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## ***Town of Smithfield Phase One Plans***

Last week, [Governor Roy Cooper signed an Executive Order](#) to move into "Phase One" of reopening North Carolina. **Phase One continues until May 22 at 5 p.m.**

The NC Stay-at-Home Order remains in effect, but now there are more reasons you can leave home. [Check out these Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

As a reminder, these are measures that have been taken by the Town of Smithfield during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

--- The Planning Department is closed for face-to-face business until further notice. Those needing assistance may call **(919) 934-2116 ext. 1111 or ext. 1114**. You can also email the Planning Director, Stephen Wensman ([stephen.wensman@smithfield-nc.com](mailto:stephen.wensman@smithfield-nc.com)) or Julie Edmonds ([julie.edmonds@smithfield-nc.com](mailto:julie.edmonds@smithfield-nc.com)).

A link for any planning documents you may need may be here: [http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/planning\\_documents.](http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/planning_documents)

--- You can still make payments at Town Hall but will do so via a speaker placed in our vestibule at the rear of the building. For additional safety, we are only allowing one person at a time in the vestibule. Please maintain appropriate social distancing outside Town Hall as well; lines are in place on the walkway for assistance.

The following payment options are available:

1. Pay online at [www.smithfield-nc.com](http://www.smithfield-nc.com). Click on the "Pay Utility" icon on the

homepage.

2. Call 1-855-603-9197 (debit/credit payments only).

3. Place your payment in one of the two drop boxes outside, either the drop box attached to the building OR in the parking lot. If you are paying with CASH, we ask that you please use the drop box attached to the building.

Payments received in either drop box before 5pm will be processed for the date the payment was received.

--- If you need to set up utility services during this time, please [email our Customer Service Department](#) or phone (919) 934-2116, ext. 1105 or ext.1113.

You will need to provide the following information:

- Service Address
- Date Of Service
- Valid State-Issued Photo Identification And Your Social Security Number
- Federal Tax ID Number (Business Accounts)
- Deed/ Offer To Purchase/ Rental Agreement or Lease Agreement.

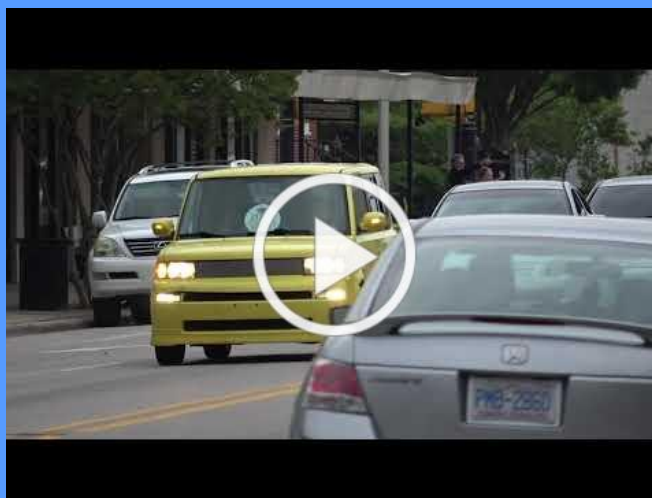
--- All activities at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatic Center are suspended and access to park, playgrounds and restrooms are prohibited. ***Our parks open spaces, walking trails and greenways are open*** and we invite you to use those while maintaining social distancing measures. Signs are posted on the greenway to assist.

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## ***SSS Holds Senior "Parade"***

Last Friday night, Smithfield-Selma High School held a Senior Parade through Smithfield. With a police and fire escort, they drove through several neighborhoods and down portions of Brightleaf Blvd. and Market Street in order for the town to honor them. Below is a quick peak at a portion of the parade!

Congratulations Seniors!



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## ***Seymour Johnson AFB Honors First Responders***

Johnston County was one of seven destinations as a group of Air Force F-15E Strike Eagles made low-altitude passes over health care sites in Eastern North Carolina on May 1st. It was an AWESOME way to say thank you to our first responders!

We caught the video below as they passed over [Johnston Health](#) in Smithfield.



Thanks to the F-15E Strike Eagles from the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB for making this possible.



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## ***Fifth Street Community Garden Beginning to Bloom***

We found some cool blooms at the Fifth Street Community Garden of Smithfield this week. It won't be long and tomatoes, squash and lots of other good eats will be ready to harvest. Some cool new signs for the bee hive and more are being installed this week, too.



## ***A HUGE "Thank You" To Our Public Works Department***

Would you believe, during the course of a normal month, ***our Public Works Department picks up around 400 TONS of garbage and debris throughout Smithfield?*** That's a lot of milk cartons, pizza boxes and empty cans!

However, we aren't in normal mode, are we? Since COVID-19 has kept many of us home, our Public Works Department has been working harder than ever to pick up even more refuse.

***Last month, our crews picked up over 500 TONS!*** Pictured here is Jeremy Reddick, one of the many employees responsible for "taking out the trash." Thanks to Jeremy and everyone else for their tireless efforts!

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## Have You Completed the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census will impact the next 10 years of funding for healthcare, infrastructure, education and more. We all see how important these are today.

Filling out the Census has never been easier; just log onto [my2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) and respond today to make Smithfield's tomorrow brighter. If you do prefer the more traditional methods, you can also fill out the Census by mail or by calling **1-844-330-2020**.

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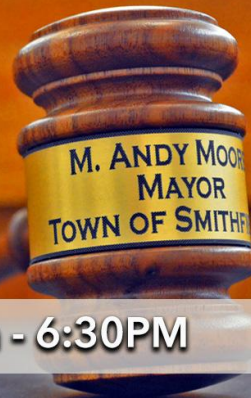
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### TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING CONFERENCE CALL

1-800-719-7514  
Code 808829

Thursday, May 14th - 6:30PM



Our Town Council 2020-2021 budget meetings will continue **TONIGHT, Thursday May 14th at 6pm**. As with previous meetings, with COVID-19 restrictions regarding gatherings or more than ten persons still in place, these sessions are made available to the public via phone.

Listen to the budget discussions by phone on May 14th by dialing **1-800-719-7514** and, when prompted, using code **808829**.

Our next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will take place on **Monday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m.** We will be using the same conference call method as above. If there are any citizens that had planned to address the Council during Citizens Comment at the May 18th meeting, we ask for those citizens to e-mail their comments to [Town Clerk Shannan Parrish](mailto:Shannan.Parrish@smithfield-nc.com) by **Monday, May 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** Mayor Andy Moore will present those comments during the Citizens Comment time on the agenda at the meeting. The full agenda for the meeting is found below:  
[https://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/council\\_agendas\\_minutes](https://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/council_agendas_minutes).

## COME WORK WITH US!

Applications and full job advertisements may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall, located at 350 East Market St. in Smithfield, or by visiting our website at [www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs](https://www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs). Only qualified applicants should apply.

The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO



### Smithfield Town Board Opportunities:

- Appearance Commission - 3 Positions
- Board of Adjustment - 2 Positions
- Recreation Advisory Committee - 2 Positions
- Library Board of Trustees - 1 Position

All positions are three year terms, unless otherwise specified. Interested citizens can download an ["Application for Board Appointment" on the Town's website](#) or call Town Clerk Shannan Parrish to request one by mail at **919-934-2116**.

### Town of Smithfield E-Billing:



Three easy ways to sign up:

- Visit customer service at Town Hall
- Call (919) 934-2116 Ext.1113 E
- Email: [utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com](mailto:utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com)



**EVENTS?  
QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?**

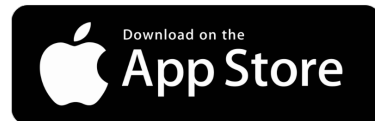


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