

In less than two years, Smithfield has changed dramatically. Our new Democratic leadership has brought many firsts for Smithfield, and even some firsts for Rhode Island! Just a few examples...

- Two Democrat Town Council Presidents have been embroiled in scandal, both during the same two-year term.
- The Smithfield Democrats ran a Town Council candidate who spent two years paying bribes to public officials. They selected him as Council President, then refused to call for his resignation after his criminal history was exposed. Bernie Hawkins even threw a rally to support him, and other Democrats attended his fund raisers.
- Seven Smithfield town department heads signed an open letter to our community exposing the intentions of the Democrats on the Town Council to replace our Town Manager, our Police Chief, our Fire Chief, and several other long time department heads.
- Smithfield's Attorney, appointed by Democrats, went to court and told a Superior Court judge that his own clients, our Board of Canvassers, whom he is paid to defend, had violated the Open Meetings Act. The judge ruled that no laws were broken.
- Rhode Island's Attorney General found that the Democrat controlled Smithfield Town Council had violated the Open meetings Act during the 2007 Annual Budget Meeting.
- Six department heads, including two Town Planners, have left.
- Fewer businesses have come to Smithfield, reducing our tax base.
- The Democratic Town Council paid an extra \$110,000 of taxpayer money – *our money* - to a new garbage collection firm who picked up much less garbage (but much more cash) than the less expensive company we already had.
- The Smithfield Democratic Party went to Superior Court to demand that an election be stopped, opposing democracy and preventing the people of Smithfield from electing their next Town Councilperson.
- The Democrats on the Town Council appointed the owner of a civil engineering firm, who represents developers on many local construction projects, as a member of the Smithfield Planning Board, which approves and oversees the work of developers and their engineers. How could they miss that obvious conflict?
- The Democrats created a Municipal Court in Smithfield, insisting it would raise money. How will it raise money? Simple. By having the police write us lots of tickets, by fining us and then making us pay “court costs,” just like it's done in Johnston. As an extra benefit, our auto insurance rates will be driven up!
- Democrats on the Town Council appointed an attorney with no probate experience as our probate judge. It was just a coincidence that her father is a major campaign donor. They probably figured that we don't need a good, experienced, knowledgeable judge.

Smithfield's Republicans have always put our town ahead of our party. Our appointments are competent people from all political parties. Our candidates are honest people with strong roots to our town. We offer competence, integrity, experience and stability.

On Election Day, vote for Smithfield. Vote Republican.