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Halloween Hours and Guidelines

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.

The forecast for Saturday night looks cool so bundle up and we hope your children and family have a FUN and SAFE Halloween!

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, November 1st

We're sure many of you really don't want an extra



hour of 2020 but that's what we're getting this weekend! Make sure to set those clock back Saturday night before you go to bed.

Daylight Savings Time is also the perfect time make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide protectors have new batteries. So, when you change your clocks, take an extra few minutes to change those batteries!

Flu Drive-Thru Clinic Friday, October 30th

The Johnston County Public Health Department will hold a seasonal flu drive-thru clinic **TOMORROW**, Friday, October 30th, from 9:00am-12:00pm. (while supplies last) for adults and children age 12 and up. Pre-registration is required for this event. Call 919-209-8310 to register for the clinic.

The clinic will be held at the Public Health Department located at 517 N. Bright Leaf Blvd, Smithfield. Please be sure to bring your ID and insurance card.



Veteran's Day Fireworks At Smithfield Community Park



Help us celebrate Veteran's Day by joining us for fireworks at Smithfield Community Park and surrounding locations on November 11th, beginning at 5pm. You'll be able to enjoy the fireworks from your vehicle parked in areas around and near Community Park.

View the entire ceremony, including a message from Mayor Andy Moore, the presentation of colors and special music, by joining us on our [Facebook](#) page at 5pm on November 11th.

Junior Women's League Hosts Diaper Drive

Due to COVID-19, the Junior Women's League of Smithfield has cancelled this year's "Touch-A-Truck" event. Although we can't touch our favorite trucks this year, we can fill a truck full of diapers to support the Partnership for Children of Johnston County instead! The JWL will be collecting diapers, wipes, and monetary donations to assist the Partnership for Children of Johnston County in the creation of a diaper closet for families in need.



"While we are disappointed that we can't spend a morning exploring our favorite trucks to benefit the Partnership for Children, the Junior Women's League of Smithfield recognizes this great need in our community still exists," said Dana Satterfield and Destiny Savage, the event's co-chairs. "Instead of focusing on what the pandemic has taken away, we are choosing to focus on what we can still do to make a difference in the lives of children in Johnston County and we appreciate the support this initiative has received."

Diaper Need is a public health issue in the US, and it has never been more evident than throughout 2020. Diapers are as essential to a child's basic needs as food and shelter. Yet, state and national safety net programs do not recognize diapers as a "basic need." One in five moms said they had run out of money for diapers. One in four said they cut back on food to pay for diapers. One in 20 said they have washed out and reused disposable diapers. It takes 7-10 diapers a day to keep a child's bottom clean at a cost of roughly \$80-\$100 per month.

Tomorrow is the final day to donate! Visit www.jwlsmithfield.com to find out how you can help locally.

FIFTH STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN CLOSING UNTIL SPRING



The 5th Street Community Garden of Smithfield will closing for the winter on November 1st. We are incredibly grateful for all the volunteers who have turned this area into a beautiful part of downtown Smithfield and are already looking forward to re-opening in spring! Special thanks to Brandie Davis who has overseen the transformation of the garden over the last 18 months.

Third StrEATery Expands to Fridays and Saturdays in October!



The Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation (DSDC) will hold its final Third StrEATery on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-9:30pm.

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. Tomorrow nights entertainment features Casey T. Cotton - "the Piano Man."

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.

Johnston County Heritage Center to Hold Virtual Ghost Walk TONIGHT!

The Johnston County Heritage Center will hold a Virtual Ghost Walk **TONIGHT**, 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 Theresa 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.

Smithfield Rescue Mission Kicks Off "Turkeytastic" Thanksgiving Fundraiser

The Smithfield Rescue Mission needs your help to ensure that Thanksgiving feasts make their way into as many homes as possible during this difficult year. We know that there are people experiencing hardship, loss, or food insecurity in our community and we want to encourage you help the Smithfield Rescue Mission achieve their goal of 225 meals!

The items needed to complete meals include:

- 225 frozen or fresh turkeys (by Nov 16)
- 300 cans of green beans
- 300 cans of corn
- 225 cans of yams
- 225 boxes of stuffing



To drop off your donations, please call 919-934-9257. Donation hours are Monday through Friday from 9am-11am and 3:30pm-5:30pm.

Johnston County Register of Deeds Office Holding Public Shred Event this Saturday

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 **this Saturday, 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 - 1 Position and 2 High School Representatives
- Library Board - 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:

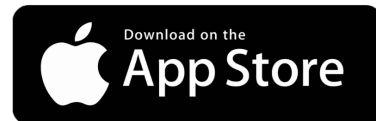
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- Call (919) 934-2116 Ext.1113 E
- Email: utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com



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