



the Municipal MAILER

FALL 2022

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**Town Council meets on the
first Tuesday of each month at
the Smithfield Center, locat-
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November Elections/Manager's Message

This year the Town will hold its first elections in November. The elections for Town Council will be held on November 8th to coincide with the State and National elections.

Along with the change in date, the polling locations have been modified as well. To ensure that you go to the correct location to vote, you can visit <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/> for the most accurate voting information. I encourage

you to visit the site to confirm your voting location as many have changed.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any thoughts or concerns at mstallings@smithfieldva.gov or 757-365-4200. My door is always open, and I am always willing to sit down and listen to input on how we can keep Smithfield a great place



Michael Stallings
Town manager

to live, work and play.

Tax Reminder

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW AS IT HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANT TAX DEADLINES FOR 2022 AND 2023

TAX PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATES IN ORDER TO AVOID PENALTIES AND INTEREST. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TREASURER'S OFFICE AT (757) 365-4276.

TAX CUSTOMERS MAY UTILIZE THE DROP BOX LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AT TOWN HALL FOR PAYMENTS. ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE DROP BOX BY 5:00 PM ON DECEMBER 5, 2022, TO BE CONSIDERED CURRENT.

ON-LINE BILL PAYMENT

The Town's on-line bill payment system is operating through the Town's website, www.smithfieldva.gov. The link is listed under How Do I? (Pay My Taxes) on the home page of the website. This option may be used to view or pay real estate and personal property taxes. Once you have selected your payment option, please select Dept/Ticket No. as the method for locating your tax ticket information. Also note that the department numbers for 2022 tax bills will be RE2022 and PP2022 for real estate and personal property respectively. A Payment Help section is available if more explanation or assistance is needed.

2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES

All 2022 real estate taxes are due by CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:00 p.m.) on December 5, 2022. If the tax payment was mailed, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 5 to be considered current. A minimum \$10.00 or 10% penalty (not to exceed the assessed tax value of the property) will be added to all unpaid balances as of December 6, 2022. On January 1, 2023, interest will accrue on delinquent balances including penalty at the rate of 10% per annum. Mortgage companies must make a request in writing each year to confirm the billed parcels that they service. Copies of the bills are sent to property owners as well as mortgage companies. To avoid duplicate payments or late fees, taxpayers should confirm with their mortgage companies that all payments due (including refuse collection) have been processed by the due date.

REFUSE COLLECTION FEE

An annual refuse collection fee of \$72.12 has been added to real estate bills for all locations receiving refuse pickup through the Town contract.

2022 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal property taxes are also due on December 5. Payments must be postmarked or remitted by CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:00 p.m.) on the due date. A minimum \$10.00 or 10% penalty (not to exceed the assessed tax value of the property) will be added to all unpaid balances as of December 6, 2022. On January 1, 2023, interest will accrue on delinquent balances including penalty at the rate of 10% per annum. Taxpayers are not relieved of the responsibility for payment by the due date if they do not receive their tax bills in the mail. Town clerks are on hand to assist with this information should a bill become lost or is undeliverable. Please note that the personal property tax rate on qualifying vehicles and equipment has been reduced from \$1 per \$100 of assessment value to \$0.87 per \$100 of assessment value for 2022. The tax rates for mobile homes (\$0.19 per \$100) and machinery and tools (\$0.375 per \$100) have not changed.

2022 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

The Town receives a lump sum payment of \$240,794.89 for personal property tax relief from the State. Because this payment does not change or account for growth, the Town must recalculate its car tax relief rate annually to collect 100% of its allowable billing. The tax relief rate for 2021 was 39%. The tax relief rate for 2022 will be determined after the data file is converted in the Town's legacy system.

VEHICLE LICENSE TAX

The vehicle license tax is shown in a separate column on the personal property tax bill. This tax is then added to the total tax for each vehicle.

BUSINESS LICENSES DUE APRIL 17, 2023

Business Licenses are due each year on April 15. Since this date falls on a Saturday, the due date for 2023 will be extended to April 17. A 10% penalty will be added to those purchased after the due date, and interest at the rate of 10% per annum will be added as of May 1. A copy of the applicant's Schedule C is required as backup for reported gross receipts. New businesses may contact the Treasurer's office at any time during the year for purchase of a business license. The first year's license may be based on estimated gross receipts.

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Citizens,

Welcome fall and hopefully it will bring us the much-needed rain and cooler temperatures. As I write this letter, we are approximately 10 inches behind the normal rainfall amount. We are having to water trees and bushes.

The replacement of three sections of the Cypress Creek bridge at the Smithfield Station is due to start in the spring of 2023. During construction there will be one way traffic with a temporary stoplight, so please keep up your pace and proceed as the light turns green as this will allow as many cars through as possible. As you know, we already have backed up traffic on the bypass Route 10 and the bridge repair will make delays even worse. The repair work is supposed to take between 18 and 24 months.

Our engineers are still preparing a study of Smithfield's phase 3 section of the South Church Street multi-purpose lane which will include a middle turn lane, curb and gutter on each side, and a multi-purpose wide sidewalk on the East-Northeast side. Hopefully the study will be complete very soon and the Town can start looking for grants and so forth for funding.

Remember, please help the Police Department by removing all boxes, packages and so forth from your car and also your keys and lock your doors.

Grace Street is, hopefully, still slated to be repaved in the Spring of 2023.

The proposed Farmer's Market on Main Street, where Little's Supermarket was located, is still on the table with pros and cons as whether to move it there as a partnership between the Town and County. Just to know, the Town does not own the property at the Bank of Southside Virginia parking lot that the Farmer's Market is currently held. There was a request this past February for a lease extension with the Bank of Southside Virginia and as of this date we still have not received an answer. Our current lease is due to expire next March 2023. Therefore, we will certainly need to have a new location.

Please be aware that before placing a portable storage container, or POD, on your property, you need to obtain a zoning waiver from the Town's Planning & Zoning Department.

Thank you

Carter Williams, Mayor



Hello again to all Smithfield residents from your Code Compliance Inspector, Joseph Reish. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Smithfield residents for doing their part in keeping the Town looking Great, Wonderful, and Welcoming. For this newsletter, I offer a few suggestions to all the residents of Smithfield.

Community Outreach and Education on Code Enforcement Violations – The Town of Smithfield Community Development and Planning Department has recently started a new program with the goal of reaching out and educating residents about code violations. Previously, violations of Town Code/Ordinance would result in the owner of the property receiving a written notice in the mail however, to provide additional educational outreach, we are now leaving code enforcement notice door hangers at properties where an issue is visually noted. The door hangers are bright pink cards, slipped into a plastic door hanger for protection. The door hanger will have a brief summary of the violation, along with the direct phone number to call for additional clarification. Please be aware that if the violation is not resolved and the violation is still present during a subsequent code inspection, we will send a written notice to the property owner. We hope that this new program, with the goal of educational outreach, is a friendlier approach to the difficult task of code enforcement. If you receive a door hanger notice and have questions, please feel free to contact me directly, at 757-365-4271 with any questions or concerns you have, and we will work together to resolve the issue, and keep the Town of Smithfield Great, Wonderful, and Welcoming.

Zoning Permits Required for Projects in Town of Smithfield – Don't forget about the Town of Smithfield requirement that all structures being built in the Town must have a zoning permit or a zoning permit waiver. Fences and sheds of any size require a zoning permit, as do swimming pools, additions, decks, etc. Please be aware that a zoning permit is not the same as a building permit. A zoning permit ensures that your project meets the zoning ordinance regulations, while a building permit ensures your project is safe for you and your family. Zoning permits, can be obtained at Town Hall (310 Institute St, Smithfield, VA 23430), located in historic downtown Smithfield. There is a thirty-dollar (\$30) processing fee for most residential accessory zoning permit applications, and that small fee will assure that you avoid any headaches caused by building without a permit. Building permits, even for projects in the Town of Smithfield, are issued by Isle of Wight County Central Permitting, and can be reached at 757-365-6211. Please contact the Town of Smithfield Community Development and Planning Department at 757-365-4200 before starting any building projects.

Building Numbers- Some of the houses and businesses in Smithfield do not have visible street/ building numbers. Every building in Town is required to have building numbers attached to the house that should be visible from the road. Not having building numbers makes it harder for emergency services to locate you; it is also a violation of Town Code. Please make sure that your building/street numbers are visible from the street.

Joseph Reish, CZO Code Compliance Inspector



PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING

Plastic bags have become an unwelcome and unsightly addition to many areas throughout the town. We can keep plastic bags in their place by taking them back to grocery stores that recycle plastic bags and film.

**DO YOUR PART IN KEEPING PLASTIC BAGS
OUT OF NATURE!**

Backflow

Sprinkler Winterization

If your property utilizes a sprinkler system, it's important to winterize it each year.

What?



Sprinkler winterization is the process of preparing your irrigation system for winter.

When?



Have your system winterized before the first hard freeze of the colder seasons.

How?



Water is removed from the system, it's cut off from the water supply, and system hardware is removed in stored inside.

Who?



For efficient effective sprinkler winterization, trust the pros, call your local certified backflow prevention device worker.

- Please be aware the deadline to turn in your annual backflow prevention device test reports is November 1, 2022.
- If you are unsure if your test report was received, you may email me at cdaughtrey@smithfieldva.gov
- You can turn your test report in by email at cdaughtrey@smithfieldva.gov or by mail to:
Compliance Administrator
PO BOX 246
Smithfield, VA 23431
- If you have any further questions you may reach me by email at cdaughtrey@smithfieldva.gov or by phone at (757) 365-4200

Fall has officially fallen!
Mulching or bagging your leaves keeps storm drains clean of debris.



Fall has officially fallen! What else has fallen? ALL. THOSE. LEAVES. Is your lawn covered with a nice crunchy blanket of leaves? What do you do?

DON'T BLOW IT.

Seriously, don't blow those leaves into the street. In fact, don't sweep or rake them into the street either. They'll make their way into the storm drains, and create all kinds of trouble. Mulch or bag your leaves and help keep your lawn—and our waterways—healthy

NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Town of Smithfield will provide free pick up service for natural Christmas trees for all town residents beginning on December 26th 2022 until January 13th 2023. Please contact the Public Works Department at 365-4200 or send an email to kjones@smithfieldva.gov and provide your address and when your tree will be available for pick up.

NOTE: All trees must be placed curbside. Trees may not be picked up on the day you put them out and we also ask that all decorations be removed.



Refuse Collection Schedule

Fall 2022

Remember to place all carts at curbside with lid opening facing towards the street and at least 3 feet away from all structures. All lids need to be closed to help reduce items from falling out of carts.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
West Side Refuse	East Side Refuse	Call- In Debris Pick-up Day		

West Side

Benn's Church Blvd
Church Street
Covenant Place
Cypress Creek
Evergreen Acres
Goose Hill Creek
Grimesland
Hearn's
Historic District (except
Drummonds, Cockes,
Chalmers, Acacia,
Astrid, Sykes, & S. Mason
which follow the EAST
Schedule)
Jericho Estates
Jersey Park
Lakeside Heights
Pinewood Heights
River Oaks
Riverview
Waterford Oaks
Route 258

Schedule changes and makeup days

will be posted on the Town

website www.smithfieldva.gov.

It will also be listed on our Facebook page.

East Side

Aspen Woods
Battery Park Rd
Church Square
Croatan Landing
Deer Run
John Rolfe Estates
Moonefield
Moone Plantation
Morris Creek
Pagan Point
Pinehurst
Red Point Heights
Rising Star
Scots Landing
Smfd. Forest
Villas
Wellington Estates
Willow Oaks



If you have any questions or concerns about your refuse collection or need to call in for debris pickup, please call BAY DISPOSAL at 857-9700.

If you need to speak with someone at the Town of Smithfield, please contact Public Works Staff at kjones@smithfieldva.gov or 365-4200.

2023 Community Clean Up Days

Bay Disposal and Recycling will provide free pick-up service for your old furniture, appliances, TV's, stereos, carpets, and lawn maintenance equipment such as lawnmowers, weed eaters, etc. (equipment must be free of oil and gas) for Town residents on the following Saturdays:

DATE OF SERVICE AND AREA OF TOWN

SATURDAY, MAY 6 & OCTOBER 21:

All areas north and west of Cypress Creek and the Pagan River (including River Oaks, Pinewood Heights, Goose Hill Creek, Jericho Estates, Cypress Creek, Riverview, Lakeside, Historical District, Jersey Park, West Main Street, etc.)

SATURDAY, MAY 13 & OCTOBER 14:

All areas on the south side of town including both sides of South Church Street and east of Cypress Creek (including Waterford Oaks, Willow Oaks, Aspen Woods, Scots Landing, Pinehurst, Smithfield Manor, Grimesland, etc.)

SATURDAY, MAY 20 & OCTOBER 28:

All areas east and north of South Church Street and both sides of Battery Park Road (includes Rising Star, Wellington Estates, Moone Plantation, Smithfield Forest, John Rolfe Estates, Croatan Landing, Moonefield, Pagan Point, Red Point Heights, Deer Run, Villas, Church Square, Lakeview Cove etc.)



Everything to be picked up must be at the street side no later than 6:30 AM. The trucks will not be able to drive into your yard to pick up any items. Please call Bay Disposal and Recycling at 857-9700 with any questions about Community Clean Up Days.

****PLEASE NOTE: BAY DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING WILL NOT PICK UP YARD DEBRIS OR TREE LIMBS (larger than 3" in diameter or longer than 4 feet) OR STRUCTURAL DEBRIS SUCH AS USED LUMBER, ROOFING, SIDING, ETC. Leaves or other yard trimmings must be placed in bags. Limbs must be tied and bundled.**

OTHER ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP: TIRES, COMPUTERS, PAINTS, BATTERIES, GAS CYLINDERS, OIL, ASBESTOS, ANIMAL CARCASSES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

NOTE: The Isle of Wight Transfer Station, 13191 Foursquare Road, Smithfield no longer takes any hazardous materials. They will recycle used motor oil at this location. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8am to 3pm and Saturday from 8am to 12pm. You may reach the IOW Transfer Station at 961-3874.

The Suffolk Transfer Station on #1 Bob Foeller Drive, Suffolk will take hazardous materials. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8am to 4pm and Saturday from 8am to 12pm. You may reach the Suffolk Transfer Station at 961-3683. You will be asked to provide an ID or utility bill as proof of residency.

Michael Stallings
Town Manager

The Smithfield Thin Blue Line



Phone Down It's the Law! It is illegal to hold a handheld personal communications device (your cell phone) while driving a moving motor vehicle on Virginia highways. You do not have to be using the device, you can be pulled over and issued a Virginia Uniform Summons for simply holding the device. We continue to see drivers with a device in their hand and when pulled over some of the things they admitted to doing - while driving - included dialing a phone number, send a text message, updating/browsing social media, video conferencing, shopping online, watching movies, checking the weather, and playing games. Keep in mind that **WHAT** you are doing with the device is irrelevant, it is the act of **HOLDING** the device while driving that is illegal. A violation of this code section is punishable, for the first offense, by a fine of \$125 and, for a second or subsequent offense, by a fine of \$250. A person who violates this law while driving in a highway work zone shall be fined \$250. If you want to read the code in its entirety, check out VA State Code, 46.2-818.2.



What are they looking at? You might have noticed Officers around town standing on the side of the road watching traffic with some type of handheld device. Many folks have asked if we are taking pictures of them, or using binoculars to look in to their vehicles. Neither of these are the case. What does the Officer have? It is a LIDAR unit, used to measure the speed of vehicular traffic. The unit emits infrared laser beams that travel at the speed of light and hit a vehicle. The laser beam is then bounced back to the unit at the same speed. The unit will calculate the time it takes for the round trip taken by the laser. It will then divide this by two and use this time to calculate the distance between the vehicle and the unit. The unit will take over 1000 samples of this time and distance and then make a comparison of the change in distance between the samples and then use this data to calculate the speed of the vehicle. The accuracy of the unit is achieved by taking several hundred samples over a very short period of time, say, a nanosecond. One advantage of LIDAR is it shoots a very tiny "cone" of light from the unit. This means that the laser is able to pinpoint a specific vehicle without offering any prior warning. This small diameter of light rays also allows the police officer to target only one specific vehicle and obtain the reading of only one vehicle at a time.



Pedestrian Safety Tip: The Code of Virginia covers pedestrians walking in the roadway. "§ 46.2-928: Pedestrians not to use roadway except when necessary; keeping to left. Pedestrians shall not use the roadways for travel, except when necessary to do so because of the absence of sidewalks which are reasonably suitable and passable for their use. If they walk on the hard surface, or the main travelled portion of the roadway, they shall keep to the extreme left side or edge thereof, or where the shoulders of the highway are of sufficient width to permit, they may walk on either shoulder thereof." Parents make sure your kids know that walking in the roadway is dangerous, especially walking in the middle of the roadway.



Lock Your Vehicle Doors: We continue to take reports from citizens who have been the victim of theft from a motor vehicle, and the vast majority of the vehicles were left unsecured. Rarely is a vehicle broken in to with force. When forced entry was made the victim left something of value in plain sight such as a cell phone, expensive hand bag, wallet or cash. Remember to lock your vehicles and take your valuables with you or leave them out of sight. Do not be a victim of a crime of opportunity, secure your valuables!



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EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1

The Smithfield Center and Outdoor Sites



Groups large and small will find everything needed and more for a meeting, conference, wedding, or banquet at the Smithfield Center. If you're interested in an outdoor event, several gorgeous outdoor sites located in the beautiful, acclaimed historic district of downtown Smithfield are also available. There's no better place than Smithfield, Virginia – home to “hams, history, hospitality & heART” to experience your event.

THE SMITHFIELD CENTER is a multi-purpose space with an extremely versatile design that meets the needs of small and large groups, with a 2,300 square foot deck that overlooks the Pagan River - a picture perfect place for a ceremony. Then invite your guests inside to our 5000 square foot Main Hall for your reception. Dance the night away in this spacious hall which offers plenty of room for 150 guests plus tables for a buffet line or food stations.



OUTDOOR SITES — all located in Smithfield's charming Historic District. Whether it's the gorgeous natural amphitheater and antique barns at Windsor Castle Park, the charm of Hayden's Lane or the intimate riverside setting at Clontz Park, these enchanting locations will be the perfect backdrop for you special occasion.



Upcoming Events



BEHIND THESE WALLS: VIDEO SERIES BY THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY MUSEUM

People, objects and places all tell stories, and the unique history of any community is often held within the buildings you find along its bustling streets and its dirt roads.

Open the door with the Isle of Wight County Museum's video series Behind These Walls as they highlight some of the county's most interesting structures to discover their stories.

This series launched in 2020 and has garnered thousands of views. Some of the featured structures include the 1948 Smithfield Livestock Market, the 1940 Carrsville School Gymnasium, the 1932 Schoolhouse Museum and the 1937 James River Bridge Hotel Cottage.

The history of these structures is an innovative way of connecting to locals, visitors, future visitors and online visitors to Isle of Wight County. The museum's series has driven its social media reach worldwide, and it has allowed Smithfield & Isle of Wight Tourism to use the museum's content to further their reach as well.

If you have a suggestion for the series, reach out to the museum.

WHERE TO WATCH BEHIND THESE WALLS

Facebook: Isle of Wight County Museum

YouTube: Isle of Wight County Museum

www.historicisleofwight.com/behind-these-walls.html

WINDSOR CASTLE WALKING TOUR

2 p.m. Sunday, November 6

From the site's pre-colonial existence to the present day, Windsor Castle tells the fascinating history of the development of Smithfield. Join us for this free walking tour through history as we tour the house and several of the outbuildings. Meet on the front steps of Windsor Castle, 301 Jericho Road, Smithfield.

AN EVENING WITH ST. NICK

5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, November 18

Visit the St. Nick and enjoy an evening of holiday refreshments, crafts and a special reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Clement Clarke



Moore. Perfect for families. Make your visit with St. Nick a little more special. Bring a wrapped gift for St. Nick to give to your child. Pre-registration will give you the opportunity to provide some information about your child so St. Nick can talk with him or her! Call the head elf for your appointment: 757-357-0115.

LUNCH & LEARN: THE MUSEUM'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY

12:30 p.m. Monday, November 21

The Isle of Wight County Museum was founded in 1976 by a number of heritage-minded Isle of Wight County citizens believed that the county needed a place where its history could be preserved. The museum has grown since that time. Visit us today for a celebration of all things Isle of Wight County and see a few exclusive artifacts in our collection. And, of course, we will have some celebratory cupcakes.

Tourism Events

SCARECROW STROLL

October 17th – 31st
Downtown Smithfield
Stroll downtown
and check out
the scarecrows at
participating businesses and attractions,
then stop by the Visitor's Center @ 319 Main
Street to cast your vote for your favorite in
the People's Choice Awards! Free, fun, vote
for your favorite and be entered to win a
great prize!



HAM-O-WEEN IN DOWNTOWN SMITHFIELD

The season finale is Halloween night in
Downtown Smithfield."
Held on Sunday, October
31 from 5 - 7 p.m. It's time
to hit the streets where
downtown businesses will
offer buckets of treats,
followed by a Costume
Contest on The Smithfield
Times gazebo stage. Judging begins at
5:30 p.m. Safe Trick or Treat is sponsored
each year by downtown merchants, The
Smithfield Times, the Smithfield Police
Department and the businesses and
residents of downtown Smithfield.
A town ordinance restricts trick-or-treating
to children age 12 and under.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

November 18 at 6:00 p.m.
228 Main Street, by
gazebo
Bring the family and
join friends for the
Annual lighting of the
downtown Christmas
tree ceremony. The
town Christmas tree will
be on the lawn by the
gazebo, at 228 Main
Street in Smithfield.



EVENING MISTLETOE MARKET

November 19, 2022
Downtown Smithfield
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

CARROLLTON MIDDAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, November
26
10am – 3 pm
Held at Old Point
National Bank off of
Route 17 in Carrollton.
Will include shopping,
food, music, and
Santa!



DOWNTOWN SMITHFIELD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 10, 2022
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

RESTAURANT WEEK 2023

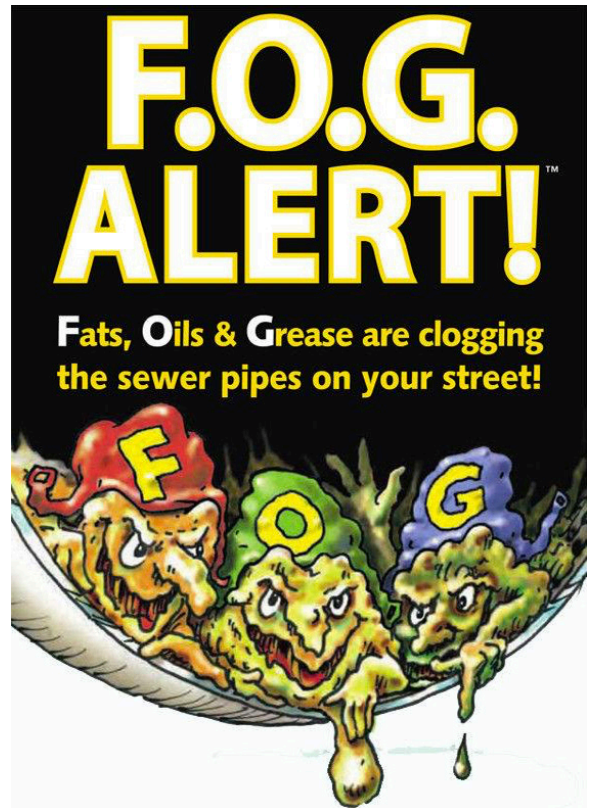
January 27 – Feb 4
Isle of Wight County at participating
restaurants

F.O.G. RECOMMENDATION

These days more people are staying home, so more people are also cooking at home. Being at home comes with household chores like washing dishes, using a dishwasher, and using the garbage disposal. Are you aware of the damage this could be causing to your pipes, sewer lines, pump stations, and ultimately the environment? It is so important to be aware of what you are putting into your drains! Fats, Oils and Grease will consume your pipes, solidifying around the insides, clumping together causing slow drainage, leaks, bursting pipes and ultimately leading to costly bills of repair. The first step to aid your pipes, is to recognize the hazards you are putting down the drain. Believe it or not, there is some sort of Fats, Oils and Grease in most things we eat. The second step to aid your pipes, is to combat those fats, oils and grease from reaching the drain in the first place.

- Use strainers in your sink to catch food scraps and other solids, empty the strainer contents into the trash.
- Use a paper towel or cloth to wipe all pots, pans, and plate contents into the trash prior to washing or rinsing.
- When cooking with any kind of oil (i.e. fryer oil) in addition to dry wiping; if the oil is still hot, pour contents into a heat safe container and allow to cool. Once cooled and solidified, dispose by safely placing into the trash. YOUR DRAINS AND PIPES WILL THANK YOU!

For any questions regarding this article please email the Compliance Administrator at cdaughtrey@smithfieldva.gov or by phone at (757) 365-4200.



Important Dates to Remember

(All Town meetings are held at 220 North Church Street at the Smithfield Center)

1st Tuesday—Town Council Meeting—6:30 p.m.

2nd Tuesday—Planning Commission—6:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday—Board of Historic & Architectural Review—6:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday—Board of Zoning Appeals—7:30 p.m.

4th Monday & Tuesday of each Month—Town Council Committee Meetings beginning at 3:00 and are held at the Smithfield Center. **Check the Town's website: www.smithfieldva.gov to see more information and updates.**

HOLIDAYS— TOWN OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, November 8th – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Election Day

Friday, November 11th – Town Offices Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 23rd – Town Offices Close at Noon for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th – Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 23rd and Monday December 26th – Town Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 2nd – Town Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Julia B. Hillegass, Vice Chair
Randy Pack
Raynard Gibbs
Thomas C. Pope
Michael Torrey
Michael Swecker

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