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**Town Council meets on the
first Tuesday of each month at
the Smithfield Center, located
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Check out the Town's website
@ www.smithfieldva.gov

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SPRING 2023 & FALL 2023 COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS!!!!

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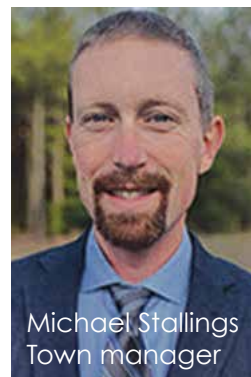


Coming this summer, enjoy the waterways of Smithfield 7 days a week. Windsor Castle Park will now offer self service kayak rentals at the kayak launch. Check availability online before you arrive or rent on the spot by using the QR code on the kiosk. Rental includes kayak, paddle and life vest. Rentals will be available from early May through October, from dawn to dusk every day. Go to WindsorCastlePark.com for more details.

Manager's Message

Spring has officially sprung!! out around Town picking up trash on Friday April 21st. Let's all pitch in and keep this Town beautiful!!

This means we will all be spending more time outdoors with the warmer weather. It also means that April is just around the corner, and along with that comes Earth Day. This year Earth Day is on Saturday April 22nd.



Michael Stallings
Town manager

I encourage you all to dedicate some time to help us all keep Smithfield beautiful by volunteering to pick up trash. Town Staff will be place to live, work and play.

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

Business License Renewal

Please note that all 2023 Business License Applications were due by April 17, 2023. A copy of each applicant's Schedule C is required as backup for reported gross receipts. New businesses may contact the Treasurer's office at 365-4276 throughout the year to purchase a business license. The first year's license may be based on estimated gross receipts.

GOLF CARTS

REMINDER: Registration of golf carts is required to be driven on designated town streets. Registration forms can be picked up from the Treasurer's Office located at Town Hall.



PUPS IN THE PARK

With warmer weather on the way, pet owners are reminded that dogs must be leashed in public and are not allowed to run loose in public parks. Residents who would like to allow their dog to run off leash may do so at the open to the public dog park.

WINDSOR CASTLE BARK PARK

Windsor Castle Bark Park has one side open to all visitors and the other side is for registered users exclusively. This helps folks visiting our beautiful little town by giving them a place their fur babies can burn off some energy without having to worry with registration. And our registered users will continue to have a place dedicated for their use. WC Park loves its pup pals!!!

Residents are also reminded to be courteous of other park users and clean up behind your dogs. There are numerous doggie stations setup around the park for your convenience.



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SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Location: Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department
1804 South Church Street
Date/Time: Saturday, May 6th from 3pm to 7pm
Donation: \$10 per plate



Letter from the Mayor

Hello Smithfield Neighbors!

This is the first time I have had an opportunity to introduce myself as your mayor. I would like to start by thanking the citizens that exercised their right to vote in the November election and elected me to the Smithfield Town Council. I would also thank the members of the Town Council that elected me as your mayor. Congratulations to Jeff Brooks, Valerie Butler, and Wayne Hall who were also elected or re-elected.

I ran on a platform of transparency in government during my campaign. Since taking office, we have instituted live streaming of both the Planning Commission and Town Council so that those citizens that cannot attend the meetings are still able to view the decision-making of your government in real time. Thanks go out to the Town staff who made this possible with minimal expense to you, the taxpayer. In addition to live streaming, I initiated a change in the agenda of the meetings so that any closed-session will occur at the beginning of the meeting-not the very end. This way, if there is an item for closed session, the public will not have to wait until sometimes late in the evening to be advised of the nature of your business.



There has been a lot going on in Smithfield in the last few months. The Saint Patrick's Day parade was a big hit and well attended. The Smithfield Rotary Club, Hams Brew Club and Boy Scout Troop 7 have been helping to continue to make Smithfield beautiful with their litter clean-up and our emergency responders continue to ensure our safety-day and night. Our Public Works Department was recently re-accredited ensuring the highest level of professionalism is maintained. I am happy to report that the Department of Motor Vehicles Service Center is back on schedule for construction. Many thanks to all.

In closing, I pledge to do my very best in the governance of this wonderful Town. I know my fellow Town Council members feel the same way. We welcome you to participate in our governmental meetings because, the government is certainly for and by the people.

Have a safe and fun spring.

Steven G. (Steve) Bowman

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SIGN UP TODAY TO BECOME A



Learn more at GenuineSmithfieldVA.com or email Connie at cchapman@iowus.net.

Learn more about your local tourism industry in 3 easy steps:

1. Watch 3 short videos
2. Visit 2 merchants and volunteer at an event.
3. Enjoy a tourism-arranged guided van tour of our local attractions.



Code Compliance Corner

Spring 2023

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.

Temporary Portable Storage Units – Great news, Town Council recently adopted new regulations for temporary portable storage units that are beneficial to all. Prior to the March 7, 2023 Town Council meeting, any temporary portable storage units located in Town required a zoning permit waiver. However, the new regulations now allow for the use of temporary portable storage units for up to 21 days without a permit. Please be aware that if a temporary portable storage unit is needed for beyond 21 days, a zoning permit waiver will be required, allowing for up to an additional 45 days. We hope that this will allow ample time for citizens to use a temporary portable storage unit if needed. As always, please feel free to contact the Community Development and Planning Department at 757-365-4200 if you have any questions or concerns with the new temporary portable storage unit regulations.



Residing in the Historic District – Warm weather is just around the corner and soon residents will be planning and doing maintenance on the beautiful homes and businesses in Town. If you reside or own property in the historic district, please be sure to get approval before making any changes to your historic property. Any change in color, style, or material on the exterior of a house or building in the historic district requires Board of Historic and Architectural Review approval before making changes. Town Staff is happy to assist you with obtaining the proper approvals, and if needed, permits for your project. please feel free to contact the Community Development and Planning Department at 757-365-4200 if you have any questions or concerns about a historic property.



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.

Joseph Reish, CZO Code Compliance Inspector

Backflow Prevention-What does it mean to you?

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Do you own a hose? Installing an inexpensive frost proof hose bib can help! The hose bib has a spring in the compact assembly which allows water pressure to enter one way only! If the water supply pressure drops, the spring closes and a valve will open which will discharge the contaminated water before it enters the potable water supply! These are non-testable devices, if the assembly is “spitting” water, it is doing what it should!



Do you have Sprinklers or an Irrigation system? You **SHOULD** already have your backflow prevention device installed. It is called a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) as pictured to the left. The pipes underground are cross connected with the potable water supply. The PVB constantly measures the systems pressure, when the pressure suddenly drops in the water system, a check valve closes to prevent the backflow of the water through the device, which keeps the water from entering your home or the towns’ water supply. These are testable devices and are required by law

to be tested annually by an approved certified backflow prevention device tester and the passing test report should then be submitted to the Compliance Administrator at Town Hall located at 310 Institute Street in Smithfield.

DO YOU HAVE SPRINKLERS OR AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM?

Here is what to expect for 2023:

-If you have ANY work done to your sprinkler system, you **MUST** have it tested when the work is complete and a passing test report **MUST** be submitted to the Compliance Administrator as soon as possible.

-If you have already received a letter for the inspection request of your Backflow Prevention Device, please be aware that your inspection report deadline is approaching! Have your inspection report in by July 10, 2023 to avoid further notices.

-If you have not received your Backflow Prevention Device Inspection request, they will be sent out in July with the deadline of November 13, 2023.

-As of January 2023, it is required that your Irrigation company uses a **STATE CERTIFIED BACKFLOW TESTER** through DPOR. Please check credentials **BEFORE** any work is completed and ask for a completed test report for your records.

- If you should have any further questions about this article please email the Compliance Administrator at cdaughtrey@smithfieldva.gov

FATS	OILS	GREASE
Solid at room temperature	Liquid at room temperature	Turns to liquid during cooking, but solidifies when cooled
Butter, shortening, margarine Peanut butter Meat trimmings Uncooked poultry skin Dairy: Cheeses, milk, cream, sour cream, Ice cream	Vegetable oil Canola oil Olive oil Corn oil Salad dressings Cooking oils	Gravy Mayonnaise Melted meat fat Bacon and sausage Boiled poultry skin Salad dressing

- 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!

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Important Good to Know Messages Spring 2023

The Town of Smithfield does not allow any item to be placed outside the Refuse Container for pick up except during special events such as Spring & Fall Cleanup Days. Just keep in mind, if it is not in the container with the lid shut it will not be picked up and should be taken to the many area convenience centers which are free to all county residents, or you may also hire someone to remove items for you. Bay Disposal does offer this service, however there will be a charge that you will be responsible for, along with setting up an appointment with them for pick up. If you have questions, they can be reached at 757-857-9700.

******Please visit the Town's website @ www.smithfieldva.gov for the 2023 Refuse Collection Schedule******

Recycling is also available at the 8 local convenience centers.

These items can be combined and dumped.

See the Isle of Wight County website for locations and items allowed.

www.co.isle-of-wight.va.us/departments/solid_waste/recycling_program.php

If you need a new container, just call Bay Disposal 757-857-9700.

There is no charge for new containers, they just ask that the old container be accessible for pick up when they deliver the new one. However, if an additional container is needed there will be a charge and you will need to set up an account with Bay.

With the warmer weather, we will begin to bag grass clippings. Bay Disposal will pick up a maximum of 10 bags per week per location and this takes place every Wednesday. If you have tree limbs, they cannot be any larger than 4' long and 3" in diameter. They will also have to be bundle together. These items do not get picked up by the big garbage truck, but rather by a pickup and trailer. Call Bay Disposal at 757-857-9700 to be added to the next upcoming pickup. All appointments need to be scheduled prior to the end of business day on the Friday to get on the upcoming Wednesday schedule.

NOTE: DO NOT PLACE ITEMS ON THE CURB WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT

Also concerning placement and removal of Refuse containers.

**Below is the Town Code that explains your requirements as a citizen of the
Town of Smithfield.**

-Failure to meet these requirements could result in Civil and/or Criminal Penalties.

Sec. 66-40. - Placement for collection; removal after collection.

(a) Receptacles containing garbage to be collected by the town or its agent shall be placed on the premises at the curb nearest to the rear or side entrance to such premises, if collection is to be made from the rear or side, or at some convenient place near the front entrance at the curb, if collection is to be made from the front. Receptacles shall be placed at pickup site after 6:00 p.m. the day prior to scheduled collection.

(b) All receptacles in which garbage is placed and set out for removal shall, after they have been emptied, be removed by the persons to whom they belong on the day on which they are emptied. No garbage receptacle shall be set out on the street, at the curb or sidewalk again until the evening prior to the next succeeding day on which garbage is to be removed.



TOWN OF SMITHFIELD 2023 COMMUNITY CLEANUP 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



Grass cutting season is fast approaching. As a quick reminder to all our residents please be aware of the following. In Virginia, it is illegal to deposit grass clippings or other debris onto any public roadway. Virginia Code § 18.2-324 states that any person who willfully or negligently deposits or causes to be deposited any glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, refuse, or other debris upon any highway or other public property is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. This means that if a person intentionally or carelessly dumps grass clippings onto a roadway, they can face criminal charges and a fine of up to \$2,500. Additionally, the person may also be held liable for any damages or injuries that result from their actions. It is important to properly dispose of grass clippings and other yard waste to prevent them from becoming hazards on the roadways. Homeowners can use

mulching mowers or compost their grass clippings instead of leaving them on the roadway. Thank you all and be safe!

Recently Smithfield Police Department has hired several new officers. Some have come to us from other agencies while others have completed their basic academy requirement as new recruits. On behalf of the Smithfield Police Department we are excited to welcome them to our community and honored that they have chosen to partner with us to create a safe and secure environment for our community. Please welcome Officer Herget, Officer Cecil, Officer Darden and Officer Nixon. Officer Holloway is expected to complete his basic academy in June, so welcome him as well! If you or any-one you know is interested in becoming a police officer for the Town of Smithfield, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you all for welcoming our new police officers to our community!

WELCOME!

School Speed Zone: The Code of Virginia covers the maximum speed in a school zone. Section 46.2-873 states, the maximum speed limit in a school zone is 25 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted. The school speed zone is in effect from the time that the indicator lights or signs are flashing or until 30 Minutes after the end of the school day, whichever is the later. We recently conducted a 5 day speed survey during which the speed zone signs were flash-ing. The results indicated a high amount of speeding at least 10 mph or over.

As a reminder please remember that the speed is regulated by law and we take the safety of our children, parents and teachers very seriously.

Protect Yourself Online: Online fraud is a growing concern in the digital world. Here are some tips to protect yourself. Use strong passwords that contain a combination of numbers, letters and symbols. Use two-factor authentication, such as a code sent to your phone or a biometric factor, like a fingerprint. Be wary of suspicious emails and messages. Especially those asking for personal information or containing suspicious links or attachments. Keep your software and security up to date. Most of these have auto-update features. Always be vigilant when online. Protect your personal information!



Smithfield Police Department www.smithfieldva.gov

913 South Church Street, Smithfield VA 23430

Phone: (757) 357-3247 FAX: (757) 357-6551 <https://www.facebook.com/smithfieldpoliceva/>

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 your special occasion.



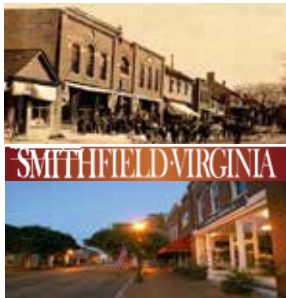
IOW County Museum Events

BATTLE OF SMITHFIELD WALKING TOUR

2 p.m. Saturday, May 6th, and September 16th, 2023

Join us for a 159th anniversary recounting of “the Town of Smithfield’s most dramatic event.” This two-day engagement between Union and Confederate troops saw artillery and musket fire reverberating up and down Main Street eventually resulting in the destruction of the US Army Gunboat Smith Briggs. Meet your guide at the museum for a brief overview of this Civil War battle as well as a walk along Main Street to several sites associated with the significant events from January 30 to February 2nd, 1864.

LUNCH & LEARN: NATIONAL POSTCARD WEEK



12:30 p.m. Monday, May 8th, 2023

This national week, held the first full week of May Since 1984, is an annual event to promote the use of postcards. Bring your lunch, and enjoy this lecture all about

written communication. Afterwards, to continue your celebration of this week, you can peruse the offerings in the museum’s gift shop and mail a few of your own postcards.

WINDSOR CASTLE WALKING TOUR

2 p.m. Sunday, May 7th, June 4th, and October 1st, 2023

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 walking tour through history as we explore the house and several of the outbuildings. Meet on the



front steps of Windsor Castle, 301 Jericho Road, Smithfield.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: THE WORLD’S OLDEST HAM’S BIRTHDAY SLEEPOVER

6-7 P.M. Friday, July 7th, 2023

Calling all well-loved teddy bears, dogs, unicorns, and hippos for a NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM! The World’s Oldest Ham’s birthday is tomorrow, and he’d like nothing more than to have an evening of fun with some of his friends. Kids are encouraged to put on their PJs and bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll to the museum. Museum staff will read a bedtime story or two before our special guests are tucked in. Kids will head home, but their stuffed animal friends will stay the night. Pick up the overnight guest on the morning of the World’s Oldest ham’s birthday while hearing about everyone’s adventures.



21 AGAIN! THE WORLD’S OLDEST HAM’S 121ST BIRTHDAY

1-3 P.M. Saturday, July 8th, 2023

The World’s Oldest ham turns 121. That means that he is turning 21 again, and in true coming of

age fashion, the World’s Oldest Ham has told staff that he wishes to celebrate with mocktails. And cake. Write a song for this big day – or sing an old standard – once we flip on the karaoke machine. This year, he wants to be serenaded. Join us in this annual family-friendly tribute to the birthday boy with games, the singing of Hammy Birthday and the cutting of cake. Representatives and books from the Blackwater Regional Library will also be there to help us celebrate.



Tourism Events



SPRING VINTAGE MARKET

This event will be held at the Isle of Wight County Fairgrounds, Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a ticketed event. Visit www.genuinesmithfieldva.com or on Facebook the Smithfield Vintage Market page for more details.

PICKERS MARKETS

This market is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning April 8th thru November 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot behind When Pigs Fly at 315 Main Street



SMITHFIELD ARTS FESTIVAL

This event will be held along Main Street on Saturday, May 20th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring:

- Visual, performing, literary and culinary arts will be celebrated.
- Free Admission
- Kids "Art on Wheels" Parade will kick off the event at 9 a.m. Kids are invited to decorate their bike, tricycle, wagon, scooter, kid car or the artistic design of their choice. For complete details visit the website at WWW.geninesmithfieldva.com or stop by the Visitor / Art Center at 319 Main Street, or call 757-357-5182



TWO INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS!!!

Downtown Smithfield Fireworks Display

Location: Clontz Park

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023 @ 9:30 pm

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Location: Heritage Park and the Joel C. Bradshaw Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket, no tents or pets please. Food vendors, concerts, face painting and fireworks. Admission is FREE.

Free Concerts before the fireworks:

5:00 p.m. - Grayson Torrence

7:30 p.m. - Celeste Kellogg

9:30 p.m. - Fireworks

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 30 –

Autumn Vintage

Market along Main Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October 16-

31 – Scarecrow

Stroll downtown Smithfield.

November 17 –

Christmas Tree

Lighting at the stage at Smithfield Square at 6 p.m.

November 18 – Mistletoe Market along Main Street from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

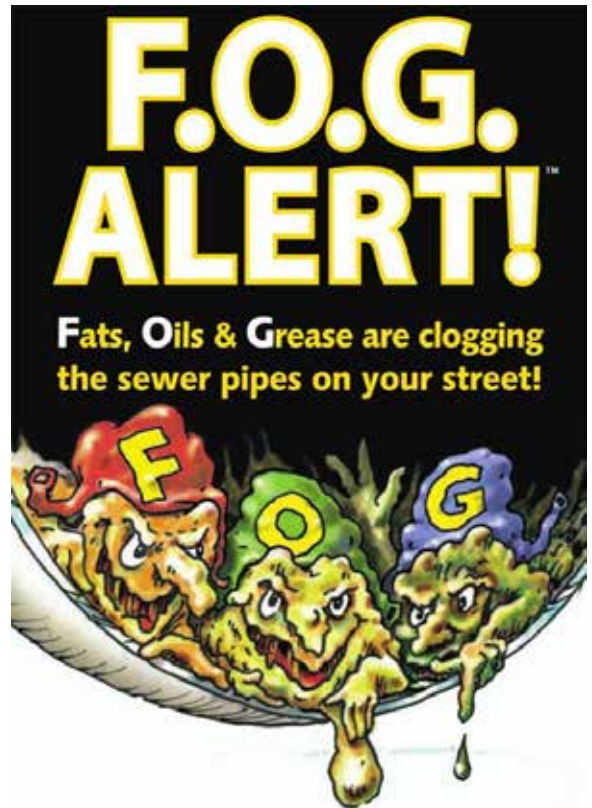


F.O.G. RECOMMENDATION

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!

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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. For any meeting changes and for important informational updates visit the Town's website @ www.smithfieldva.gov

HOLIDAYS— TOWN OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, May 29th —Town Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Monday, June 19th—Town Offices Closed in Observance of Juneteenth Day

Tuesday, July 4th - Town Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Monday, September 4th —Town Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Monday, October 9th —Town Offices Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

Tuesday, November 7th— Town Offices Closed in Observance of Election Day

Friday, November 10th—Town Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

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