, September 4, 2018. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Local Business Spotlight: **The Pink Pineapple Boutique**

We are cute little boutique located in the town of Selma, NC. We love making women feel fabulous and beautiful . We work hard to select clothes that are good quality and comfortable for all ages. Our goal is to create a customer relationship and guide you on different styles outside of your comfort zone for you to see the true beauty in yourself. We would love for you to come by and see us !!

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Pink Pineapple Boutique

Date: October 25, 2018

Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EDT

Location: Meet us at 129 N Second St in downtown Smithfield

Located On :

ADDRESS

129 N Second St

Smithfield, North Carolina 27577

Facebook: [PineappleBoutique/](#)

Phone:

(919) 796-6199



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 cblait@ncsu.edu

Volunteers Needed

Opportunities Available to Serve on a Town Board

- Appearance Commission - 1 Position
- Board of Adjustment - 2 in Town Member
- Historic Properties Commission - 1 Position
- Planning Board - 1 In-Town Alternate

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 Parrish to request one by mail at 919-934-2116.





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



- **Electric Line Technician**
- **Part-time Lifeguard(s)**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Utility Line Mechanic**

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

