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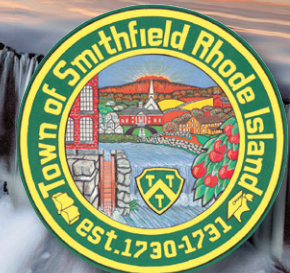


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“I would like to thank my management team for all of their hard work and the collaborative efforts of the Town Council in helping to foster a positive community spirit and a balanced approach to development that will ensure that Smithfield remains one of the State’s best communities to live and work.”

~ *Town Manager, Randy R. Rossi*



## Welcome to *Smithfield*

As a Bryant University alumnus, I am proud to have served as Smithfield’s Town Manager for the past five years following ten years as the Town’s Finance Director. This is a family-oriented community and we strive to maintain a high quality of life for our residents. Known as the Apple Valley for its many orchards introduced in the 20th century, the Town has transformed into a suburban community with a solid industrial and commercial base.

While some of the orchards of Apple Valley have been succeeded by suburban development, Smithfield retains much of its rural charm which is highlighted by the many working farms and orchards that continue to thrive here. Interstate 295 and

U.S. Route 44, which intersect in Smithfield, are development and service hubs for the community.

The Town has focused its recent economic development efforts on the Economic Growth Overlay district centered near the intersection of Interstate 295 and Routes 7 and 116 in the Town’s northeast quadrant. The district’s excellent highway access has resulted in the establishment of a solid base of corporate businesses and institutions that have attracted similar types of businesses to the area. The corridor has begun to attract the interest of Bio-tech firms like Rubius Therapeutics who recently took over the Alexion facility and continues to manufacture its new class of cellular medicines.

Smithfield proudly invests in children through a top-rated school system and offering many youth sports programs. Smithfield elementary schools have recently undergone extensive renovation and reconfiguration of their indoor and outdoor facilities which was completed in the fall of 2021. The robust athletic program offers three seasons of indoor and outdoor intramural and interscholastic sports and planning is underway for major renovations to the school athletic facilities.

Smithfield is an exciting place to live and work. On behalf of the Smithfield Economic Development Commission, I encourage you to consider the benefits of relocating and doing business here.

Sincerely,  
Randy R. Rossi, Town Manager

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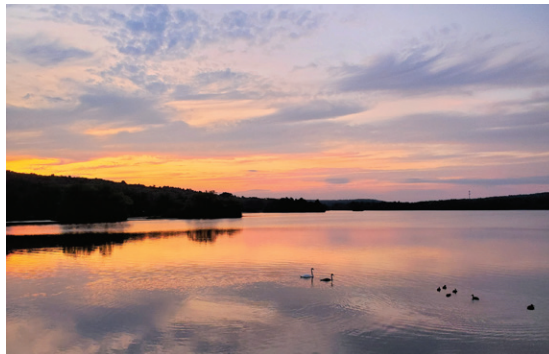
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# Vision for Smithfield

Smithfield grew from its 18th century agricultural roots to become a 19th century manufacturing center for the textiles. Village centers were established around mills which sprang up on rivers and ponds where water power was harnessed and used to grind grain, saw logs, spin fiber and weave fabric. As textiles declined at the end of the century, a new economy developed around the apple industry and Smithfield became known as Rhode Island's "Apple Valley."



Despite great residential growth and a population boom in the latter half of the 20th century, Smithfield retained much of its rural character. Parts of Smithfield have preserved their names as former mill villages: Esmond, Georgiaville, Stillwater, Spragueville and Greenville.

The construction of the Apple Valley Mall in the 1960s ushered in commercial development, and Interstate 295 built in the 1970s improved accessibility to the area. Today the town is primarily residential with a solid commercial and industrial base that has developed along Routes 7, 116 and 44.

Smithfield's vision for the future is to preserve its history, open spaces and small town charm while developing a strong employment and commercial base to support the many services it offers its resi-

dents and businesses. Smithfield strives to build on its already diverse housing stock with a full range of housing choices from starter homes to luxury estates. It balances residential growth with a robust business and industry base that provides jobs and a stable tax base. This balance between residential and business growth coupled with vast open space and recreational opportunities have helped Smithfield establish a reputation as one of the best places in Rhode Island in which to live, work, and raise a family.

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# Room To Grow

Current economic development efforts have been focused on the Economic Growth Overlay district centered near the intersection of the Route 7 and 116 in the Town's northeast quadrant. This area has been designated as the Town's Growth Center and contains all the necessary components to support corporate and medical offices, light industrial, warehousing, mixed use and research and development uses. Most importantly, it has an established base of corporate businesses and institutions that have the ability to attract similar types of businesses to the area. The corridor's excellent highway access makes it a prime area for development of corporate offices, light industrial, research and development and other transportation dependent businesses.

**Some of the businesses and institutions that have developed in this growth center include:**

**Fidelity Investments.** A pioneer in the world of investing, Fidelity manages employee benefit programs and provides services to financial institutions and individual investors.

**Rubius Therapeutics.** Research innovations in genetic engineering and cell culture undergird the production of this biotechnology company with an expanding pharmaceutical manufacturing presence in Smithfield.

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**FGX International.** Designer and marketer of sunglasses, optical frames and non-prescription reading glasses for highly recognized eye-wear brands.

**Bryant University.** The Bryant campus is in the heart of this high tech and business corridor.

**North Central State Airport,** close to these business/industrial parks, serves corporate and recreational users within the Providence metropolitan area.

**A place to stay:** Major hotel properties are found along Douglas Pike. Each offers suites for short or longer stays for business or leisure visitors. Each facility includes complimentary breakfast, a gym and indoor pool.

## A BALANCED RETAIL PRESENCE

**The Crossing at Smithfield** is home to nationally known retailers. Shop fashion and style, health and beauty, food and dining, and specialty stores for books, sporting goods, pets, office supplies, home improvement and crafting. Target, Kohl's, Home Depot, Barnes & Noble and Michael's.

**Apple Valley Mall,** at the junction of routes 44 and RI 5, exemplifies the creative redevelopment of property that has a long retail history. TJ Maxx, Planet Fitness, and CVS are long-term tenants. Restaurants, personal care, and banking, too. Development opportunities remain!

**Dave's Fresh Marketplace** has 2 stores in Smithfield. This Rhode Island chain offers fresh foods, produce, and prepared foods (think, brick oven Pizza and a full menu of grab n' go meals). The newer store is located at The Crossing at Smithfield. The other location is adjacent to the Apple Valley Mall. This store is an expansion of the fresh produce business established in Smithfield in 1977, exemplifying how success in Smithfield can point to the opportunity to grow.



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## DINING IN SMITHFIELD

Fast to casual to fine dining to coffee and pastry, Smithfield has options, some in the malls, many waiting to be discovered at a short distance. Most restaurants are independent and offer cuisines to suit many preferences and pocketbooks: Sienna Italian Cuisine, Mediterranean (Tavolo Wine Bar & Tuscan Grille and Tarazza), Condessa, Mexican Restaurant, pub style (Blackie's, Laura's Bar and Grill, Chelo's of Apple Valley), Giuseppe's Pizzeria and Bistro, Thai (Mai Thai and Thai Cafe, Chelo's ...and ice cream: Scoops, Powder Mill Creamery, and Del's! Plus home to such favorites such as Chipotle, Chilis, Uno Chicago Grill, Jersey Mikes, as well as places to grab a bite or a coffee: McDonalds, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, and Subway.



## LIVING IN SMITHFIELD

Residential development is found all around; most common is the single family detached home, and these are located in rural areas, historic villages, and newer suburban neighborhoods. A recent increase in the construction of projects with 10 or more units as rentals or condominiums, has been spurred by revised zoning regulation to encourage multi-family residential development in designated growth districts, while preserving farmland and open space in outlying areas. The Town has made great strides in implementing its affordable housing plan and hopes to exceed the 10% standard of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act. The vision for Smithfield's future is for balanced residential development to serve every segment of the population at a pace supported by its facilities and services.



# Smithfield Recreation

The Town of Smithfield maintains 14 parks and recreation facilities. Fields are located at the public schools and in town parks, a municipal ice rink, and beaches at Slacks Pond and Georgiaville Pond. Youth and adult sports leagues include lacrosse, Little League, basketball, soccer, girls softball and basketball, junior hockey and figure skating club.

**Powder Mill Ledges** ~ The Audubon Society of RI (ASRI) owns 351 acres of open space land. The headquarters exhibits, bird feeding station, teacher resource center, and gift shop. Walking trails offer scenic hikes through fine stands of pines, a pond, and a brook, and bird watching.

**Deerfield Park** at just over 92 acres is the town-owned center for outdoor sports and

recreation. A lacrosse field, 10 soccer fields, 4 tennis courts, 2 outdoor basketball courts and a little league field. A walking path/cross country trail is adjacent to the Senior Center.

**Smithfield Senior Center** (adjacent to Deerfield Park) is staffed to offer organized activities and workshop areas and its full kitchen prepares food for "meals on wheels" and meals on site for seniors. Activities range from bocce and a book club to yoga and zumba, and include computer classes, scrabble, whist, bridge, line dancing and more.

**The 1713 Smith-Appleby House** is the property of the Smithfield Historical Society. This delicately restored and furnished farm house features beautiful cabinet work, stenciled walls, and other intriguing architectural details. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places and has received the "Footprints in History" Award from the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

### Apple picking, hayrides and farm stands

~ Smithfield pays attention to the balance of economic growth with conservation, open space, and recreation. The Town, through its Land Trust has acquired the development rights to numerous working farms to help ensure that they are around for future generations. Visit these agricultural businesses for plants in the spring, fresh fruit and vegetables in season, apple picking, pumpkin patches, and Christmas trees. Smithfield's farms sell the produce and meat they raise at their own farm stands.

### The Blackstone Valley is Rhode Island's

**National Historical Park** highlighting northern Rhode Island as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution in the United States and celebrating the cultures and traditions of Native Americans through those of the most recent immigrants.

Walk the **Mercer Lookout Trail** on Wolf Hill for a panoramic view of the Providence skyline.

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Smithfield's open spaces are inspiring walks through nature but also a close-up view of the geology and glimpses of how water powered Smithfield's mills a century ago through walks along streams to view historic dams and remains of old mills and homes. There is swimming, boating and fishing on the large ponds.

**The Stillwater Reservoir** trail is an easy walk along a former railroad bed with river and pond views on one side and forests and fields on the other. Waterbirds and songbirds, fishing access, and the George Washington Picnic Grove are features.

The two-mile **Connors Farm trail** takes in a brook, dams, glacial ledges and an old stone bridge.

**Georgiaville Pond** created by a dam in a scenic gorge has a boat ramp, fishing, swimming, picnic tables, and restrooms.

**Olivia's Forest Loop** is a 1.3 mile moderately trafficked loop trail that features a beautiful cascading brook, wild flowers and is good for all fitness levels.

**Esmond Park** has a picnic area and a hiking trail with features that include a

waterfall, cattail marsh, an arching bridge, and World War I monuments.

Hike **Cascade Brook** to a small waterfall passing immense boulders and rocky outcroppings.

**Latham Brook Trail** is 3.5 mile loop trail that winds through deep forests, around diverse wetlands and features exquisite 19th century stone walls.



## Education

### Smithfield Public Schools

Smithfield schools outperform the state average and the LaPerche Elementary School was designated a Blue Ribbon School in 2021. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is a United States Department of Education award program that recognizes exemplary public and non-public schools on a yearly basis.

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### Pleasant View Elementary School

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### Old County Road School

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### Raymond LaPerche Elementary School

Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
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401-231-6652



### Vincent J. Gallagher Middle School

6th through 8th Grade  
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401-949-2056

### Smithfield High School

9th through 12th Grade  
90 Pleasant View Avenue  
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401-949-2050

### Smithfield Senior High School

The high school on a sixty-acre campus in the Apple Valley section held its first graduation in 1968. Subject areas taught include math, science, English, music, social studies, world languages, art, physical education. Courses grouped in the Career and Technical Education pathway introduce such areas as technology, cybersecurity, education and

health careers for students who are ready to define their future when they enter high school; students gain a head start in their chosen field through selected course sequences, college credits and work-based learning gives students a head start in their chosen field. The robust athletic program offers three seasons of indoor and outdoor intramural and interscholastic sports and planning is underway for major renovations to the athletic facilities. Go Sentinels!  
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**Saint Philip School** is a Roman Catholic elementary school of the Diocese of Providence that was founded in 1960. Enrolling students from the age of 3 through Grade 8, the school mission is to educate the whole person in body, mind, and spirit. Through the academic curriculum, athletics, and the arts, students grow in faith as they strive for academic excellence, build community, and inspire service. Technology instruction is part of the preparation for high school. Saint Philip School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. [www.stphilipschool.com](http://www.stphilipschool.com)

### Overbrook Academy

60 Austin Avenue, Greenville RI, 02828  
Overbrook Academy is an International Catholic boarding school for girls in grades 6th through 9th. It was founded in the United States in 1984.



### **Bryant University**

The interdisciplinary foundation integrates business, the liberal arts, and health sciences, with an emphasis on real-world-ready preparation and a global mindset. Founded in Providence in 1863 to provide a business education for veterans returning from the Civil War, a small number of women were enrolled almost immediately. Bryant College of Business Administration moved from Providence to the Smithfield campus in 1971. In 2004 Bryant became a University with a College of Business and a College of Arts and Sciences affirming the tradition of integrating business and liberal arts. Both undergraduate and graduate degrees are awarded.

**The College of Business** works with corporate partners to design projects that put theory into action. Opportunities include the practicum in Global Supply Chain Management and Analytics, the \$2.1 million student-run Archway Investment Fund, international business consulting projects and study abroad.

**The College of Arts and Sciences** offers academic programs in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and the natural and applied sciences. Close student/faculty relationships, career networking, and partnership with the College of Business enable students to explore their intellectual and creative interests while developing skills that lead to rewarding professional opportunities. Graduates have gone on to careers in health sciences, law, public affairs, environmental policy, education, the arts, and...business.

**Experiential learning and co-curricular experiences** on and off campus enhance what students learn in the classroom. Highlights include The Public Speaking Colloquium, The Bryant University Statistical Consulting Office, Bryant Literary Review, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's College Fed Challenge Team, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (funded by RI-INBRE through the National Institutes of Health).

Bryant athletes compete in 22 varsity sports in the Northeast Conference (NEC) and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). Students participate in Division I, intramural, and club sports.

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[www.nhpri.org](http://www.nhpri.org)

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### Performance Physical Therapy

A RI-based network of physical therapy practices has two locations in Smithfield. Physical therapy is much more about health and living life than just managing an injury, disability, or illness.

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Smithfield is served by primary care physicians and specialists with medical offices located throughout the community. Plus a wide-range of healthcare facilities from acute care to retirement living and senior resources.

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### Smithfield Senior Center

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