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## Governor Cooper Announces Phase 3 for North Carolina; Bars, Movie Theaters and Amusement Parks Open with Restrictions

Under Phase 3, **bars, movie theaters and restaurants will be allowed to open at 30% capacity or 100 people**, whichever is less. Additionally, as Governor Cooper announced last week, **outdoor stadiums that can seat more than 10,000 people will be allowed to open at a 7% capacity.**



The following measures remain in place for Town Hall in Downtown 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](#) or [Julie Edmonds](#).

For any planning documents you may need: [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 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](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. *(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.

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## Family Forward NC Rapid Response Webinar Monday, October 5th

The North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation recently released a NC COVID-19 Rapid Response program to provide no cost HR support to employers across NC, especially small and medium sized in the hospitality and manufacturing industries.

Through [Family Forward NC](#)'s expert assistance, businesses can identify industry-appropriate family-friendly workplace benefits that will allow them to open more quickly with a strategic advantage and build resilience post- COVID-19.

Join the Triangle East Chamber of Commerce on October 5th at 12pm to learn more about this groundbreaking initiative to foster employer-led change and increase access to researched-based, family-friendly practices - big and small - that improve workplace productivity, recruitment and retention; grow a strong economy; and support children's healthy development across North Carolina.

Businesses, [register](#) for this very important webinar today!

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## Johnston County Schools Back to School Plans

The Johnston County Board of Education approved a back to school plan at a special called session on Thursday, September 25 and took the following actions:

- Pre-Kindergarten and Self-Contained Exceptional Children in grades K-12 will attend all days except Wednesday until Oct. 12.
- Kindergarteners will return to school in two groups during their first week. Group 1 will attend school on Oct. 5 and 6. Group 2 will attend school on Oct. 8 and 9.
- Beginning on Oct. 12, all Kindergarten, Pre-K, and K-5 Self Contained EC students will attend all five days of the week. Self Contained EC students in grades 6-12 will remain attending in-person instruction four days a week, with Wednesday serving as a remote learning day.



- On Oct. 19, all students in grades 1 and 2 will begin attending school all five days under Plan A. In addition, students in grades 6-12 will begin attending school in Plan B in two cohorts on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, Friday with Wednesday as a remote learning day.
- On Oct. 26, all students in grades 3,4, and 5 will begin attending schools all five days under Plan A.

At this time, the Virtual Program will remain in place until the end of the semester. Any decisions to continue beyond the first semester have not been determined.

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## Celebrate Halloween Virtually with Smithfield Parks and Recreation

Smithfield Parks and Recreation has two fun events planned during the month of October that allows us to still participate in Halloween festivities while maintaining social distancing. Email your entries for our pumpkin carving and costume contests to [tiffany.pearson@smithfield-nc.com](mailto:tiffany.pearson@smithfield-nc.com) to win Walmart gift cards and other prizes!





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## Third StrEATery coming to Downtown Smithfield October 9th and October 23rd



The Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation invites you to enjoy fall dining outdoors at our Third StrEATery! Weather permitting, the 100 block of Third Street will be available for outdoor dining, creating more room to dine and shop safely in Downtown Smithfield. Plus, we'll have great music from local musicians. We'll still be asking you adhere to the 3 W's to keep everyone safe. Save the dates October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for Third StrEATery!

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## Theatre in the Park at Neuse River Amphitheatre October 24th

Cista Lueeeze's Brunch House is





proud to presenta live performance of the Stage Play "The Life of the Funeral" on Saturday, October 24th at 1pm at the Neuse River Amphitheatre in Smithfield.

All attendees must wear a face covering and adhere to all CDC guidelines. Make sure to bring a lawn chair and join us for a wonderful fall afternoon of fun!

For more information, contact Jacqueline Gathers Woods at 919-391-8087 or visit [cistalueeze.com](http://cistalueeze.com).

## 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](http://www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs). Only qualified applicants should apply.

The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.

### ***WE'RE HIRING!***

**Current Openings:**

***Firefighter I (2 Positions)***

***Fire Inspector (PT)***

***Licensed Water Plant Operator***

***Police Officer I (4 Positions)***

**Competitive Pay**

**Excellent Benefits**

Download an application at:

[www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs](http://www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs)





## Smithfield Town Board Opportunities:

- Appearance Commission - 2 Positions
- Board of Adjustment - 3 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**.

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## 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)

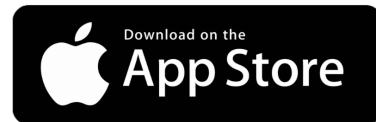


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