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Pedestrian Plan Public Meeting TONIGHT

Join us at Town Hall TONIGHT (February 17th) from 6-7pm for our Pedestrian Plan Public Meeting. Citizen input is vitally important as we look to prioritize our upcoming pedestrian projects and make Smithfield more walkable and pedestrian friendly.



Black History Program Goes Virtual on Thursday, February 24th



The Black History Committee of the Johnston County Heritage Commission will honor local African American health care professionals through a virtual program on Thursday, February 24. The presentation will premiere on the Heritage Center's YouTube channel (JohnstonNC Heritage) beginning at 7 pm.

"We planned to have an in-person event this year in the Reginald Ennis Pavilion," said Pearl Blackmon, Committee Chairperson, "but the resurgence of coronavirus has forced us to go virtual once again. She added, "The silver lining is that we will now have a video that can be viewed for years to come."

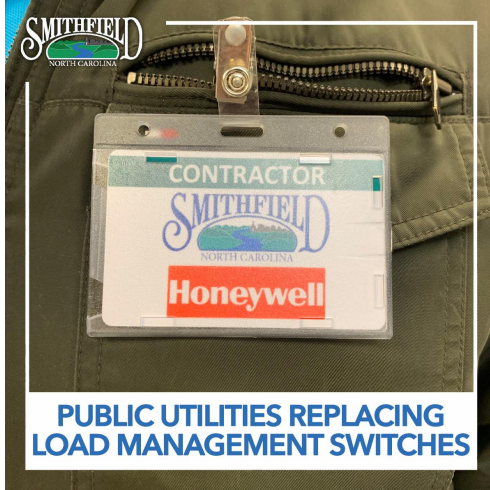
Dr. Marilyn Pearson (above right), Johnston County's Public Health Director, will be the keynote speaker. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University and her M.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed her Internship and Residency in Family Medicine at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. She has worked with the Johnston County Health Department since 1998 and has served as Director since 2005. She serves on many county and state boards and committees and serves as Congressional District 7 Representative for NC Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee. In January of 2015, she was named North Carolina Health Director of the Year.

Smithfield native Lucille Raiford Jones (above left) of Bronx, NY, will receive special recognition as one of the first African American nurses at Johnston Memorial Hospital when it opened in 1951. Since the mid-1950s, Jones has lived in New York, where she became a Charge Nurse at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn. She later joined the staff of Mt. Sinai Hospital in East Harlem (Borough of Manhattan), where she supervised Recovery Room nursing staff.

For further information, call the Heritage Center at 919-934-2836, or visit the Center's website at www.jcheritagecenter.org, or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/jocoheritage.

Public Utilities Load Management Switch Installation

The Town of Smithfield Public Utilities Department will be "swapping out" load management switches at already-participating home owners/customers over the next couple of months. Contractors hired to perform this service will be contacting customers by phone or door-to-door and will



have identification, indicating they are contractors, representing the town.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Public Utilities Department at 919-934-2798.

Baseball/Softball Registration Extended Through Friday, February 18th

Baseball and Softball registration ends THIS WEEK and T-Ball signups conclude on March 11th. Registration fees are \$25 for Smithfield Residents, and \$50 for Non-Smithfield Residents. *(Smithfield Residents are defined as residing within the incorporated City limits of the Town of Smithfield).*



T-Ball is open to boys and girls ages 5-6. (Must be 5 as of 5/1/22.) To learn more, contact Brendan.Boyd@smithfield-nc.com or visit [Smithfield Parks and Recreation online](#).

The Outsiders Opening This Weekend at Neuse Little Theatre



Neuse Little Theatre is proud to present "The Outsiders" opening this weekend!

Show dates are:

February 18-19 - 8:00 p.m.

February 20 - 3:00 p.m.

February 25-26 - 8:00 p.m.

This stage adaptation deals with real people, seen through the eyes of young Ponyboy, a Greaser on the wrong side of life, caught up in territorial battles between the have-it-made rich kids—the Socs—and his tough, underprivileged "greaser" family and friends. While the Socs appear to have everything, the only thing a Greaser has is his friends. As these young people try to find themselves and each

other, as the sadness of sophistication begins to reach them, and their battles and relationships reach a resolution. This is a play about young people who are not yet hopeless about latent decency in the midst of struggle.

Call 919-934-1873 to reserve your tickets for \$13 reserved or \$15 walk up. Pay cash or check (no credit/debit cards) when you check in at the box office on the night of your show.

Sarah Yard Community Center After School Program

The Sarah Yard Community Center offers after school activities for your kids ages 7-17 including snacks, board games, access to computers for homework and more!

Parents must fill out and sign a packet for each child. Call Smithfield Parks and Recreation at 919-934-2148 to begin the process.





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- Email: utilitybilling@smithfield-nc.com

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