

Town of Smithfield

General Election is May 19, 2020

Please Note: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Governor has moved local May elections in Virginia from May 5th to May 19th. Therefore, the Smithfield Town Council Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Polls will open at the Smithfield Center at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. Voting by mail is strongly encouraged!

When you vote at home, you help limit the exposure of **COVID-19**.

The Isle of Wight Office of Elections encourages you to **VOTE AT HOME** for the **May 19, 2020** General Election for the Town of Smithfield. **Smithfield Town Residents Only** may request an Absentee Ballot online to vote in the Town Election from the Virginia Department of Elections: **vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation**.

The Town of Smithfield has seven (7) at large council members who serve four-year staggered terms. This spring three (3) seats are up for election. The newly constituted council will take office on July 1st, 2020 and at that time they must elect amongst themselves a Mayor and Vice Mayor to serve the next two years when the next election cycle takes place. This year there are four registered candidates running for the three available seats on council. The candidates are listed as follows:

Denise Tynes

Michael Smith

Randy Pack

Renee Rountree

Local elections represent a citizen's best opportunity to effect change in their community. Candidates have won or lost by less than 20 voters at times! So, every vote truly counts at the local level

Smithfield Town residents may request an absentee ballot by mail for the May 19, 2020 General Election for the Town of Smithfield. Voters should choose the Absentee Option, "*I have a reason or condition that prevents me from going to the polls on Election Day*" and may choose reason code "My disability or illness," if you do not have another qualifying reason. Voters who choose the absentee option should apply as soon as possible so ballots will be received in time to return them by mail before Election Day. The deadline to apply to have a ballot mailed to Smithfield Town Voters is Tuesday, May 12th. You may also request an application to be mailed by calling our office at 757-365-6230. Voted ballots must be returned to the Registrar's office by Tuesday, May 19th by 7:00 p.m.

https://www.co.isle-of-wight.va.us/our_services/voter_registration/town_of_smithfield_may_election.php

