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Early Voting Sites Open in North Carolina

As of this morning, from Manteo to Murphy and every big city and small town in between, voting sites are open across North Carolina.

Set against the backdrop of a beautiful fall morning here in downtown Smithfield, our picture was taken approximately one hour into the early voting period and we estimate there were around 150 people in line. What an impressive site to see!

Here in Smithfield, early voting is held at the First Baptist Church Ministry Center at 125 S. Fourth Street. Voting hours are Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 17th and 24th from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Saturday October 31st from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Other early voting sites can be found [HERE](#).



Halloween Hours and Guidelines Announced

The Town of Smithfield has approved the hours of 5-8pm on Saturday, October 31 to celebrate Halloween. Events such as haunted houses, trunk-or-treats, fall

festivals, etc. are discouraged.

Residents who wish to participate are asked to distribute candies that are either wrapped or bagged instead of handing out individual pieces at a time; homemade candies and goodies are not recommended. Residents are also encouraged not to use a "community bowl" to pass out candy; rather, set out candies on a table at an appropriate distance away from the door for children to help themselves.

Those residents who do not wish to participate in trick-or-treating are asked to leave their outdoor lights off during the approved Halloween hours.

We hope your children and family have a FUN and SAFE Halloween!

Four Smithfield Residents Honored with Local Awards

September 29th, Mayor Andy Moore proclaimed "Shelia Nixon Day" in Smithfield. Shelia, a endoscopic nurse at Johnston Health and a lifelong resident of Smithfield, was named [Johnston Health](#) Ambassador of the Year!



On October 1st, [Johnston Now Magazine](#) held their annual Johnston Now Awards, a countywide awards celebration honoring local heroes.

Lieutenant Brian O'Branovich of the Smithfield Police Department received the Distinguished Police Officer Award; Blake Gotliffe, owner of Under the Oak Restaurant and Grocery, won the Dynamic Entrepreneur Award; and Chris Johnson, Economic Development Director for Johnston County, took home the Spirit of the County Award.



Brian O'Branovich
Smithfield Police Department



Blake Gotliffe
*Under the Oak
Restaurant and Grocery*



Chris Johnson
*Johnston County Economic
Development Director*

Congratulations to all four award recipients for making us **#SmithfieldStrong!**



Smithfield Parks and Recreation Soccer Clinic

Smithfield Parks and Rec will be offering a Soccer Clinic that will be conducted by Pablo Jimenez, the head soccer coach at SSS and girls soccer coach at Smithfield Middle School. Former SSS coach Kate McGrath will assist in the clinic as well.

The clinic will be held on 2 Friday nights, October 23rd and October 30th, 6:30-8:00pm, at Talton Field. Boys and girls ages 7-14. \$30 per kid. Kids will be working on a lot of individual drills, and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete a form, place it in an envelope along with your cash or check, payable to Pablo Jimenez, and drop it at the front desk at the SRAC. All forms should be dropped at the front desk. Space is limited, so sign up today!

If you would like a registration form and our protocols emailed to you, please call Jan at Smithfield Parks and Rec at 919-934-2148.

Third StrEATery Expands to Fridays and Saturdays in October!



The Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation (DSDC) has announced its plans to expand the Third StrEATery dates to include Fridays and Saturdays through

October 30.

Open from 6-9:30 p.m. each Friday and Saturday, the Third StrEATery, Downtown Smithfield's Outside Dining Room, offers live music and socially distanced seating to encourage people to enjoy takeout from the downtown restaurants and visit downtown businesses. The 100 block of S. Third Street will be closed to allow the addition of tables and chairs.

Upcoming performances include:

October 16 – Charles Newkirk, Jazz Guitar

October 17 – Footnotes, a local Jazz Trio featuring Dr. Jess Pittard on Piano, Ned Attayek on Guitar, and Wingate Lassiter on Bass

October 23 – Nate Brown, Steel Drum

October 24 – Serenading & Saxie, Saxophone

October 30 – Casey T. Cotton – The Piano Man, Piano and Vocals

In order to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved, and in accordance with the State's current guidance, all attendees will be asked to wear a mask unless seated, to maintain social distancing requirements and to sanitize their hands at the provided touchless, automatic hand sanitizing stations provided by the DSDC.

For more information about the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation and its programs or the downtown businesses, please visit www.downtownsmithfield.com.



Theatre in the Park at Neuse River Amphitheatre October 24th

Cista Lueeze's Brunch House is proud to present a 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.

Johnston County Heritage Center to Hold Virtual Ghost Walk October 29th

The Johnston County Heritage Center will hold a Virtual Ghost Walk on **October 29th at 6pm**. The event can be viewed on the Heritage Center's [YouTube Channel](#).

This year event features Aaron Lee (telling the story of Lynch's Ghost), portrayed by Darius Rose; Thomas A. Bingham (founder of Garner, NC), portrayed by John Arthur Greene; Luma McLamb (pioneering female politician in the 1920s), portrayed by

Theressa Rose; Shine (tobacco farm laborer and childhood friend of Ava Gardner), portrayed by Kenny Howell; and William R. Collins (African American educator) and his wife Alice, portrayed by Paul and Shirley Ingram.

Johnston County Register of Deeds Office to Hold Public Shred Event October 31st

Did you know identity theft is currently the fastest growing crimes in America, with someone's identity being stolen every three seconds?

As an ongoing effort to help the citizens of Johnston County from identity theft, Craig Olive and the Johnston County Register of Deeds office is organizing a FREE "Public Shred" Event on October 31st from 10am-1pm.

Bring old files, receipts, credit card offers, bank statements, returned checks and any other sensitive information to the IGA parking lot at 721 N. Brightleaf Blvd. For more information, please call (919) 989-5160.

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 - 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**.

Town of Smithfield E-Billing:



Three easy ways to sign up:

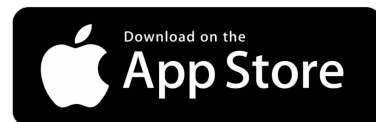
- Visit customer service at Town Hall
- Call (919) 934-2116 Ext.1113 E
- Email: utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com



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