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Spring



**2015 Newsletter
Deadlines**
June 10
September 10
December 10

A Message From the Mayor

It is quite unlikely that anyone in Shrewsbury will miss this past winter with what, at times, seemed like endless days of brutal cold and snow being added on top of an earlier snow fall. I certainly join others in commending DPW for a stellar effort with their snow removal efforts. Take a look at a couple of our neighboring municipalities and you'll see how fortunate we are here in Shrewsbury.

While the majority of our citizens chipped in to keep the sidewalks cleared, regretfully a few folks neglected to clear sidewalks and hydrant areas. Planning ahead, be reminded that "snow birds" are not immune to our snow removal ordinances. If you plan to be out of town during the winter months, please make arrangements to have your sidewalks cleared in a timely manner. Now we must deal with the potholes. You can assist us in making our roads safer by reporting potholes to the proper authorities. Please see the list on the last page of the newsletter for more information on whom to contact about our county, state or local roads.

Now let's welcome **spring 2015!** There are several opportunities in town to enjoy this spring in Shrewsbury. Feel free to participate in our *Community Cleanup Day* (April 25), or *Earth Day* (April 22) and *Arbor Day* (April 24), as well as, supporting the Shrewsbury Garden Club's annual Geranium sale (orders by April 30) and Gardener's Market at the Gazebo (May 9). Please go to the Borough website for more details. Make sure if you are interested in any of our recreation sport activities that you **register** early. Timely registrations allow our dedicated volunteer leaders, coaches and DPW sufficient time to arrange schedules while ensuring that our athletic fields are in fine shape for all these activities.

Another first for Shrewsbury will be our **Borough Wide Yard Sale** on Saturday, May 30, from 9-3. This event will be widely publicized. The event is scheduled in hopes that homeowners can sell unwanted items instead of just putting them out for trash collection. One person's junk can be another person's treasure! Many unsold items, however, can be placed curbside for our regularly scheduled bulk pick up on June 3rd. Help our environment by recycling unwanted items.

All residents should have received an updated 2015 Borough Directory. Please check the directory for the schedule of brush and leaf pickup on your street.

Finally, and most importantly, don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Memorial Day ceremony at Patriot Isle on May 25 to remember, honor, and show respect to our veterans and military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The willingness of our veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our gratitude.

Don Burden, Mayor

Newsletter Articles Wanted

Anyone 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. All local groups and organizations are encouraged to submit articles. ***Next deadline for Articles is June 10th.**

From the Clerk's Office

732-741-4200 x108

Shrewsbury Day 2016

Next year, 2016, is the Borough's 90th Anniversary of being incorporated as its own independent municipality. The Borough thought that another "Shrewsbury Day" would be the perfect way to celebrate! It takes a village, or in this case, a Borough, to plan such a fantastic event. That is why we need you. The Borough is organizing a committee to plan the next "Shrewsbury Day". If you want this event to continue, please volunteer by calling Deputy Clerk Bonnie Brookes at 732-741-4200 x108.

Tennis Badges Now on Sale!

To use the Tennis Courts at Sickles Park, badges are required and can be purchased at the Municipal Clerk's Office. The cost for an individual resident badge is \$20 or \$50 per household (immediate family residing at the same address). Residents under the age of 16 and over the age of 65 can receive a badge at no cost. Reservations for court time can be made during normal business hours by calling the Clerk's Office at 732-741-4200 x108 or x109. Reservations are taken for an hour at a time, with a total of two hours per day. Tennis shoes are required on the courts. Anyone under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult. Any activity other than tennis playing on the courts is strictly forbidden. Violators can face penalties! In addition, paid instruction other than through the Recreation Committee's classes is prohibited.

Borough Wide Yard Sale – May 30th 2015

The Borough, along with the Environmental Commission, will be sponsoring a Borough Wide Yard Sale on May 30th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To participate, residents must obtain a yard sale permit at a cost of \$5 and will receive a marker to designate their participation. The permit fee will be used by the Borough to advertise the event in the newspapers and other media along with creating a street map identifying the locations of the day's sales. Maps will be printed and available at the Borough Hall. The map with locations will be posted on the website the day of the event. Permits for this day can be purchased between April 27th and May 27th at the Municipal Clerk's Office. Anyone who purchases a permit after May 27th will not be listed on the map.

Bulk collection will be picked up on the following Wednesday. Residents who participated will be permitted to put bulk trash on the curb the night of May 30th for collection the following week. Please note that electronics (computers, TV's, printers, etc.) will not be collected with bulk trash. These items must be recycled at the Dept. of Public Works, located at 90 White Road. Appointments are required.

-By Bonnie Brookes, Deputy Clerk

Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders

This active social group of mostly Shrewsbury residents over the age of fifty meets early afternoon the second Thursday of each month, September through June, in the Fellowship Hall of the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church on Sycamore Avenue with a varied informational and entertainment program; luncheons and trips are included.

At our March 12th meeting, we socialized with an "in house" Italian-themed luncheon enjoyed by all. Our Seniors learned about the mission of our Boro's Environmental Commission as we welcomed member Robin Blair. Reservations are being accepted now for our June "out house" luncheon at the Molly Pitcher Inn!

For more information about our vital community organization, please contact Barbara Walter, Membership (732/380-0163) or Carolyn Alt (732/531-5557), President.

-By Carolyn Alt, President

Shrewsbury Police Department

The Shrewsbury Police Department is warning residents of ongoing phone scams. Any person who receives a phone call, where the caller demands money be sent to them for any reason, should question the validity of the call. Some recent phone scams include the IRS, JCP&L, "grandparent scam", or ransom. The JCP&L Scam is where a caller threatens the victim, telling them that their electricity will be turned off unless a delinquent payment is made immediately through a money order. The IRS scam usually entails the caller claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service and threatens arrest unless similar payments are made. The "grandparent scam", is a scheme in which an older person receives a telephone call from someone claiming to be a grandchild in need of money. The caller usually claims to be under arrest and needs the grandparent to quietly and immediately wire money through Western Union or money order. The ransom scam is where the caller states they have their relative and demand a ransom for their safe return. On most occasions, the caller will want the money sent to them via green dot moneypak, western union, or money order. If monies are owed to companies, official correspondence will be made through the mail and not by threatening calls.

Any resident who has been victimized or has received similar type calls are asked to contact the Shrewsbury Police Department at 732-741-2500.

-By Lt. Robert Turner

Shrewsbury First Aid Squad

A growing public health crisis in New Jersey is heroin and opiate addiction. The Shrewsbury First Aid Squad is now equipped to administer a lifesaving antidote to heroin overdose called Narcan. Members have been trained in the administration of this non-addictive, non-toxic drug which can temporarily reverse the effects of heroin and can, in many cases save lives. First responders may now have enough time to revive an unconscious victim before arriving at a hospital for professional medical treatment.

Nine new EMTs joined the Shrewsbury First Aid squad during 2014. Joe Calao, ToniAnn Bennett, Ryan Brand, Michael White, Nicole Ortiz, John Barney, Francis Borowsky and Chris Faherty all completed 180 hours of training, preparing them to provide comprehensive emergency medical care to victims of injury or illness. In addition, eight of our existing members completed 24 hours of EMT recertification training in January.

This May, for the 40th consecutive year, the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad will instruct Shrewsbury's eighth graders in CPR. In addition, residents may attend free CPR classes which will be offered April 13, May 11 and June 8. Visit www.shrewsburyfirstaid.org to register for CPR classes or to inquire about joining the squad. The squad is always looking for new members.

Borough Annual Memorial Day Observance

Please join the Borough for the Annual Ceremony Commemorating Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will be at Patriot Isle on the corner of Sycamore Avenue and Broad Street. The Borough welcomes everyone to this community remembrance.



The Clerk's office would like to identify any active military service men or women residing in the Borough. If you know of anyone, please call us at (732) 741-4200, x108.

-By Bonnie Brookes

EARTH DAY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

We'd like to help showcase your efforts!



The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has administered the *Earth Day - New Jersey* website (www.earthdayNJ.org) for more than 15 years. Each year, the site attracts more than 40,000 visitors in April through May. The *Earth Day - New Jersey* website features an events calendar, school programs listing, history of Earth Day and Environmental Education Week, and suggestions for what families, students and individuals can do to help protect the environment year-round and celebrate Earth Day “every day.”

In celebration of “Environmental Education Week” (April 19 – 25), the website will showcase your programs along with descriptions of the lessons and projects that students and schools are doing in classrooms and communities statewide to celebrate the week. The national theme for Environmental Education Week 2015 is “Greening STEM: Surrounded by Science”. To submit information about your environmental education activities to be conducted in April – early May, go to www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/calsub.htm.

This year is also the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, which is celebrated each year on April 22. New Jersey is home to numerous Earth Day events, green fairs, clean-ups, trail work, tree plantings and other environmental celebrations that are held around this date. Some of these celebrations occur on the weekends and are open to the public. To submit details about your public event, go to www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/calsub.htm.

The *Earth Day - New Jersey* website is promoted to and used by media, schools, students, volunteers and volunteer groups, scouts, youth groups, companies, municipal leaders, families and other individuals. DEP also uses the information posted on the website to determine the participation of its own speakers, displays and the distribution of its public education information.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.earthdayNJ.org to locate events and programs near them.

-By NJ DEP

Environmental Commission ***Help Keep Shrewsbury Beautiful!***

Shrewsbury is a great place to live, and we would like to keep it that way! Join the Environmental Commission and the Mayor for the 2015 **Shrewsbury Clean Up Day** on **Saturday, April 25th at 10 a.m.** The event will kick off from the Borough Hall, rain or shine. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy closed toe shoes. Community Service hours available, building camaraderie probable, and of course, picking up garbage is a definite. So put on the latest fashionable safety vest, slide on those sleek work gloves (both provided by the Borough) and grab a garbage bag to help keep Shrewsbury beautiful. For more information, please call Borough Hall at 732-741-4200 x108.



-By Bonnie Brookes

Shade Tree Commission

What is, and When Do I Need, an Arborist?

An arborist is a specialist in the cultivation and care of trees and shrubs. They diagnose, treat and prevent tree diseases, and control pests. They are capable of removing, pruning, and providing structural support throughout a tree's lifecycle. In New Jersey, Certified Tree Experts pass exams to prove their competency in tree care.

An arborist should be consulted for advice when there are signs that a tree is in trouble. Signs include leaves not looking right, more insects than normal, cracks in the trunk, or cankers growing from the bark. An arborist can assess the need for structural/reduction pruning throughout a tree's life to ensure tree beauty and safety.

Consider hiring an arborist to trim branches that are dead or dying, have been damaged in a storm, rub against one another, that interfere with road/sidewalk passage, and where branches are too close to or touching wires. Arborists can advise on dealing with tree limbs/roots that need to be cut due to new construction and underground pipe/cable installation. It is prudent to hire an arborist to do pruning if you are inexperienced with, or lack the proper tools to, prune or if the limbs are out of reach. Seek the aid of an arborist to remedy compacted soil around a tree, control insects on trees, assess tree health, brace/cable tree limbs, or to fertilize a tree(s).

A fact sheet on 'How to Hire a Tree Care Professional' is posted on the Borough's website under Shade Tree Commission: click on Shade Tree Bulletins in the left hand column.

STC provides street shade trees to Shrewsbury residents. Please contact a STC member or Bill Gerth at (732) 670-5569 if interested in selecting and/or obtaining a shade tree.

-By Stu Minis—STC Member

Community Garden Club

Four years after it opened to the community, the Shrewsbury Community Garden Committee is proud to announce that the Community Garden is now completely self-sustaining and will start the 2015 growing season at full capacity. All of the 80 available plots were reserved as of March 9th. Shrewsbury resident gardeners (who make up a majority of the gardeners) pay \$25 for the opportunity to plant, maintain, and harvest a garden plot alongside their friends and neighbors. In addition, the garden produces and donates hundreds of pounds of produce each season to Lunch Break. For more information about the Shrewsbury Community Garden, visit the Borough website or like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/ShrewsburyCommunityGardenNJ>.

-By Maureen Collins

2015 Monmouth County Paper Shredding Days

Monmouth County has scheduled nine 2015 Paper Shredding events in local communities so that Monmouth County residents have opportunities to dispose of old documents and confidential files safely.

All shredding events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For a list all the locations, visit the Borough website at www.shrewsburyboro.com.

County residents may bring up to 100 lbs. to be shredded. The shredding event will stop once the shredding truck is full. All papers will be shredded on location in the mobile truck. Documents should be free of large binder clips. Staples and paper clips may be left on documents. This is a free service to Monmouth County residents.

Shrewsbury Garden Club Spring Flower Sale

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SALE**

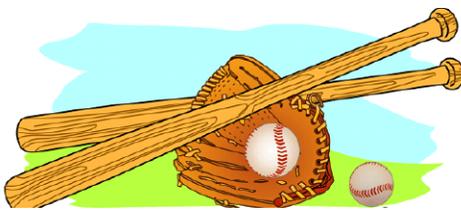


Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 9th, for the Shrewsbury Garden Club's (SGC) Annual Gardener's Market. The always popular event, which raises funds to support the care and maintenance of Shrewsbury's public gardens, will get underway at 8:30 a.m. at the gazebo across from Borough Hall, rain or shine! More than 200 perennials, flowering annuals, herbs and vegetables plants will be available for sale, as well as gardening tools, books and outdoor decorative items. Arrive early for the best selection! This year the SGC will also have an area for children to make and plant their own gardening pots. In the weeks leading up to the market, SGC members will be taking presale orders for geraniums and a list of other annuals. For more information or to place an order, email the

club at shrewsburygardenclub@gmail.com, visit us online at www.shrewsburygc.com or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shrewsburygardenclub.

-By Maureen Collins

Recreation



Dear Fellow Residents,

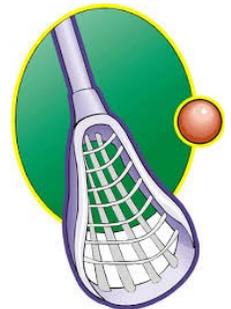
The Shrewsbury Recreation Committee is pleased to be gearing up for the spring sports season, with our baseball and softball players taking part in the Two River Little League (TRLL) and our lacrosse participants teaming up with our neighbors in Little Silver for regional action.

As these activities get into full swing, there are a few changes this season. First off, the committee is pleased to introduce Sharon DeVita as the Field Coordinator. Ms. DeVita will be responsible for scheduling field use for all teams this spring. Coaches can schedule practices and games by emailing Sharon at shamrock-sharon@msn.com.

In addition, coaches and parents now have the option to sign up to receive text messages for field closures, activity updates, registration deadlines and other important announcements. This is an opt-in system. Kindly contact anyone from the Shrewsbury Recreation Committee for assistance in signing up to receive text messages.

In mid-May, registration will open for Summer Camp. Please register on time to ensure your child has a spot. Further out in the summer, the committee will be introducing summer basketball for all grade levels. More details will be provided as we approach early summer.

Finally, the Recreation Committee is scheduled to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Boro Hall at 7:30 p.m. We urge members of the community to please make time to attend the open session at the beginning of each meeting to share any feedback or suggestions toward the mutual goal of improving all activities we offer. An email can also be sent to shrewsburyrecreation@yahoo.com.



*-By Brendan Gilmartin
Chairman, Shrewsbury Recreation*

Call Before You Dig

The federally mandated, national phone number, **811**, helps prevent you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines. Before you begin projects that involve digging, dial **811** to locate underground electric, gas, or other utility lines. Digging without this information can cause power outages, and it's extremely dangerous.



Simply tell the **811** operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and your local utility companies will be notified. Within a few days, they will mark the location of underground lines. Please call at least three days in advance to avoid unnecessary delays to your project. Know what's below—Call before you dig! For more information, visit www.call811.com.

Budget Workshop

The Borough will hold a Budget Workshop on Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Municipal Complex. All residents are invited to this open workshop. The Finance Committee will present the proposed 2015 Budget and discuss all changes of the various line items.

-By Tom Seaman, Finance Officer

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Mark Your Calendars

April 13	7:00 p.m.	SFAS Free CPR Classes. Register at www.shrewsburyfirstaid.org
April 25	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. on	2015 Budget Workshop at the Shrewsbury Municipal Complex Shrewsbury Community Cleanup Day—Boro Hall
May 9	8:30 a.m.	Shrewsbury Garden Club Gardener’s Market at the Boro Gazebo
May 11	7:00 p.m.	SFAS Free CPR Classes. Register at www.shrewsburyfirstaid.org
May 25	10:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Observance at Patriot Isle
May 30	9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Borough Wide Yard Sale. <u>Garage Sale Permits required.</u>
June 8	7:00 p.m.	SFAS Free CPR Classes. Register at www.shrewsburyfirstaid.org

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 Roads are owned by Monmouth County. Potholes on these roads can be reported to the county’s highway division at (732) 431-6550

State Roads: Route 35/Broad Street is a state owned highway. Potholes should be reported online at www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/potholeform.shtm.

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