



# Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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## *A Message From the Mayor*

No doubt the expectations and excitement of the recent holiday season are waning so we can now focus on 2017. In Chinese terms this is "The Year of the Rooster", signifying loyalty and the unfailing fulfillment of one's duties. We are surely lucky to have many volunteers in our community with exactly these qualities!

I want to extend my thanks to Karen Hepburn-Goldberg, Tanja Ernst and their team of "elves" who made our Christmas Tree Lighting a wonderful success! Our Recreation Committee, Hose Company, and First Aiders never disappoint in their efforts to bring our children a truly memorable visit from "Mr. Claus", a special tradition indeed. An additional round of applause goes out to Pam and Jonathan Hemel for organizing another meaningful Chanukah Menorah Lighting. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our Hose Company members and the Ladies Auxiliary for their outstanding Breakfast with Santa. These volunteers served over 600 parents and their children a delicious pancake breakfast. It is so heartwarming to see our residents gathered together enjoying each others' company.

"The Grove" once again provided the holiday decorations at Patriot Isle while the Shrewsbury Garden Club members added their creative talents to the decorations at the Municipal Complex. I hope you were able to see the holiday decorations at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library which, in large measure, were due to the efforts of Shrewsbury residents who are Master Gardeners associated with the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County.

As always, our dependable members of the Department of Public Works, the Police Department, Shrewsbury Hose Company and our First Aid Squad were in the background providing support and assistance where needed to ensure that Shrewsbury celebrated the holiday season with class. Let us thank all our volunteers who take tremendous pride in making Shrewsbury a wonderful place to live.

Perhaps you have noticed some construction crews working to remediate some of the deterioration of The Wardell House. This much needed work was funded by Monmouth County through an escrow account that was established at the time the county elected to bow out of their commitment to use the facility for county needs. Now that this historic site has been stabilized, opportunities are being explored for usage of the building.

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### 2017

#### Newsletter Deadlines

March 10th

June 9th

September 11th

December 11th

#### Newsletter Articles Wanted

Borough groups interested in having an article published in the next issue, please contact Izzy Grieco at 732.741.4200, x106 or email at [igrieco@shrewsburyboro.com](mailto:igrieco@shrewsburyboro.com). All local groups and organizations are encouraged to submit articles.

This edition of the Shrewsbury Community Newsletter represents a first as we transition from mailing the quarterly newsletter to its availability on our website and through electronic distribution channels. This will allow more up-to-date information to be distributed while reducing expenses and being a more environmentally friendly option than that associated with distribution of printed copies. While this is a change, perhaps not immediately embraced by everyone, there are three options to see or get a newsletter: a printed copy can be obtained by contacting our clerk's office, electronic versions of the newsletter (in the same format) can be accessed via our website ([www.shrewsburyboro.com](http://www.shrewsburyboro.com)) or through an email generated from the Two River Alert system. To receive this email, you must opt to receive Additional Notifications by checking the box entitled "Community News" at the bottom of the Two River Alert Enrollment page.

The 2017 Borough Directory will continue to be mailed to Borough residents and businesses. Be sure to retain your copy when it arrives as it contains an array of important information, schedules and contact points so vital to the daily operations of our local government.

Best wishes to all for 2017 and may it be a year of successes, good health, and memorable moments of happiness!

-By Don Burden, Mayor

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## ***Kidde Recalls Combination Smoke/CO Alarms Due to Alarm Failure***



**Recall date:** November 10, 2016

**Recall number:** 17-031

**Recall Summary**

**Name of product:** Kidde NightHawk combination smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) alarms

**Hazard:** The alarm can fail to continue to chirp when it reaches its seven year end of life if the batteries are replaced, leading consumers to believe it is still working. This poses a risk of consumers not being alerted to a fire or CO incident in their home.

**Remedy:** Replace - Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled alarms and contact Kidde directly for a free replacement alarm based on date of manufacture or a discount on a new alarm.

**Consumer Contact:** Kidde toll-free at 855-239-0490 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click on "Product Safety Notice" for more information.

**Sold At:** Electrical distributors and home centers nationwide and online at Amazon.com from June 2004 through December 2010.

**Importers(s):** Walter Kidde Portable Equipment, Inc., of Mebane, N.C.

**Manufactured In:** China

For more details on this recall, please go to the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Kidde-Recalls-Combination-Smoke-CO-Alarms>, or for a pdf copy go to this link <https://s3.amazonaws.com/inmar-adx-files/N130217/Kidde+End+of+Life+Recall+CPSC+Press+Release+Nov+10+2016.pdf>

-By Vito Marra, Fire Marshal

## *From the Clerk's Office*

### **Pet Licenses now due!**

Borough Code Chapter 67 states that all dogs and cats in Shrewsbury must be registered with the Clerk's Office. **The 2017 Dog and Cat license renewals were mailed out the first week of January. Please return these into the Clerk's Office as soon as possible!** Late fees begin to accrue at \$5 per month (per animal) beginning February 13<sup>th</sup>. **State law requires that all licensed pets be current on their rabies vaccines at least through 11/1/2017.** When you go to vaccinate your pet keep that date in mind to ease this renewal process for you in the future. Most veterinarians believe that vaccinating early coming off of a 3 yr. shot, to align your pet's rabies vaccination with the licensing dates and avoiding late fees, will not affect the health of the animal. Of course, the health of each animal is different and you must talk to your veterinarian. Feel free to call (732) 741-4200 x 109 if you have any questions.

### **Rabies vaccines can be obtained from one of the following sources:**

\*-Private veterinary practices

\*-SPCA Weekly Vaccine/Microchip Clinic @ 260 Wall Street, Eatontown. They are held every Friday from 10:30 am-2:00 pm. A rabies vaccine costs \$28.00 and a microchip is available for an additional \$20.00. For questions please call the SPCA at (732) 542-0040.

\*-Free MCRHC Rabies Clinics. For upcoming dates check the Boro website, [www.mcrhc.org](http://www.mcrhc.org), or call (732) 493-9520.

\*-Free Monmouth County Health Department Clinics. For upcoming dates check the County website at [www.co.monmouth.nj.us/EventCalendar](http://www.co.monmouth.nj.us/EventCalendar) or call (732) 431-7456.

If for some reason your pet's rabies vaccination will expire before 11/1/2017 and you and your veterinarian do not feel the pet is healthy enough to get a current shot, your pet may be exempt from this vaccine requirement as long as the Borough has a fully completed 'NJ Department of Health Certificate of Exemption from Rabies Vaccination' form on file. This form can be downloaded from the Clerk's section of the Borough website ([www.shrewsburyboro.com](http://www.shrewsburyboro.com)). For your pet to be exempt, the form must have a veterinarian's signature and the certificate must say that it is valid until 11/1/2017 to be acceptable in the eyes of the state.

### **Potholes**

When you see a pothole that needs fixing please **do not call our Police Department.** The proper reporting agency depends on the particular street:

**Local Roads:** Shrewsbury DPW (732) 741-0522. Identify the location of the pothole and the street when leaving a message.

**County Roads:** Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury Avenue and Newman Springs Road are maintained by Monmouth County. Potholes on these roads should be reported to the county's highway division at (732) 431-6550.

**State Roads:** Route 35/Broad Street is a state maintained highway. Potholes should be reported online at [www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/potholeform.shtm](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/potholeform.shtm).

### **Overnight On-Street Residential Parking Change**

Chapter 90-4A of the Borough Code has been amended to allow overnight residential parking on Borough streets all year long, not just April to October. Please note, however, that by state statute, parking is still prohibited during snow fall conditions continuing up until our streets have been thoroughly plowed.

**Borough News and Events**

Please visit our website ([www.shrewsburyboro.com](http://www.shrewsburyboro.com)) frequently to keep abreast of all the latest Borough updates, announcements, events and alerts! Additionally, click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of the home page to be directed to the Borough's Facebook page which is updated weekly.

**General Election Official Results  
November 8, 2016**



**Borough Council- Shrewsbury Borough**

<u>Candidate- 3 yr term</u> (2 open)	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<b>Deidre DerAsadourian*</b>	1,259	28.39%
<b>Peter Meyer*</b>	1,253	28.26%
John Collins	957	21.58%
Donald Sena	957	21.58%

<u>Candidate- 1 yr term</u> (2 open)	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<b>Erik Anderson*</b>	1,368	30.90%
<b>Thomas Moran*</b>	1,285	29.03%
Shane Berkelaar	891	20.13%
Patrick DiBello	877	19.81%

**Board of Education- Shrewsbury Borough**

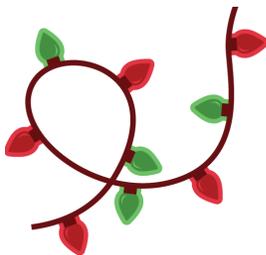
<u>Candidate</u> (3 open)	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<b>Jessica Groom*</b>	1,202	38.49%
<b>Carolyn Barber*</b>	1,168	37.40%
<b>Karen Hepburn-Goldberg*</b> (write in)	182	5.83%
Natalie Carroll	159	5.09%
Rebecca Montgomery	145	4.64%
Lisa Jacobowitz	139	4.45%

\*Elected to position

-By Karen Lloyd

***Light Up the Holidays Event Results***

It is official - the winners of the Shrewsbury Hose Co. #1 "Light Up the Holidays" event are

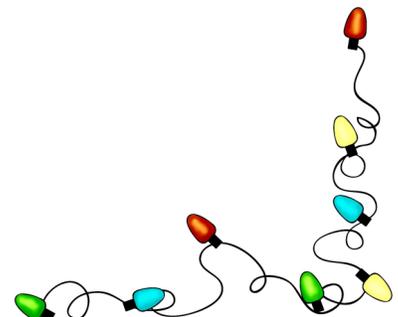


1st place Samaha Res. 27 Henry St

2nd place Cellary Res. 48 Francis St

3rd place Acebal Res. 140 West End Ave

***Thank you to all that participated!***



## *Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders*

Shadowbrook Restaurant, Shrewsbury's own historical gem, decorated in its Holiday finery, was the elegant setting for our December Luncheon, attended by 90 members and guests. Babs D'Aloia was thanked for stepping up to do most of the leg work as Luncheon Chair Margie Post recuperated from a medical procedure and guided the process. Our voices joined in song as we sang carols led by Vice President Bob Donohue & Co. accompanied by musician Doug Alt. Shrewsbury Boro School Enrichment teacher Sallyann Jauch was there to explain a new intergenerational project she has designed in which our members will participate with the sixth graders as they prepare for the annual SBS SAIL Fair. Our slate of new officers was voted on, and they will be installed at our January meeting: President, Bob Donohue; Vice President/Program, Carolyn Alt; Recording Secretary, Celia Tracy; Chaplain, Jerry Viracola; Hospitality, Betty Phillips and Sandra Woodward. We'll be ringing in 2017 with a program by the drama students of the Red Bank High Performing Arts Program, directed by Basie-winning best director Reuben Jackson, at our regular meeting time of 1:00 p.m. on January 12th in Fellowship Hall of Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church. For our Valentine "Happy Hearts" program on February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome musician David DeLuca, recently a presenter at the Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch. Also, mark your calendars for March 9th at noon when we will enjoy a catered luncheon and hear from Paul Roman of our own Shrewsbury First Aid Squad. Any Shrewsbury resident or friend over age 50 . . .if you'd like further information on partaking of the **fun, food and fellowship**, call Barbara Walter, Membership (732/380-0163). We look forward to seeing you soon!

-By Carolyn Alt

## *Two River Water Reclamation Authority*

Every day, all Authority employees strive to assist the public in solving their concerns, as we should. With respect to blockages, our culture is to respond as quickly as possible with Authority staff to assess the problem and to provide a solution. Typically, within minutes, almost certainly within 2 hours (during off hours). The staff may be able to initially clear the blockage to provide immediate relief to the residents, and if not, the Authority has under contract, an emergency services contractor to complete repairs (our contractors typically complete the repairs the same day). In those instances, where the problem is the homeowner's responsibility, we advise them so that they may retain a plumber as soon as possible.

As a point of information, the lateral from the sewer main to the curb (where typically a clean out is located) is owned and maintained by the Authority. From the curb to the house is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Nonetheless, we always advise all the residents in our member town service area, to call the Authority first, as there is no charge for our services. That way, the resident would avoid a service charge from a plumber if the blockage is the Authority's responsibility.

Borough residents, should call the Authority first (24/7) with a sanitary sewer issue.

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## *Shrewsbury Community Alliance*



In October, The Shrewsbury Community Alliance celebrated Red Ribbon Week of Respect. Our theme this year was “United We Stand Against Bullying & Drugs.” As in years past, it was a fun and educational week for the SBS students and our community as a whole.

Some of the activities we did during our special week were daily dress up days, appearances by PAWS the SBS mascot, and the Shrewsbury Police Department. Sergeant Boyd and Lieutenant Turner read to the Pre-K - 4th graders, which is always a treat. The Alliance

gave the teachers and students giveaways including stickers, ribbons, bookmarks and pens and pencils.

We also had 2 assemblies, one for the older grades, and one for the younger grades. The one for grades 6-8 was titled Steered Straight. The presenters gave different scenarios and strategies to help students stay strong, and feel more confident in standing up for themselves which reinforced the work Ms. Shaheen has been doing with the SBS Peace Builders program.

The assembly for the younger grades, pre-K - 4, was a puppet show titled “The New Kid.” The children were very engaged during the show and we received a lot of positive feedback.

In addition, a group of SBS students were honored at the town council meeting last month by the Shrewsbury Community Alliance, Ms. Shaheen, Mayor Burden and the town council, and NJ Senator Jennifer Beck for their ongoing efforts to promote peace, anti-bullying, character education and drug and alcohol prevention. Senator Beck surprised each of the students with a citation commemorating their hard work and efforts.

*-By Rayna Eyerman and Nikki Barreca  
Shrewsbury Community Alliance Co-Chairs*

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### **SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL 2017 -18 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

The 2017-18 Kindergarten Registration will take place in March of 2017.

All children who are five (5) years of age on or before October 1, 2017 are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

Please complete the Census Form found on our website <http://www.sbs.k12.nj.us/sbs/> and either email to [galantel@sbs-nj.org](mailto:galantel@sbs-nj.org) or fax (732) 747-7510 by Friday, January 17, 2017.

*-By Laura C. Galante*

## *Sign Up Procedure for Community Garden Plots – 2017*

At the Annual Meeting on Monday, January 9th, legacy plot holders who include past season (2016) Shrewsbury residents and non-profit in-town plot holders can sign up to renew their plots. Legacy members should include the \$25.00 fee with the application (a check from the non-profit organization is required). Legacy plot holders who do not renew at the Annual Meeting have until Wednesday Feb 8th to retain their "legacy" rights and should apply/pay for renewal of their plots at Boro Hall. After Feb 8th if they haven't signed up, they lose their legacy status and will be placed on a list with all other town and out-of-town applicants.

At the Annual Meeting, new plot owners who are Shrewsbury residents may fill out an application but **no fee** will be collected at that time. These new gardeners will be put on a list and plot assignment/availability will be determined starting on Thursday Feb 9th Boro Hall will then notify any applicant that has been assigned a plot to pay the \$25.00 fee which must be received at Boro Hall by Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

Out-of-town gardeners' applications will be accepted at Boro Hall starting on Feb 9th. **No fee** will be collected at that time until it has been determined that a plot is available for their use. Once an out-of-town application has been approved and a plot is available, the applicant will be notified and must pay the fee of \$35.00 at Boro Hall by Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

Any gardener, legacy, Shrewsbury resident, non-profit, or out-of-town applicant who has been assigned a plot and does not pay their fee by Feb 17<sup>th</sup> will lose their application placement status.

*-By Maureen Collins*



*2016 Breakfast with Santa Shrewsbury Hose Company No 1 Volunteers*



*2016 Breakfast with Santa Shrewsbury Ladies Auxiliary*



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December 5, 2016

Dear Parents:

We are beginning our process of Kindergarten student identification and registration for the 2017-18 school year. The first step for us is to locate all potential registrants who are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2017.

Board of Education policy states that **all children who are five (5) years of age on or before October 1 of the year they enter are eligible for Kindergarten.**

Should you have a child, or have a friend or neighbor who has a child who will be five on or before October 1, 2017, please notify the school via email at [galantel@sbs-nj.org](mailto:galantel@sbs-nj.org) or by phone at (732)747-0882 x. 104. We will place you or the child's family on our potential listing for next school year. Also, please complete and submit the Census Form found on our website <http://www.sbs.k12.nj.us/sbs/>, which is due by Friday, January 20, 2017. This form is a tool used to identify potential Kindergarten students.

We will send out all necessary information, registration form and medical forms that are required for registration. We will provide an appointment date and time for the return of the forms and formal registration.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Superintendent

