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## Fire Chief Candidates Meet and Greet TONIGHT at Town Hall

After an extensive search, we have narrowed our candidates for Smithfield's next fire chief down to two individuals. Our finalists are Mike Morton, Assistant Fire Marshall for the city of Winston-Salem and Michael Brown, Deputy Fire Chief for the city of Wilson.

Mike Morton currently serves as the Assistant Fire Marshal for the City of Winston-Salem, with previous experience

as the Fire Chief for the Town of Elkin, N.C., a Recruit Academy Chief for LSU Fire and Emergency Training Institute, and a Senior Responder for the Avery County Rescue Squad. In this role, he oversees fire and explosion investigations, provides guidance on fire code enforcement, and represents the city on the Forsyth County Incident Management Team. Assistant Fire Marshal Morton has worked in the emergency service field for 20 years on behalf of departments in North Carolina, Louisiana, and Tennessee, and as a Firefighter/Lieutenant in Iraq. Recently recognized by the Center for Public Safety Excellence as a CFAI peer assessor, he is a trusted source of guidance and feedback for the accreditation process of fire departments worldwide.

Michael Brown currently serves as the Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Wilson Fire



Department, after previously moving up through the ranks from Firefighter to Battalion Chief. In this role, he assists with the management of all department operations, training, and logistics, and is directly responsible for budgeting, accreditation, strategic planning, and engagement with internal and external stakeholders on behalf of the department. With over 35 years of municipal and volunteer fire service, Deputy Chief Brown has broad experience and a proven track record in assisting his department plan for emerging changes in the profession. He received a Chief Fire Officer Designation in 2020, his Masters in Fire Service Leadership in 2010, and is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program.

Both candidates will participate in a meet and greet **TONIGHT (Thursday August 12th) from 6:30-8:30pm at Town Hall**. It's your opportunity to meet with the candidates and ask any questions you may have.

Following the meeting, any input from citizens can be made by calling 919-989-1077 or by emailing the [Town Manager](#).

## River Rat Regatta Saturday in Downtown Smithfield

We are excited about the River Rat Regatta, happening **this Saturday, August 14th, beginning at 4pm**.

The Regatta is your chance to make a seaworthy vessel from cardboard, glue and duct tape ONLY. If you think you're up to the challenge, register at [bit.ly/riverratregatta](http://bit.ly/riverratregatta) and join us for a great afternoon at the boat ramp on the Neuse. We'll also have music from local classic rock band Blind Joy and sweet treats from Pelican's snowballs.



## Sixth Grade Mini-Camp at Smithfield Middle School

Smithfield Middle School welcomed incoming new Knights to campus last week for their mini-camp. These incoming sixth graders learned all about their new school and experience.

Johnston County Schools welcome students on August 23rd for the 2021-2022 school year.

## Third StrEATery Returns September 10th

After pausing during the month of August, we are excited to welcome back Third StrEATery on September 10th and October 1st!



Join us for dinner at one of our local restaurants on our open air patio on Third Street, shopping at our downtown businesses plus live music and fun for the entire family!



## WE'RE HIRING!

IT Support Specialist  
Police Officer I  
Water Plant Operator  
Electric Line Technician  
Sanitation Equipment Operator

Part-Time:  
Fire Inspector  
Equipment Mechanic



## Town of Smithfield Job Openings

Applications and full job descriptions may be obtained at Smithfield Town Hall, located at 350 East Market Street in Smithfield, or by visiting our website at [smithfield-nc.com/jobs](http://smithfield-nc.com/jobs).

Only qualified applicants should apply.

The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION: [SMITHFIELD-NC.COM/JOBS](http://SMITHFIELD-NC.COM/JOBS)

## Smithfield Town Board Opportunities:

Serving on a board within the Town of Smithfield has many benefits! Choosing to serve on a board enables you to become an integral part of solving problems in our community that are important to you. As a board member, you get the opportunity to be a representative of the diversity and social culture of Smithfield. It's also an opportunity to serve in a leadership position in an organization that serves others.



Right now, Smithfield has the following vacancies:

- **Appearance Commission** - 2 Vacancies
- **Historic Properties Commission** - 2 Vacancies
- **Board of Adjustment** - 1 In-Town Vacancy
- **Recreation Advisory Committee** - 2 Vacancies and 2 High School Representatives

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](mailto:utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com)



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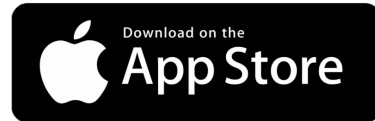


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