



THE MUNICIPAL MAILER

FALL

2016



Genuine Smithfield Sparkles for the Season!

Whether it's a historic home tour, an antique show, our popular evening market, an inspiring concert, or our fabulous old-fashioned Christmas parade, you're sure to find something festive happening in Smithfield and Isle of Wight County throughout the entire holiday season.

Please note that dates for some upcoming annual events have changed this year.

See page 10 and 11 for more details on upcoming events.

DECEMBER 2-4



Christmas in Smithfield
Historic House Tours &
Antiques Show
ChristmasInSmithfield.com

DECEMBER 10



4th Annual Christmas
Evening Market
NEW TIME:
3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 17



Genuine Smithfield
Downtown
Christmas Parade
NEW TIME! 10:00 a.m.

P.O. Box 246 / 310 Institute Street
Smithfield, VA 23431
Phone: (757) 365-4200

Town Council Members:

T. Carter Williams, Mayor
Andrew C. Gregory, Vice Mayor
Constance Chapman
Randy Pack
Michael G. Smith
Denise N. Tynes
Dr. Milton Cook

Town Manager:

Peter M. Stephenson
(757) 365-9505
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Town Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Smithfield Center, located at 220 N. Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia.

Check out Charter cable Channel 189 for more town news or the town's web site:
www.smithfieldva.gov

Also follow us on Facebook:

Town of Smithfield
Smithfield Center
Smithfield Police Department
Smithfield & Isle of Wight Tourism
Friends of the Park



CRIME LINE IT WORKS. IT PAYS. 1-888-Lock-U-Up

The Isle of Wight / Smithfield / Windsor Crime Line is a community based non-profit organization that partners the police, the media and the community in the fight against crime. We provide 24-hour, **confidential** access and offer rewards of up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of individuals wanted for criminal acts. **If you have information** about any crime, the location of any wanted person, or the location of stolen property, call the Isle of Wight / Smithfield / Windsor Crime Line.

**ANONYMOUSLY at:
1-888-LOCK-U-UP (1-888-562-5887)**

We do not ask for your name
Callers are given a code number for later disbursement of rewards
Information is forwarded to law enforcement
After arrests, cash rewards are paid anonymously



Showing Off Some Dance Moves

Mayor and Mrs. T. Carter Williams dancing to beach theme songs, at the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Conference, October 10th, 2016, in Virginia Beach. Councilwoman Denise N. Tynes and Town Manager, Peter Stephenson were also in attendance.

Interested in Serving Your Community...

A Talent Bank has been established to compile a list of interested citizens, willing to serve on Smithfield's Planning Commission, Board of Historic and Architectural Review and/or Board of Zoning Appeals when vacancies come available. If you are interested in serving your community please complete a Talent Bank form and submit it to the Town Manager's Office so that we have your information on file. If you have any questions please feel free to give Town Clerk, Lesley King a call at 757-365-9506.

Please Leash and Pick Up After Your Pet

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 purchase an annual membership to the Windsor Castle Dog Park.



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.





An Open Letter to the Town of Smithfield from the Mayor

Windsor Castle Park is a gem that was donated to the Town of Smithfield six years ago by Joe Luter, III. The beauty of Windsor Castle Park goes beyond the ever changing seasons; there are geese, ducks, and plenty of deer. One morning while walking in the park I witnessed a mother deer giving birth, just ten yards away from my position on the trail. I have also seen at the park Eagles nest with their eaglets and the Great Blue Heron nest on the nearby marshes. There are turtles, raccoons, skunks, rabbits and, yes, snakes.

Unfortunately, vandalism is an ongoing problem; from spray paint on signs and other property, to missing signs (Parents: check your children's rooms please). These vandals strike mostly at night or early morning. I am asking all families to keep their ears open for any leads to the whereabouts of these signs. These signs are expensive to replace. The town just wants the signs back and in return we ask for some "preventative maintenance" to be done so this practice does not continue. The most costly damage is to the pig statues. One statue was completely destroyed and will not be replaced.

Hats off to the Windsor Castle Park "Trail Doctors" who keep the trails in beautiful shape along with our dedicated staff from Public Works. We have an average of 450 individuals that use the park on a daily basis. Pet owners please be courteous of other park users and clean up behind your dogs, especially on the park bridges and trails. There are numerous doggie stations setup around the park for your convenience. Also on a positive note, it is easy to see that the natural playground has already been started.

Further downtown, Main Street is bumpy to say the least; the town will soon be in the process of replacing and / or repairing water and sewer lines. As soon as that work is completed, the street will be refinished. The three options we are considering are: brown rock (as it currently is), stamped asphalt or, my favorite, pavers (the most expensive option).

The Joseph W. Luter, Jr. Sports Complex will begin construction sometime in October or November. I am hopeful that we will be playing ball and the Relay for Life will be holding their rallies on the track by late Spring 2017. The facility will be beautiful upon completion and will be maintained by the Smithfield Recreation Association as well as Smithfield Parks and Recreation.

The approved public boat ramp being put in at Clontz Park should commence in November and ready for boat launching by late Spring 2017.

Restoration of the Windsor Castle Manor House and out buildings are under review by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and a notice will be sent out soon to detail the scope of work to be completed.

Phase III of the Pinewood Heights Relocation Project continues to move at a steady pace and the last phase (Phase IV) will start in late 2018. The project has lasted a while and everyone involved is anxious to see its completion.

There are many events in the town throughout the year and it seems we have become quite the destination for visitors from all over. We would like to thank all of the home owners and businesses who have endured all of the vehicle and foot traffic when these events take place. These events tend to get crowded together sometimes and we are working hard to suit everyone as best we can. We sincerely appreciate your patience and willingness to embrace our visitors.

We are very proud of our Public Works and Town Police Department for reaching full accreditation status in the midst of keeping up with their regular, challenging duties. We are also appreciative of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad that serve our town with the utmost professionalism.

We are, in fact, very proud of our entire Town workforce and we, as a council, thank them for their hard work and dedication. Many of them go well beyond their job description while completing their many tasks. The seven members of the Smithfield Town Council are thankful for a great team of staff members whose dedication has kept our town growing in the right direction

The Town of Smithfield provides water for the cheapest rate of any other water system in Isle of Wight. However, we draw and treat water from the groundwater aquifers and the state may be reducing our future allotment. We also still have a debt on our reverse osmosis water plant. Thus, towns of Smithfield and Windsor and the County of Isle of Wight have formed a task force to look at the water situation that will no doubt be changing in 10 – 15 years and as we all know the County has plenty of water from the infamous Norfolk water deal.

I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!

T. Carter Williams, Mayor
Town of Smithfield

Code Compliance Corner

Fall 2016

Hello to all Smithfield residents from your planning technician/ code enforcement official, 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. For this newsletter, I offer a few suggestions to all the residents of Smithfield.

Leaf Debris - With the fall season already here, many yards will soon be covered in fallen leaves. If you choose to rake leaves that fall on your property, please be aware that placing them in the street, curb and gutter, or drainage ditch is not an appropriate disposal method. Leaves that are placed on the street and in the curb and gutter can wash into the storm drain system and ditches, potentially causing drainage problems. The best solution to your leaf problem is to call Bay Disposal and Recycling at 757- 857-9700 for details on leaf removal. Keep in mind that Bay Disposal does not charge for removing up to 10 bags of leaves that weigh less than 35 pounds each, but you should call Bay Disposal before placing the bagged leaves at the curb to ensure they are picked up.



Trash/Debris Curbside – While on the subject of debris pickup, now is a good time to let everyone know that both the Town of Smithfield and Bay Disposal and Recycling does not offer automatic or unscheduled pickup of loose trash and debris placed by the curb/street that is not in a trash can or recycle bin. However, Bay Disposal does offer call – in debris pickup, residents and property owners have the option of calling Bay Disposal at 757-857-9700 to schedule an appointment with a representative of Bay Disposal for an estimate for removing the trash and debris. Please be aware that Bay Disposal does charge for removing trash and debris. Feel free to contact Bay Disposal at 757- 857-9700 with any questions you may have.



Building Numbers- Some of the houses 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.

Feel free to contact the Smithfield Planning Department with any questions or concerns, at (757) 365-4271, or by e-mail at jreish@smithfieldva.gov

Thanks again for keeping Smithfield beautiful. We can all work together to keep Smithfield a wonderful place to live.

Joseph Reish,
Planning Technician

ARE YOU ABOUT TO **BLOW IT** AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT?

STORM DRAINS are not TRASH CANS for FALL LEAVES.

Leaves **CLOG** storm drains which causes **FLOODING**.
And if not removed, **ROTTING** leaves cause **ALGAE BLOOMS** THAT HARM local fish and crab populations.

SO

RAKE 'EM
MULCH 'EM

BAG 'EM
COMPOST 'EM

However you get rid of fall leaves, make sure you **KEEP THEM OUT OF THE STORM DRAIN**.

For more mindful yard maintenance tips, just askHRgreen.org »

TAX REMINDER

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW AS IT HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANT TAX DEADLINES FOR 2016 and 2017

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.

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. **Please note that the department numbers for 2016 tax bills will be RE2016 and PP2016 for real estate and personal property respectively.** There is also a **Payment Help** section if more explanation or assistance is needed.

2016 REAL ESTATE TAXES

All **2016 real estate taxes** are due by **CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:00 p.m.) on December 5, 2016**. 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 value of the property) will be added to all unpaid balances as of **December 6, 2016**. On **January 1, 2017** interest will accrue on delinquent balances including penalty at the rate of 10% per annum. Also, if you expected your real estate tax to be paid by your mortgage company, but the bill came to your home, you will need to contact your mortgage company to make payment arrangements. Mortgage companies must make a request in writing each year before the Town will forward the bill to them.

2016 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 value of the property) will be added to all unpaid balances as of **December 6, 2016**. **Please note that penalty is applied separately to each item on a tax ticket** and is calculated on the net tax after tax relief. On **January 1, 2017** 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 in the event that a bill becomes lost or is undeliverable.

2016 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 in order to collect 100% of its allowable billing. The tax relief rate for 2015 was 51%. The tax relief for 2016 will decrease to 50% as approved by Town Council on October 4, 2016.

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, 2017

Business Licenses are due each year on April 15. Because the 15th falls on a Saturday in 2017, the due date has been moved 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.

REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Remember to place all carts at curbside with lid opening facing towards 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.



EAST SIDE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	WEST SIDE
Aspen Wood s 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 Smithfield Forest Villas Wellington Estates Willow Oaks	West Side Refuse	East Side Refuse	Call- In Debris Pick-up Day	West Side Recycling	East Side Recycling	Benn's Church Blvd Church Street Covenant Place Cypress Creek Evergreen Acres Goose Hill Creek Grimesland Hearn's Historic District Jericho Estates Jersey Park Lakeside Heights Pinewood Heights River Oaks Riverview Waterford Oaks Route 258 Route 644
HOLIDAYS *THANKSGIVING*CHRISTMAS DAY* NEW YEARS DAY* <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Schedule changes and makeup days will be posted on the Town website www.smithfieldva.gov, Town facebook page and will be published in the Smithfield Times.</p> </div>						



If you have any questions or concerns about your refuse & recycling 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 Kathy Jones at kjones@smithfieldva.gov or 365-4200.

Thanksgiving Holiday Recycling Collection Schedule

There will be no recycling collection in the Town of Smithfield on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th, 2016**. Residents on the normal Thursday collection schedule will be picked up on **Friday, November 25th, 2016** and residents on the normal Friday collection schedule will be picked up on **Saturday, November 26th, 2016**. Please contact Bay Disposal and Recycling at 857-9700 with any questions.



Christmas and New Year's Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

There will be no change to the refuse and recycling collection schedules for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Bay Disposal and Recycling will pick up as normal for both holiday weeks.



Special Collection for Christmas Items

Bay Disposal and Recycling will provide free pickup service for Christmas type items (such as boxes and wrapping paper) for all town residents on **December 26th and 27th 2016**. Please place all items at your curbside with your refuse container on your regular collection day. Please contact Bay Disposal and Recycling at 857-9700 with any questions.



The Town of Smithfield will provide free pick up service for natural Christmas trees for all town residents until **January 12th 2017**. Please contact Kathy Bew-Jones at 542-3138 and provide your address if you have a Christmas tree to be picked up.



RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS

DO'S

- Paper (newspapers, magazine's, junk mail, phonebooks, etc.)
- Cardboard (unwaxed, flattened)
- Plastics (any household containers marked #1 and #2.)
- Metal (aluminum, steel or tin food and beverage containers)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Chip Board (cereal boxes, cracker boxes with inside packaging removed)

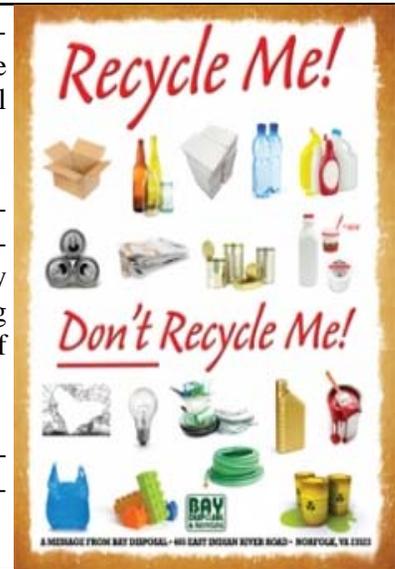
Please do NOT put in PLASTIC BAGS



Please note that recycling is an activity that benefits everyone. It keeps our landfills from overflowing and adding pollutants to our air, water and land, it eases the depletion of valuable raw materials, and it even creates jobs that help build local economies.

By offering curbside pickup of residential recycling products and waste, Bay Disposal & Recycling adds convenience to our arsenal of recycling solutions. Individuals and families can play a major role in reducing what goes into landfills by becoming familiar with what is recyclable, saving those materials and placing them out for pickup on scheduled days. That's all there is to it. We take care of the rest.

For even greater convenience, all recycling materials can be combined in one receptacle, as opposed to separating out glass, metals and plastics in different batches.



DON'TS

- Unmarked plastics (toys, chairs, laundry baskets, etc.)
- Plastics (marked #3 and above)
- Gardens hoses
- Wires
- Light bulbs
- Foam packing or Styrofoam
- Motor oil containers
- Aerosol cans (including paint, household cleaners, hair spray, etc.)
- Electronics
- No plastic bags
- Hazardous materials
- No cardboard containers with wax



If you have questions, please contact
Bay Disposal (757) 857-9700 or the Town of Smithfield Public Works Department (7857)365-4200



The Smithfield Thin Blue Line



Community Partnership

The Police Department has received numerous items from individuals and groups the past few months to include cookies, cakes, peanuts, pizza, soda, and cards. So many folks have stopped by to thank us for the job we do, it has been truly heartwarming. We work hard to build a community partnership and the fruits of our labor are apparent. Thanks to everyone who has stopped an officer on the street to thank them for their service, and to everyone who has dropped off a token of appreciation here at the PD.

Trick or Treat Safety Tips

Costume Safety: Does the costume have a mask, wig or other component that will be difficult to see through? A clear line of vision should be mandatory. Costumes are often dark which makes it difficult for motorists to see them. Consider placing small pieces of reflective tape on the costume or on the bag your child will be carrying. Only purchase costumes made out of flame retardant materials. **Trick Or Treat!** Kids should never be allowed to take to the streets without adult supervision. Remember to take a cell phone with you for emergencies. As children get a little too old to agree to walking around the block with a parent, consider providing them with a personal alarm. This is a small device that will produce an intensely loud shriek when it is turned on and will alert everyone on the block someone needs help. **Before Enjoying The Snacks:** Make sure the treats are safe before your child is allowed to eat them. Explain to your kids Halloween is the only time of year it is okay to accept candy from people they don't know. Tell them that is why you take so many precautions, to make sure they are completely safe and enjoy a threat free holiday.

Top Three Ways To Avoid Phone Scams

Here are three things that can help you avoid scammers who use the phone to try and separate you from your money:

1. If you pick up the phone and hear a recorded sale pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal and plentiful. Do not press 1, 2 or any number to get off a list or speak to a person. That just means you'll get even more calls.
2. Don't trust your caller ID. Scammers can make caller ID look like anyone is calling: the IRS, a business or government office, even your own phone number. If they tell you to pay money for any reason, or ask for your financial account numbers, hang up. If you think the caller might be legitimate, call back to a number you know is genuine – not the number the caller gave you.
3. Talk to someone. Before you give up money or information, talk to someone you trust. Scammers want you to make decisions in a hurry. Slow down, check out the story, search online, or tell a friend. People who talk to someone are less likely to fall for a scam.

What Parents Can Do About Cyberbullying Cyberbullying takes place using electronic technology like cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites. Parents can help stop cyberbullying. You can start by talking to kids about the issue and teaching them the rules below that will help prevent cyberbullying from happening to them or someone they know.

What Kids Need to Know:

- Never give out personal information online: instant message, chat rooms, blogs, or personal websites.
- Never tell anyone but your parents your password, even friends.
- If someone sends a mean or threatening message, don't respond. Save it or print it and show it to an adult.
- Never open emails from someone you don't know or from someone you know is a bully.
- Don't put anything online that you wouldn't want your classmates to see, even in email.
- Don't send messages when you're angry. Before clicking "send," ask yourself how you would feel if received the message.
- Help kids who are bullied online by not joining in and showing bullying messages to an adult.



What Parents Can Do:

Since most cyberbullying takes place at home, it's important that parents know about cyberbullying and that they get involved in preventing it. Just like parents help their kids avoid inappropriate websites, they can protect them from cyberbullying.

- Keep your home computer is a busy area of your house.
- Set up email and chat accounts with your children. Make sure that you know their screen names and passwords and that they don't include any personal information in their online profiles.
- Regularly go over their instant messenger "buddy list" with them. Ask who each person is and how your children know him or her.
- Become familiar with commonly used acronyms and emoji's in instant messenger and chat rooms from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and post it by your computer.
- Discuss cyberbullying with your children and ask if they have ever experienced it or seen it happen to someone.
- Tell children you won't blame them if they are cyberbullied, you won't take away their computer privileges. This is the main reason kids don't tell adults when they are cyberbullied.





The Smithfield Center



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 multipurpose space, featuring a flexible floor plan and the latest in audio/visual equipment. Newly renovated, the center's floor to ceiling windows take advantage of its premier waterfront location on the Pagan River, offering a naturally beautiful setting that will bring an added dimension to any gathering. Rental of the Center also includes use of the 2,300 square foot outdoor deck.

[Outdoor sites](#) represented include the popular [Windsor Castle Park](#) with its natural amphitheater gently sloping down to Cypress Creek, scenic [Clontz Park](#) along the Pagan River, and the intimate [Hayden's Lane](#) located in the heart of Historic Downtown Smithfield.

Isle of Wight County Museum



Join us November 18th @ 7:00 p.m. to Celebrate the

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY MUSEUM

November 21 marks the 40th anniversary of the museum. Join us for a reception and unveiling of our anniversary book and exhibit: Isle of Wight County History in 40 Objects. The history of Isle of Wight County mirrors the history of the growth and development of the United States. Museum staff tell this history through artifacts which gives an intimate glimpse into the development of our area. Each object has a story to tell, and together they reveal the larger history of this community's development and its place in Hampton Roads and the world.



Upcoming Events

Autumn Vintage Market

(rescheduled from October 8th due to weather) will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Main Street.

Thanksgiving Craft & Food Market

Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Bank of Southside VA, 115 Main Street in downtown Smithfield, (757)357-5182.



Christmas in Smithfield...

YMCA's Festival of Trees at the Smithfield Center

Saturday, November 19th, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm,
For more information please call 757-365-4060.



Historic House Tours & Antique Show, downtown Smithfield

Friday -Sunday, December 2-4. Christmas in Smithfield will feature tours of several of the town's historic homes, as well as an antique show at the Smithfield Center. For details, visit ChristmasInSmithfield.com or call (757)357-5182.

Downtown Smithfield Holiday Tree Lighting, Smithfield Times Gazebo, 228 Main Street, Smithfield

Friday, December 2 at 5pm. One of our local Senior Citizens will be introduced and honored for his/her contribution to the Community and will light this year's Christmas Tree. The Smithfield High School Band will play Christmas Carols for a sing-along and the Woman's Club of Smithfield will provide refreshments. For more information please call (757) 608-8962.

Holiday Toy Train Display, Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce Information Center, 100 Main Street, Smithfield

Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

Sunday, December 4 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.,

Saturday, December 10 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.,

Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Holiday displays of operating privately owned Lionel toy trains, from the 1920s up to the present. Children (with supervision) will be allowed to operate the controls. Admission is free and open to the public. Hot beverages will be available for self-serve, courtesy of Keurig Green Mountain. For more information call (757) 357-3502, or visit www.theisle.org.



Smithfield Farmers Market's "Christmas Craft & Food Market", 115 Main Street, Smithfield

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. *(note extended hours!)*

Named one of the "101 Best Farmers Markets in America" by TheDailyMeal.com, the Farmers Market is located in the parking lot of the Bank of Southside Virginia and offers tasty foods, baked goods, lovely gift items & of course, plenty of fresh produce and live music. For more information call (757) 375-3031 or visit www.smithfieldfarmersmarket.org

Isle of Wight Museum's "Evening with St. Nick"

Friday, December 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., 103 Main Street in Downtown Smithfield, For more information call (757) 356-1223.

Upcoming Events Continued...

Smithfield Little Theater —“Holidays In: Not Just a Christmas Cabaret”

Friday, December 9th—18th, weekend matinee & evening performances, 210 North Church Street. For more information call (757)357-7338.

Breakfast with Santa,



Saturday, December 10th, 8—10 a.m., Smithfield Center, 220 North Church Street in downtown Smithfield. Enjoy hot pancakes provided by the Smithfield Kiwanis and bring your camera to capture your child sharing their Christmas wish with Santa! Tickets are \$5.00 and children under 2 are free. For more information please call (757)356-9939.

*****NEW TIME*** “4th Annual Christmas Evening Market”**, Bank of Southside VA parking lot and along Main Street, Smithfield Saturday, December 10, More than 130 vendors with hand-made crafts and homemade food, live alpacas to pet, Santa, live music at four locations, Christmas lights, hot foods and drinks, tours of the 1750 Courthouse, mulled wine, and more! Main Street stores and restaurants will also be open during the event. Fun for all ages! (757) 375-3031 or (757)357-5182.

www.smithfieldfarmersmarket.org

*****NEW DATE & TIME*****

Genuine Smithfield’s Downtown Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Genuine Smithfield’s Annual Christmas Parade is an Old –fashioned “can’t miss” community event that sums up the heart of Smithfield.

This year’s theme is: “Peace on Earth”

2017 Upcoming Events...

BOB Fest & Chilly BOB Road Race, Windsor Castle Park, 301 Jericho Road, Smithfield Saturday, January 14, 2017. Hosted by Smithfield VA Events, this annual winter fest is the HOT BIG WINTER THING in Coastal Virginia. The day kicks off with the (optional) [Chilly BOB 8K Road Race](#), hosted by the Optimist Club of Isle of Wight. The All-You-Can-Eat party (Oysters, Brunswick Stew & BBQ) is from noon until four o'clock and is held inside two large HEATED party tents at Windsor Castle Park. For more information call (757) 869-0664 or visit <http://www.smithfieldvaoysterfest.com/>

Mardi Gras Run4Beads, Windsor Castle Park, 301 Jericho Road, Smithfield Saturday, February 11, 2017. Come out and enjoy the only Mardi Gras Run & Festival in the Hampton Roads area! Dress up in your favorite Mardi Gras costume and run in the Geaux for the Gold 10K, or the Fat Tuesday 5K! Participants receive an official race shirt, welcome bag and post-race drink ticket. Runners (or walkers) of all levels are welcome. After the run, enjoy delicious refreshments, food from local eateries, and great jazz music at the Mardi Gras Festival. The festival is open to the public as well! For more information call (757) 357-3502 or visit www.run4beads.com

Smithfield Wine and Brew Weekend, Windsor Castle Park, 301 Jericho Road, Smithfield Saturday, April 8, 2017. Tastings of more than 100 Virginia wines and craft beers, offerings of organic wines, three music stages, dinners and vendors. Tickets are limited. For more information please call (757)357-5182.



Town of Smithfield
 P.O. Box 246
 Smithfield, VA 23431

BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Important Dates to Remember

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

1st Tuesday—Town Council Meeting—7:30 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 4:00 and are held at the Smithfield Center. Stay Tuned to Smithfield Channel 189 for any meeting changes and for important informational updates. **Also click on the town’s website: www.smithfieldva.gov to see more information.**

Holidays— Town Office Closed

Friday, November 11th —Town Offices Closed for Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 23rd @ Noon Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th - Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 23rd & Monday, December 26—Town Office will be Closed for the Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 2nd —Town Offices will be Closed for New Year’s Day

Planning Commission

Bill Davidson, Chair
 Charles F. Bryan, Vice Chair
 Julia B. Hillegass
 Randy Pack
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