



THE MUNICIPAL MAILER

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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.

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The Town of Smithfield



Certified Crime Prevention Community

Town of Smithfield to become a designated Certified Crime Prevention Community

The Smithfield Police Department is proud to take the lead along with our other partners in achieving the honorable distinction of a Certified Crime Prevention Community. "We readily recognize that community safety is not the domain of any one agency or organization. Community safety requires a dedicated effort by all members of our citizenry working in concert to demonstrate an intolerance for crime and an overt desire for a safe place to live, work, and recreate. The Smithfield Police Department has a rich history in the area of Community Policing and the pursuit of this certification demonstrates our continued commitment," said Smithfield Police Chief Steven G. Bowman.

In 1998 an Executive Order created the New Partnership Commission for Community Safety, charged with the responsibility of advising the Governor on new initiatives to "promote community safety, particularly youth and family safety." The Commission worked diligently to assess the needs of localities across the Commonwealth and assist them in addressing their individual community safety issues.

The Commission asked the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to recommend programs that foster the development of community safety initiatives at the local level. DCJS proposed, and the Commission approved, the Certified Crime Prevention Community Program.

Based on a study conducted by the Virginia State Crime Commission in 1993, the goal of the program is to publicly recognize and certify localities that have implemented a defined set of community safety strategies as part of a comprehensive community safety/crime prevention effort.

One of the first of its kind in the nation, the program encourages localities to develop and implement collaborative community safety plans within a flexible framework designed by the Commission. Furthermore, it provides an ongoing process by which communities can reassess and update their plans to address emerging community safety issues. To obtain certification, a locality must meet 12 core community safety elements/strategies augmented by a minimum of seven approved optional elements. DCJS runs and monitors the program.

Treasurer's Office

TAX REMINDER

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW AS IT HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANT TAX DEADLINES FOR 2012 and 2013

IN ORDER TO AVOID PENALTIES AND INTEREST, PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATES. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TREASURER'S OFFICE AT 365-4200.

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 **Online Payments** 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 2012 tax bills will be RE2012 and PP2012 for real estate and personal property respectively.** There is also a **Payment Help** section if more explanation or assistance is needed.

2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES

All **2012 real estate taxes** are due by **CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:00 p.m.) on December 5, 2012**. 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 any unpaid balances as of **December 6, 2012**. On **January 1, 2013** 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.

2012 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 any unpaid balances as of **December 6, 2012**. **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, 2013** 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.

2012 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 2011 was 52%. The tax relief for 2012 will be increased to 54% as approved by Town Council on October 2, 2012.

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 15, 2013

Business Licenses are due each year on April 15. 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.



Smithfield, Virginia Wins NATIONAL Beauty Award

The Paint Quality Institute has identified the nation's 12 most beautifully painted neighborhoods and towns and Smithfield, Virginia has won the "Prettiest Painted Places in America" Award for a "small town" in the Southeast Region!

Naming of the 12 "Prettiest Painted Places in America" comes after a rigorous four-month search by the Paint Quality Institute that involved thousands of contacts with state tourism departments, convention and visitors' bureaus, chambers of commerce, and Main Street groups, all of whom were invited to nominate communities.

The Southeast Region winners were Historic Downtown Smithfield, Virginia and Key West, Florida. Smithfield boasts a quaint river town with many historic structures ranging in style from Colonial to Federal to Victorian. Key West, southernmost of the Florida Keys, has brightly painted "conch" homes and "shotgun-style" cottages constructed in the 1800s by shipbuilder-carpenters.

The effort "Prettiest Painted Places in America" Award produced nearly 200 colorful nominees from 48 states and the District of Columbia that submitted color images of beautifully painted homes, buildings and exterior murals. A panel of judges with expertise in paint and exterior color schemes reviewed the entries and named two winners from each of six different geographic areas. Many of Smithfield's winning photographs were part of the Smithfield & Isle of Wight Convention & Visitor Bureau's annual "Pork-a-razzi" Photo Contest.

This is the second National Award for beauty and historic preservation that Historic Smithfield, Va has won in the last 6 weeks. In September, Smithfield won the prestigious "America In Bloom Award" for its population category as well as "Best Historic Walking Tour" and "Heritage Preservation"

"We are thrilled to receive this national award especially in the midst of such stiff competition," said **Judy Winslow, Director of Smithfield and Isle of Wight Tourism**-who entered the town in the competition, *"Smithfield is a gorgeous place and we love to unveil our unique assets to visitors and enjoy the quality of life it brings to our residents."*

This is the third time the Paint Quality Institute has conducted a search for the prettiest painted places in America. It held the first competition in the 1990s, and another in year 2000. The purpose of the competition is to give recognition to places that use paint to express pride in their communities, and highlight how an attractive exterior paint treatment can enhance the curb appeal of virtually any home, building, or exterior structure.

To see Historic Smithfield and some of the other winning and nominated localities visit <http://blog.paintquality.com/ppp/>

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Smithfield & Isle of Wight Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Town's Wellness Initiative Awarded \$25,000 - Obici Health Care Foundation

Smithfield on the Move, the Town's wellness initiative was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant by the Obici Healthcare Foundation. The grant will support goals and objectives that fall under *Making Healthy Choices*, in the Town's Strategic Plan for Community Wellness. The three specific goals to accomplish with this round of funding will be to:

1. Increase the number of people successfully growing produce in their own gardens or in a community garden. Grant provides partial funding to potentially construct the Town's first community garden at Windsor Castle Park. In conjunction with the development of the garden, the grant also funds a community-wide gardening education program that will be offered free or low cost to the community. Please take the time to fill out the interest survey on community gardening in this newsletter or take it on-line at www.SmithfieldOnTheMove.com.



2. Work with local restaurants to develop menus and market choices with identifiable healthy nutritional options as alternatives on menus.

3. Integrate and market the acceptance and processing of WIC/SNAP at the Smithfield Farmers Market.

The grant period is from November 2012 thru October 2013, so be on the lookout and take advantage of these opportunities. Check out www.SmithfieldOnTheMove for additional healthy related information or to get involved with Smithfield On The Move.

During the first year planning grant stage both a Town Strategic Plan for Wellness and a Community Needs Assessment were developed. Overall marketing materials, website, walking groups, and an 8 week Get Moving, Get Healthy community challenge program were accomplished. A Stakeholders Advisory Committee meets regularly. The Town of Smithfield thanks our initial project consultant, Amy Henry, for her efforts getting this new community initiative off the ground. We are now under the very capable guidance of Mary Mitchell and Gina Ippolito as we move forward in the year ahead.



Smithfield On the Move

Community Garden Interest Survey - Fall 2012

Community Gardens are typically used for individuals or groups to grow produce, flowers or plants. Evidence in other communities shows that families save money by growing their own produce, along with showing a demonstrated increase in consumption of healthy produce. If you grow it, most folks eat it! Groups often garden a plot together and then donate the produce to their church, local food bank or share with its membership. Plots are typically rented for an annual fee ranging from \$40-\$75 per plot. Residents that live in subdivisions that do not permit backyard gardening, apartment dwellers, or those with poor gardening conditions in their own yards are good examples of the types of people who are taking advantage of community gardening in other communities. Some people like the social connectivity of community gardening, and often share knowledge by teaching others. While most users grow produce, others grow flowers, endangered native plants for transplanting, produce seeds that can be used by others, or use their plot for teaching hands-on gardening techniques to groups or grandchildren.

The Town, through its community wellness initiative, Smithfield on the Move, is interested in seeking input/interest for a community garden at Windsor Castle Park. The initial phase could have up to 20 plots that would include raised beds, access to water and fencing to keep out deer and other animals. There is the potential for on-site storage for equipment, and perhaps even a program for shared equipment that is kept on site. Estimated material costs for 20 plots and initial construction are approximately \$9500 for 20 plots. Grant funding of \$4,500 has been obtained and the Town has agreed to put in water to the site, along with providing public works staff and equipment to work with volunteers to construct the garden. Funding for the remaining material costs would need to be acquired before the project could begin. The grant also includes funding for a community-wide gardening education program that would be offered free or at low cost to those who are interested in learning about gardening and how to use it to make healthy food choices. It is anticipated that a Community Garden Task Force will be developed to seek additional input/information to make this project a success.



Please answer the following questions and refer your friends/neighbors/co-workers to take the survey. Survey deadline: December 10, 2012. You may also take this survey on-line at www.SmithfieldOnTheMove.com

1. Do you think a community garden would be a good thing for Smithfield?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

2. What do you envision the community garden to be? (Check as many as you like)

- A place to grow healthy food for my family and myself
- A place to learn about gardening, I will garden somewhere else
- A safe place for neighbors to meet and socialize
- A place for kids to learn about plants, gardening and healthy food
- A way to for organization/civic groups churches to grow produce for giving away/donating
- A way to make Smithfield a truly green and sustainable town
- An improvement to the quality of life in Smithfield
- Other (fill in blank) _____

3. What kinds of things are you interested in doing? (Check as many as you like)

- Having a garden plot as a family/individual
- Having a garden plot as part of a civic organization, church or group of some kind
- Volunteering for workdays to construct the garden
- Volunteering for caring for the borders and common areas of the garden after it is built
- Participating in future Task Force to create bylaws/rules/administration/development
- Helping to recruit volunteers, organize events or information sessions
- I can help teach others about gardening as part of the educational series
- Donate materials, offer materials "at cost" or make a personal financial contribution.
- Helping with website, facebook, newsletters
- Nothing! I just want to see the garden happen, but I will not be involved in any way

**4. Do you think Windsor Castle Park is a good location for the Town's first community garden?
Do you have another location suggestion?**

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Other location suggestions: _____

5. Optional: Please provide your contact information so we can stay in touch with you.

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

6. Do you know of any other groups or individuals who might be interested in this project? Let us know who we should collaborate with, contact information is appreciated. Please encourage them to fill out survey.

List: _____

7. Would you be interested in attending an informational meeting about a Community Garden at Windsor Castle Park?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

8. Would you be interested in participating in free or low-cost gardening workshops/classes or hands-on demonstrations?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

9. Would you as an individual or a group/organization that you are involved with consider a plot?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Return Survey:

- a) To Town Manager's office: 911 S. Church Street, Smithfield, VA 23430
- b) Or by Mail to: Community Garden/Town of Smithfield, PO Box 246, Smithfield, VA 23431
- c) On-line survey available at www.SmithfieldOnTheMove.com



Leadership Isle of Wight Class of 2013

This program identifies and develops informed, responsible and effective future leaders of our community; leaders who will be capable of having a vision and possessing the needed skills to address ongoing and new challenges. Leadership Isle of Wight is offered every other year for adults. A new student leadership program is already underway for a few selected high school Juniors. This Youth Leadership Institute will be joining the adults for two field trips programs—Richmond and Hampton Roads regional days. In addition to leadership training, topics will include: education, arts & leisure, tourism, military, economic development, etc. A group project will be undertaken as well. Town Manager Peter M. Stephenson is serving as chairman of the planning committee for this upcoming class. He states, “this is really going to be an exciting program. I encourage town residents and business owners to apply.” There is a fee for the program.

Application Information

Applications must be received at the Isle of Wight- Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce, 100 Main Street, P.O. Box 38, Smithfield 23431, by Friday, December 20, 2012. Letter(s) of recommendation may be submitted, but are not required. Individuals selected for the program will be notified by January 11, 2013. For additional information or questions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce, 357-3502.

Selection of Criteria/Process

Participation in Leadership Isle of Wight is open to persons living and/or working in Isle of Wight County. Additionally, in an effort to foster regional cooperation, one or more individuals may potentially be selected from respective neighboring localities. A maximum of twenty-five (25) individuals will be selected for the program. A personal interview may be required prior to the final selection process.

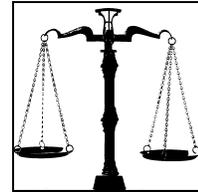
A clearly expressed interest in community service is an essential program requirement. Additionally, the selection committee is committed to equal opportunity and seeks representation from a cross-section of the community: business, education, the arts, region, government, community-based organizations, and ethnic and minority groups.

Participation Guidelines

Selected candidates are expected to attend consistently and participate fully in all Leadership Isle of Wight sessions. Following the January 2013 orientation and retreat, the class will meet on the third Friday of each month from February through October 2013. Additional time may also be required for participation in a group project.



Code Compliance Corner Fall 2012



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 fine residents of Smithfield.

New Grass Height Violation Fines – Although the summer is over and fall is here, it's not too early to let everyone know about the new grass height violation fines. Town Council recently amended town code chapter 86-1 to include civil penalty fines for repeat offenders of the town grass height code. The amended section of town code 86-1 now reads as follows; "In the case of subsequent violations not arising from the same set of facts within twelve months of an initial violation, a civil penalty shall be imposed on the property owner, whether the subsequent violation is remedied by the owner or his agent, or the Town or their agent. The first subsequent violation within twelve months of the initial violation shall garner a civil penalty of \$100.00; the second, a civil penalty of \$150.00; the third and all additional subsequent violations within twelve months of the initial violation shall garner a civil penalty of \$200.00 each." These fines are not steps that we wanted to take, but after an overwhelming number of grass height violations this past spring and summer, a stronger Town grass height code was needed to be an incentive for residents and property owners to maintain their property. Please everyone; keep your grass mowed so these fines don't have to be used, and a big thanks to everyone who works hard to keep their yards looking good.

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 and/or curb and gutter or drainage ditch is not an appropriate disposal method and a violation of town code. Leaves that are placed on the street and in the curb and gutter wash into the storm drain system and ditches, causing drainage problems, and may eventually end up in the Pagan River. The best solution to your leaf problem is to bag them in clear plastic bags; AVES will collect up to ten bags, provided the bags do not exceed fifty (50) pounds each. See the guide to municipal services or call 365-4200 for more details.

Tree Removal- If you plan to cut down any mature trees, please be aware that there is a Town- wide ordinance in effect that requires anyone removing trees to replant three (3) trees for every one (1) removed. Please contact the Smithfield Planning department before cutting down any trees. Underbrush and weeds can be removed at anytime.

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, CZO
Planning Technician

Planning Department & Public Works

Back Flow Prevention Program

The Town of Smithfield's Backflow Prevention Program was implemented in 2010 and after several years many residents have questions as to why they are required to have these devices tested. Lawn sprinkler systems are the most common backflow devices residents' deal with.



These devices are mainly mechanical backflow preventers which have seals, springs and internal parts that can wear out or become stuck over time. They also can be bypassed so only by testing with calibrated testing equipment can it be ensured that they function properly.

The Town of Smithfield requires backflow preventers to be tested in order to protect the town's drinking water. If a backflow device is not working correctly it may allow contaminants into the city's water system.

In order to help update our records we will be sending out another backflow survey to all residents and businesses in the next few weeks. We also plan to hold a public information/educational meeting the beginning of next year (more information will be included with survey). We appreciate your help as we strive to keep our drinking water safe. If you have any questions or would like more information feel free to contact Josiah Jendrey at phone (757) 365-3327 or via e mail at jjendrey@smithfieldva.gov



HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Due to the upcoming holidays there will be no refuse collection in the Town of Smithfield on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 or on Tuesday, January 1, 2013. There will be no further changes to the refuse collection schedules during these holiday weeks.

SPECIAL REFUSE COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS ITEMS

Moody's/AVES will provide free pickup service for Christmas type items (such as boxes and wrapping paper) for all town residents on December 27 and December 28, 2012. Please place all items at your curbside with your regular refuse on your regular collection day. Please contact Moody's/AVES at 357-9997 with any questions.



The Smithfield Thin Blue Line

FBI ID Child Apps for iPhone and Android: Every year, thousands of children go missing. The FBI's Child ID Apps for iPhones and Android phones can help. This app provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about your child(ren) so that it's literally right at hand if you need it. You can show the pictures and provide physical identifiers such as height and weight to security or police officers on the spot. Using a special tab on the app, you can also quickly and easily e-mail the information to authorities with a few clicks. The app includes tips on keeping child(ren) safe as well as specific guidance on what to do in those first few crucial hours after a child(ren) goes missing. Links to additional resources for families and victims are provided as well. ***Please be assured that no information on your child(ren) will be collected or stored by the FBI unless you provide it during an emergency.***

1. Organize Your Child's Information
 - Create as many child profiles as you need.
 - Use your phone camera and photo library to take and upload Photos of each child.
2. Know What To Do
 - Get safety tips on keeping your child out of harms way.
 - Learn what to do in the first few critical hours after a child Goes missing
3. Get Information to Authorities in an Emergency
 - Quickly call 911
 - E-mail your child(ren) pictures and information to authorities.
 - Show identifying information to security or law enforcement officers on the spot

School Zone Safety: A driver must travel at a maximum of 25 mph when flashing lights indicate that you are approaching Virginia School Zones or school bus areas; otherwise, a driver may travel at the posted speed limit. The Virginia School Zone ticket and fines received for speeding in a School Zone differ quite a bit from those received in any other area in Virginia. Also, other violations may be cited if your driving speed infraction is committed in Virginia School Zones. According to the Virginia DMV, however, the speed guidelines and demerits that will post to your record are similar to those received in any area and are as follows: Speeding 1-9 mph above the posted speed limit is a three demerit violation; speeding 10-14 mph above the posted speed limit is a four demerit violation and might also carry a Reckless Driving fine, speeding 15-19 mph above the posted speed limit is a four demerit violation and might also carry a Reckless Driving fine; speeding 20 mph or more above the posted speed limit is a six demerit violation and will often carry a Reckless Driving violation. Also drivers can expect to pay \$6.00 for each mile per hour they are over speed limit when they are cited for speeding in a School Zone. Add to that any other fines for which you are cited and a processing fee of \$62.00 and your final financial obligation becomes a hefty one!

Also consider that Reckless Driving is a misdemeanor in Virginia and is punishable by jail-time and up to a \$2500.00 fine. It is likely that, especially if cited for Reckless Driving or speeding in a School Zone, your driver's license will be suspended for up to six months. It is important to remember that school parking lots are considered Virginia School Zones and that a driver can be cited for Reckless Driving in this area. There are other fines associated with School Zone tickets that a driver must be aware of: Reckless driving - speeding in excess of 80 mph; Reckless driving - speeding 20 mph or more above the posted speed limit; Reckless driving -

Residential Crime Prevention: The Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) has the following recommendations to improve

1. **EXTERIOR DOORS:** Exterior solid core wood doors should be a minimum of 1 3/4 inches thick. Glass used on exterior doors and in adjacent panels should be double paned when located within 40 inches of a locking device.
2. **SLIDING GLASS DOORS:** The sliding section of the door should be on the inside of the fixed portion of the door. The doors should be installed so that when the door is locked it cannot be lifted from the frame in the closed position.
3. **LOCKS:** All exterior doors should be equipped with a deadbolt lock that penetrates the strike plate by at least 3/4 inches.
4. **HINGES:** Door frames exposed to the exterior should be equipped with non-removable hinges or a mechanical interlock to stop removal of the door from the exterior by removing the hinges.
5. **STRIKE PLATES:** Strike plates should be attached to wood with not less than four, three inch steel screws.
6. **WINDOWS:** Windows should be secured with a locking device.
7. **DOOR VIEWERS:** Solid exterior doors should be equipped with a door viewer with a field of vision not less than 180 degrees. To get the entire brochure and information on a variety of security topics visit the VCPA website at www.vcpa.org. You can also call the Smithfield Police Department at 357-3247. We offer Crime Prevention Survey Assessments to any homeowner or commercial business owner in the Town of Smithfield at absolutely no charge.

Smithfield Police Department: 913 South Church Street, Smithfield Virginia 23430
Phone: (757) 357-3247 FAX: (757) 357-6551

EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1
www.smithfieldva.gov/police

Upcoming Holiday Events



Town of Smithfield Christmas Tree Lighting

December 7th, 2012
5:30 p.m. @ the Smithfield Center

Music by Smithfield High School Band
Sponsored by—The Woman's Club of Smithfield



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, December 8, 2012
8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
At the Smithfield Center



Have breakfast with Santa and the Elves!
Enjoy a hot pancake breakfast 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
Please purchase tickets in advance
call 356-9939 for more information

Smithfield's Annual Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
A wonderful old-fashioned parade that sums up the heart of Smithfield.

This year's theme is:

"An Olde Fashioned Christmas - Re-Booted..."

The Holidays Go Techno!"



Army Band Christmas Concert

December 8th, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Smithfield Center
Free and Open to the Public!



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—7:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday—Board of Zoning Appeals—6:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday—Board of Historic & Architectural Review—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 6 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

November 22nd & 23rd —Town Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24th and 25th—Town Offices will be Closed for the Christmas Holiday

January 1st—Town Offices will be Closed for New Years

January 18th and 21st—Town Offices Closed in Observance of Lee/Jackson Day & Martin Luther King Day

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 Bill Davidson, Vice Chair
 Charles F. Bryan
 Randy Pack
 Julia B. Hillegass
 Larry Odom
 Michael Swecker

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