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## COVID-19 Testing Continues

The Smithfield Progressive Men's Club, located at 1208 Goldsboro Road, continues to hold COVID-19 testing.

You can get tested **TODAY** from **11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, January 30th** from **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

No appointment is necessary, but we do encourage residents to register and schedule an appointment. Contact 1-877-562-4850 or <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.



## Spring Branch Restoration Project Open House

The Spring Branch Restoration Project, located on Church Street between 5th and 6th Streets, will create a diverse and natural environment to enjoy in the heart of Downtown Smithfield.





## OPEN HOUSE

### SPRING BRANCH RESTORATION PROJECT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

SMITHFIELD RECREATION AND AQUATICS CENTER  
OR [TOWN OF SMITHFIELD FACEBOOK PAGE](#). [LIVE](#)

The Spring Branch Restoration Project is a constructed wetland and stream bank restoration. The project is located on the south side of Church Street, between 5th and 6th Streets, in Downtown Smithfield.

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Provides educational opportunities for students from preschool to college



Creates a diverse and natural environment to enjoy in Smithfield



Second phase of project to include greenway from Fifth to Sixth Streets

\*\*\* Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no more than ten (10) people will be allowed in \*\*\* the meeting room at any one time and masks will be required.

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The project will increase stream length, add approximately .5 acres of floodplain wetland, provide educational opportunities and, in the second phase, add a greenway through the site.

Join us at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatic Center for an **Open House on Thursday, February 11th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** *Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no more than 10 people will be allowed in the meeting room at any time and masks will be required for entry.*

We'll also be broadcasting portions of the Q&A session on our Facebook page.

## Smithfield Middle School Student Wins Bell Scholarship

Smithfield Middle School AVID student Valery Davis Mendoza is one of several promising North Carolina seventh graders who have been named as recipients of the Victor E. Bell, Jr. Scholarship.



Valery is the daughter of Eliezer Tinoco Davis and Maira Mendoza Mejia. She is a second-year AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) student. Carrie Johnsen, Valery's AVID teacher, affirmed "Valery is a hard-working and determined student who never lets anything stop her from meeting her goals. Valery will go far in life with her determination to succeed". "Valery is dedicated to setting and achieving rigorous goals for herself in all she endeavors to do, and we are extremely pleased she was selected for this scholarship," stated Sarah Anderson, Smithfield Middle School's AVID Coordinator.

The scholarship is named in honor of the chairman of the CFI Board of Trustees, Victor E. Bell, Jr., who served on the Board for 30 years and left a strong legacy of service to higher education in North Carolina.

Each Bell Scholar is eligible to receive up to \$20,000, as long as they meet annual renewal criteria. Starting in seventh grade, eligible students will receive \$2,000 per year, through four years of college. The funds are contributed to an account in the NC 529 Plan, with the student named as the beneficiary.

Congratulations, Valery!

## SSS Math Teacher Named WRAL's Teacher of the Week





Congratulations to JoEllen Benson, math teacher at Smithfield-Selma High School, for recently being named WRAL TV's Teacher of the Week!

**#SSStrong**

You can view the video from WRAL [HERE](#).

## Eagle Scout Project Completed at 5th Street Community Garden

During the winter months, even as the 5th Street Community Garden is closed, it's nice to see some work still going on.

Aaron Painter of Willow Spring recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout by adding a potting bench, refurbishing and reconstructing our plant beds and finishing construction on a potato bed.



Aaron, congratulations on earning your Eagle Scout designation and for performing these much needed repairs at the garden. We are grateful for you and your team!



## Police and Fire Department Job Openings

Join the Town of Smithfield's Police or Fire Departments and make a difference in our community!

Applications and full job advertisements may be obtained at Smithfield Town Hall, located at 350 East Market Street 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.

## Town Council Meeting Tuesday, February 2nd

Our next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting of 2021 is Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance will be limited to 25 persons in Council Chambers at any given time.



Agendas for this and all other council meetings can be found at the following website: [https://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/council\\_agendas\\_minutes](https://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/council_agendas_minutes)





## Smithfield Town Board Opportunities:

- Appearance Commission - 3 Vacancies
- Board of Adjustment - 1 Vacancy
- Recreation Advisory Committee - 3 Vacancies and 2 High School Representatives
- Library Board - 1 Vacancy

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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