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Think the Census isn't Important? Think Again.

Watch the video below to find out how taking just five minutes to complete the Census brings in MILLIONS of dollars back into Smithfield over the next decade.

The deadline for completing the Census is September 30th; respond today at my2020census.gov.



Johnston County Schools Curbside Meal Information

The USDA extended free meals for students through December 31! Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students at curbside locations through December 31.

You can find a video on Curbside Meal Service Protocols on their website - bit.ly/JCPSSchoolNutrition

Governor Announces "Phase 2.5" Through October 2nd

Governor Roy Cooper announced "Phase 2.5" of COVID-19 restrictions that will be in effect until **October 2nd at 5pm**.

Among the new changes in place **beginning TOMORROW at 5pm**:

- Gyms can reopen at 30% capacity
- Museums/Aquariums can reopen at 50% capacity
- Playgrounds are allowed to reopen
- Bowling alley's and skating rinks can reopen under the same guidelines as gyms
- Limits indoor crowd gatherings to 25 people
- Limits outdoor crowd gatherings to 50 people
- Age requirement for wearing a mask in public changes to ages 5 and older
- 11pm alcohol curfew remains in place till October 2nd

Bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, amusement parks, dance halls, and other entertainment facilities will remain closed.

The following measures continue to remain in place for the Town of Smithfield:

--- The Planning Department is closed for face-to-face business. 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) or Julie Edmonds (julie.edmonds@smithfield-nc.com).

For any planning documents you may need:
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 inside the vestibule.

Please maintain appropriate social distancing outside Town Hall; lines are in place on the walkway for assistance.

The following payment options are available:

1. Pay online at 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. *(No change will be given; anything over the amount due will be applied to next month's bill)*

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.



Labor Day Sanitation Schedule

Household waste/yard debris collections for Monday, September 7th will be collected Wednesday, September 9th. All other customers remain on regular schedule.

The convenience center at 231 Hospital Rd. will be closed on Saturday, September 5th.

Small Business and COVID-19 Recovery Training

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(SBCRT). Students will participate in an 8-week online course providing entrepreneurial management, business resiliency training, & economic recovery strategies.

This program is being provided free of charge to all SBCRT participants. **Class begins 9/22/20!** Contact Malika Bennett at mmbennett@uncfsu.edu or (910) 672-1017 for additional information and a program application.



Are you an existing business owner seeking COVID-19 resources and support?

Are you an aspiring business owner concerned about starting a business during a pandemic?

We're here to help!

SBCRT Program Curriculum

W1: Business Experimental Design
W2: Addressing Fears & Challenges
W3: Business Model Canvas
W4: Value Proposition
W5: Knowing Your Customer
W6: Transitioning to an e-Commerce Business
W7: Rebounding and Rebuilding in Economic Crisis
W8: Financial Projections, Cost Structure, and Revenue Streams



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Racism Roundtable Scheduled for September 10th



The Johnston County Heritage Commission's Black History Committee will present a roundtable discussion on racism in the criminal justice system on **Thursday, September 10th at 7pm**. Entitled *"The Right to Breathe: Re-examining Racism,"* it will be accessible via [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

Panelists will include James Chapman, a professor of criminal justice technology at Wake Technical Community College; Dennis Gaddy, a mentor to those transitioning from prison and jail; Walter Martin, a former Smithfield policeman; Jack O'Hale, a noted criminal defense attorney; and Addie Harris Rawls, District Court judge and pastor. Dr. Twyla Casey Wells, Vice President of Advancement and Community Relations at Johnston Community College, will serve as moderator.

"Studies show that historically African Americans have been more likely to be stopped by police, detained in jail before trial, charged with more serious crimes, and sentenced more harshly than white people," Heritage Center Director Todd Johnson points out. "We are pleased to be able to bring together individuals who understand the issues and who can offer possible solutions to some of the problems in our criminal justice system."

Audience members can weigh in and ask questions remotely during the Facebook Live feed.

This virtual event is the third discussion in a continuing series. The fourth and final session on October 8th will deal with racism in education.

Cooking With Herbs Virtual Workshop This Saturday

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in Johnston County will hold a "Cooking with Herbs" virtual workshop on Saturday, September 5th from 10am-12pm.

Discuss benefits of cooking with herbs, food pairings, drying, storage, and preservation. Register [HERE](#).



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. Only qualified applicants should apply.

The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.



Smithfield Town Board Opportunities:

- Appearance Commission - 2 Positions
- Board of Adjustment - 2 Positions
- Recreation Advisory Committee - 2 Positions

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



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