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## Ham & Yam Festival Information

The Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation is pleased to announce that the [Ham & Yam Festival](#) presented by [Agri Supply](#) and [Stevens Sausage Co.](#) will be held on Saturday, May 7. After three long years, this beloved community event that features tasty ham and yam foods, entertainment on three stages, a variety of vendors, kids' activities, and fun for the entire family will make its return.

"We are excited to bring the Ham & Yam Festival back this year! It's a

beloved Smithfield tradition, and we have heard how much people have missed it.” stated Sarah Edwards, festival organizer and Executive Director of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation.

“Festivalgoers’ first Ham & Yam memories are often of things like having fun in the children’s area, enjoying a country ham biscuit, getting their faces painted, entering their artistic sweet potato creations in the What’s That Yam Thing? contest, or performing as part of a school group on one of the stages.”

The festival will be headlined by performances from [Paige King Johnson](#) at 2:30pm and [The Original Rhondels](#) at 4:30pm on the [N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#)’ Got To Be NC Stage at the Agri Supply – Stevens Sausage Pavilion on Front Street.

Country music singer-songwriter Paige King Johnson is a newcomer to the country charts, where she had a Top 30 single with “Water Down the Whiskey.” The 23-year-old is a three-time Carolina Music Awards winner, and has opened for James Otto, Neal McCoy, and Scotty McCreery, and is the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ Musical Ambassador for their “Got to Be NC” campaign.

The Original Rhondels are a beach music tradition that has been entertaining since 1969. With three Top 10 hits in “May I,” “I’ve Been Hurt,” and “What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am,” the band delights audiences that sing and dance along to some of the best party and dance songs from the past fifty years.

The Ham & Yam Festival is organized by the nonprofit Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation. To learn more about the Ham & Yam Festival, including sponsorship and vendor opportunities, please visit [www.hamandyam.com](http://www.hamandyam.com), or call Sarah Edwards at 919-934-0887.



## Harbor Shelter Spring Wine Walk TONIGHT!

Harbor Shelter will hold its Spring Wine Walk in Downtown Smithfield TONIGHT (Friday, April 29th) from 6-9pm. Advanced tickets can be purchased [HERE](#) for \$25 (\$30 at the event). This

year's Wine Walk is proudly sponsored by Coates Hearing Clinic and downtown merchants include:

- Little Brown Jug
- Classy C's
- The Gilded Pear
- Twisted Willow
- Sami's Pizza and Pasta
- Urban Misfits
- Boutique 12/20
- SoDoSoPa
- Medicaltraining.me



- Oak City Collection
- Johnston County Heritage Center

Harbor is a private non-profit agency that was created to serve people in Johnston County who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and families in transition.



## Third StrEATery Continues May 20th

Come downtown with your family, meet up with friends, get takeout from a downtown restaurant, and join us on Friday, May 20th from 6-9pm for the next Third StrEATery! Enjoy live music from Crucial Fiya. The 100 block of S. Third Street will be closed, and tables and chairs will be set up in the street for you to enjoy the music, shops, restaurants and everything else Smithfield has to offer.

Crucial Fiya is multi-faceted Reggae band that has the capability of performing for the most serious roots reggae music lover with a blend of R&B and classic rock for those in need of a good time with a Caribbean flavor.

Third StrEATery is supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



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