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2012 Newsletter

Deadlines

June 10

September 10

December 10

Visit the Borough Website at www.shrewsburyboro.com

### Sponsors Wanted

Sponsors wanted for two new Welcome to Shrewsbury signs. If interested, please contact Clerk's office at 732-741-4100, x108.

# **Shrewsbury Community Newsletter**

## A Borough of Shrewsbury Publication

April 2012

## A Message From the Mayor

Spring arrived somewhat ahead of schedule this year escaping the heavy snows and cold weather of the previous year. While the Borough welcomes the arrival of the spring flowers and the flowering trees, we also welcome the relief on the annual budget as sand, salt and plowing expenses were minimal. Another benefit for Shrewsbury was the fact that our DPW staff was able to complete some much needed tree trimming. They were also able to get a jump start on cleaning up the parks getting them ready for all the activities coming in the next few months. The mild weather also allowed for the early completion of the Blades Run and Winding Brook Road repaying project.

Copies of the Borough of Shrewsbury Directory 2012 (pink) have been mailed to our residents. This information is also available on the Borough's website— <a href="https://www.shrewsburyboro.com">www.shrewsburyboro.com</a>. Take a moment to examine your directory as it is packed full of information about the operations and contact points for the borough's offices, personnel, and volunteers. There is a limited supply of the directory available at the Clerk's office.

Keep in mind that with the recently approved redistricting, the Borough of Shrewsbury is now within <u>District #11</u>. As such our elected legislative officials are Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblywomen Mary Pat Angelini and Caroline Casagrande.

Shrewsbury is pleased to be involved in Meridian's "Paint the Town Pink" Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Help "**Pinkbury**" spread the mission of early detection by attending the "**Light the Night Pink**" event on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm at the Boro Hall gazebo. This family fun event will have lots of activities and will culminate with our local survivors flipping the switch to illuminate the gazebo pink. Check the boro website for updates or contact kim@theroses.org for more information.

Surely everyone agrees that Shrewsbury remains a very active community. Just take a look at the upcoming celebrations—Earth Day, Arbor Day, opening of the Little League season, Water Week, Paint the Town Pink, Memorial Day, SBS graduation—the list just seems to go on and on providing events that clamor for citizens' participation.

Two Shrewsbury residents were recently tapped for honored positions. John Hogan, 30 Regent Drive, was recently appointed Chairman of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce. Ken Kobylowski, 85 Constitution Drive, was recently appointed Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance. Congratulations!

In closing, a huge thank you to Nancy Schmaltz and Kathy Wilson for their dedicated years of service on the Shade Tree Commission, and a big welcome to William Gerth who will take over for Nancy as commission chairperson.

Enjoy the warmth of Spring '12 and begin planning for Summer '12.

#### 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.

## Shrewsbury Police Department

## Operation Take Back New Jersey

If you have unused, unwanted, or expired medication either over-the-counter or prescribed, the time to dispose of them is Saturday April 28, 2012 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Shrewsbury Borough Hall. The Shrewsbury Borough Police Department will have a collection box at the Dispatch desk on the first floor.



## Shrewsbury Police Department Mobile Office

In today's world of intelligence-led law enforcement, the need for information-sharing and up-to-date information is critical. History has shown that many major criminal cases at every level of law enforcement start with the actions of a patrol officer working the "routine" tour of duty. While the need has not changed, the means by which we gather and share information has evolved with advances in technology. The Shrewsbury Police Car is now a mobile office, giving your officers the ability to keep themselves and our community safer than ever before.

One of the 2012 Shrewsbury Police vehicles is equipped with the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR). The ALPR consists of trunk-mounted cameras, a processing unit and a software package that runs through the on-board computer. The cameras, processing unit and software allow officers a hands-free approach to capturing images of license plates and instantaneously comparing them with millions of Hot List records to identify vehicles of interest. This highly advanced Automatic License Plate Reader system reads plates day or night, at a rate of up to 1800 plates per minute and minimizes the guesswork and safety risks that challenge officers every day. Since its implementation in Shrewsbury, the ALPR has identified wanted persons, motor vehicle violators, and given us the ability to identify witnesses to incidents that we would never have known existed without the ALPR. By providing our officers with the tools necessary to do their job, we insure their ability to go forward with our mission of keeping our community safe.

## Scrapping Prohibited

Shrewsbury Borough Ordinance 210-35 prohibits the removal of recyclable material (SCRAPPING) from the Borough unless authorized to do so by the Mayor and Council. This ordinance will be strictly enforced with fines of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,250. For more details of the ordinance, please go to the Borough website at <a href="https://www.shrewsburyboro.com">www.shrewsburyboro.com</a> and click on Borough Codes and enter 210-39 in the search engine. If a resident sees this illegal removal, please call the Shrewsbury Borough Police.

## Update on Borough Projects

#### Blades Run Drive & Winding Brook Way:

Roadway construction was recently completed on Blades Run Drive & Winding Brook Way, which will significantly extend the useful life of both roads. The underlying soil and groundwater conditions presented a challenge to our engineering and construction personnel which necessitated a comprehensive approach to the overall project and extended the timeline. The governing body braced for the worst case scenario and budgeted accordingly; however, because of the forethought put into the project, a significant cost savings was ultimately realized. Some sections of the existing curb and sidewalks remain based on their useful life left and cost/benefit analysis in the overall project scope. Construction was completed just before Christmas, and we expect our contractor to return shortly to address minor punch list items.

#### **Toll Bros - Ave of the Commons**

The residential development of 66 age restricted units on Avenue of the Commons has been purchased recently by Toll Brothers, Inc., and appears to be ready to commence with the construction of new homes. We expect to see a sharp increase in activity there in the very near future, with occupancy of new homes expected to start late this year. We believe that the project should be completed within 2-3 years, based on market conditions. -By David Cranmer, Borough Engineeer

## First Aid Squad

The Shrewsbury First Aid Squad is accepting applications for the annual Thomas P. Maletto Award. This award is a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, presented each year to the graduating Red Bank Regional High School student from Shrewsbury Borough who best exemplifies selfless dedication to the improvement of the welfare of others. RBR seniors who reside in Shrewsbury will receive a letter with eligibility requirements and application procedure shortly.

The Shrewsbury First Aid Squad is offering free CPR classes for residents on Monday, April 9 and Monday, May 14 at 7:00. Classes are held at the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad building on the corner of Haddon Ave and Laurel St. If interested, email sfacpr@gmail.com. In addition, this May, Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad will continue its CPR instruction of eighth graders. The Shrewsbury First Aid Squad has instructed eighth graders in CPR for 36 years, covering over 1,200 eighth graders.

Looking to make a difference in your community? Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad is looking for new members. No experience is necessary. Members receive free training and equipment. Please email williamrbyrne@verizon.net if interested.

-By Rolf Kamp

## The Shrewsbury Hose Company #1 Welcomes New Members

The fire company has recently added three new members to its ranks this year. The new recruits are Allison Mahoney from Tinton Falls, Cole Porter from Shrewsbury, and Clay Smith from Little Silver. Mr. Smith is a currently certified firefighter having completed the fire academy in 2011. Mr. Porter is currently attending the Monmouth County fire academy firefighter 1 class and is scheduled to graduate in May. Ms. Mahoney plans to attend the class later this fall. This addition brings the total number of SHC firefighters to 44. In addition, the fire company has been running a successful fire cadet program for teens ages 14 to 17. There are currently nine cadets enrolled in the program and every cadet, thus far, has formally joined the department when they turn 18. New members are always sought for the department and our cadet program. Additionally, members can join our fire police program which supports the fire and police activities during an incident. Please contact the Borough Clerk at (732) 741-4200 or the chief at <a href="mailto:shchief@comcast.net">shchief@comcast.net</a> for more information. The increase of membership comes during a crucial point in our fire department as two new replacement trucks have been recently approved by the Borough Council. A 25 year old engine and a 21 year old refurbished ambulance serving as a rescue truck are scheduled to be replaced later this year. Both new trucks are expected to serve the fire company and the Borough for the next 25 years.

-By Jerzy Chojnacki, OEM Coordinator

## Shrewsbury Community Alliance

The Alliance is happy to report that we have a new name, Shrewsbury Community Alliance. We are excited about this name change because it gives us a chance to focus on issues in addition to drug & alcohol prevention, such as bullying, helmet safety, and Earth Day. To further address our "Bully Free" message this spring, we are holding a can drive throughout Shrewsbury with drop off locations at SBS, Boro Hall, and several vendors in our town. The theme is "I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN, TAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING." We will be donating all of the food collected to a local food pantry. The Alliance is very excited about trying out new ideas and events as well as continuing to provide our current, tried and true activities. We would like to welcome the residents that came to our last meeting, and encourage anyone interested in helping out, please join us at our next meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at Boro Hall. Also, please visit our booth at the Earth Day Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 21 at Boro Hall!

## Clerk's Office

Garage Sale Season Have you finished your spring cleaning and found yourself with a bunch of unwanted stuff? If you are planning on having a garage sale, don't forget to stop by the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Complex to get a garage sale permit. Permits are \$5.00 and only take a few minutes to complete. Questions? Call 732-741-4200 x 108.

### Placement of garage sale/bazaar type signs on Borough property:

Signs advertising garage sales, sport team clinics, PTO events, bazaars, etc. are not permitted to be placed between the curb and the sidewalk (this is considered Borough property and in violation of Borough Code). Signs are also not permitted on any lampposts or telephone polls (by order of JCP & L). Signs may be placed on residential properties, beyond the sidewalk, as long as they have the resident's permission.

**Tennis Courts:** The Borough tennis courts at Sickles Park are now open for play. User fees were approved last year to help defray the costs of reconstruction and continued maintenance. A combination lock had to be placed on the door in order to keep out those using the courts for non-tennis oriented activities (skateboarding, scooter and bike riding). In the past these activities have caused damage to the courts and nets. Badges with the lock combination are available for purchase at Borough Hall.

2012 Fees: Daily Badge: \$3 per resident, \$5 per non-resident. Annual badge: \$20 per resident, \$35 per non-resident. Maximum per family charge: \$50. Badges are free to those under the age of 16 and over 65.

**Court Reservations:** Residents can reserve a court for one-hour periods. The reservation calendar is on file in the Clerk's office.

### **Election Day Changes**:

The Shrewsbury Borough School Board of Education and the Red Bank Regional High School Board of Education recently voted to move the schools' annual school board election from April to the General Election in November.

### Some important election information for our residents:

Tues, May 15<sup>th</sup> – last day to register to vote for the June primary election

Tues, May 29th – last day Monmouth County can receive vote by mail ballots for the June primary Election

Tues, June 5th – Primary Election. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., deadline for Board of Education petitions are now to be turned into the County Clerk's office.

Please call the Clerk's office at 732-741-4200 x108 if you have any questions about your voting district.

## Memorial Day Remembrance

The Borough of Shrewsbury will be holding its annual Memorial Day Observation on Monday, May 28th 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will be held at Patriot Isle on the corner of Sycamore Avenue & Route 35. The observation will be followed by refreshments at the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1. Any Shrewsbury residents who are active military and/or know of a family member, friend, or neighbor in Shrewsbury who is serving our nation at home or overseas, please contact the Municipal Clerk's office at 732-741-4200 x108, so that they can be recognized.

## Borough of Shrewsbury Awarded First Place for the 2011 Safety Management Program

For the second year in a row, the Borough of Shrewsbury was awarded first place for its performance in the 2011 Safety Management Program by the Monmouth County JIF! The Borough was given special recognition for its commitment to safety, communication with its workers and volunteers and for its zero loss time incidents in 2011. The Borough was also awarded a check for \$1,225 that will be deposited in the Borough's General Fund, a plaque that will be on display at the administrative offices, in addition to a luncheon for all our workers and volunteers who made this possible. Here's to a healthy and safe 2012!

## Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders

The Borough provides varied opportunities for residents who would like to be active in the community. For those fifty years and older who either presently reside in Shrewsbury, or who have formerly, or who own property here, our Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders is the ideal venue to socialize with others and also to network with our schools and other Borough organizations. Non-residents are welcome as guests and to join as our quota permits. This active social group meets the second Thursday of each month, September thru June, in Fellowship Hall of Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church on Sycamore Avenue with a varied informational and entertainment program; luncheons and trips are included during the year. For information on visiting or becoming a member, please call Roger LeValley (732/747-5617), Membership Chair, or Carolyn Alt (732/531-5557), President. -By Carolyn Alt, President

## Borough of Shrewsbury 2012 Municipal Budget

### Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

		Anticipated	
		2012	2011
	Summary of Revenues	Budget	Budget
1.	Surplus	1,220,000.00	1,365,000.00
2.	Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,088,486.73	1,051,006.83
3.	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	225,000.00	185,000.00
4.	Local Tax for Municipal  a) Purposes	6,393,226.78	6,268,019.26
	b) Additions to Local District School Tax	6 202 226 70	6 260 040 26
	Tot. Amt. to be Rsd. by Taxes for Sup. Mun. Bud. Tot. Gen. Revs.	6,393,226.78 8,926,713.51	6,268,019.26 8,869,026.09
		2012	2011
	Summary of Appropriations	Budget	Budget
1.	Operating Expenses:		
	Salaries and Wages	3,662,940.00	3,852,715.83
	Other Expenses	2,896,865.35	2,712,847.55
	Deferred Charges and Other		Maria de la companya della companya della companya della companya de la companya della companya
2.	Appropriations	883,564.39	943,565.11
3.	Capital Improvements	75,000.00	20,000.00
4.	Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	906,098.76	905,098.76
5.	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	502,245.01	434,798.84
	Total General Appropriations	8,926,713.51	8,869,026.09
Tot	tal Number of Employees	67	70

### The 2012 Borough Budget Introduced

The discussion of the 2012 Shrewsbury Borough Budget focuses on just that portion of your annual property tax levy that is related to the Borough and the administration and services provided which includes, but is not limited to, police, department of public works, and general administration of Borough affairs. This is roughly 30% of your total tax bill.

Overall spending for 2012 is budgeted to rise 0.7% versus last year. The relatively modest overall spending increase was driven by lower salary and wage expenses and relatively flat operating expenses excluding health care premiums and pension expenses. The table indicates that the tax levy for residents of Shrewsbury will rise a modest 2.0% in 2012, somewhat faster than spending. We have been aggressively managing costs in recent years in order to maintain the same level of services you are accustomed to. Unfortunately, non-tax revenues from Grants, State & Federal Aid, permit and application fees, have declined sharply while uncollected taxes have risen during these difficult economic times. As a result, we have this unusual condition that taxes in 2012 will rise faster than spending.

Looking forward, we are hopeful that non-tax revenues will increase as the economy improves. Additionally, we expect that the residential tax base in Shrewsbury will expand in 2013 and 2014 due to increased residential construction activity and better commercial real estate values. If not, the Council will face the tough choices facing communities across New Jersey; cut services and spending or raise taxes. We will do our best to balance the health and safety needs for Shrewsbury residents on the one hand, and the tax burden of the needs on the other.

- Finance Committee

### Revaluation

The Borough of Shrewsbury will be undergoing a revaluation by **Realty Appraisers, Inc.** of all properties in 2012 (to create new assessment for 2013). A letter explaining the process, in detail, will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Borough Assessor Steven Walters at 732-842-7039.

## Approved Community Forestry Management Plan for Shrewsbury

A major accomplishment for the Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC) in 2011 was completion of a five-year Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). The New Jersey Forestry Service approved this plan in November 2011. The CFMP will provide for the stewardship of trees in Shrewsbury on public property and in the right-of-way. Public outreach will help everyone better care for his or her own trees. The goals of the CFMP for Shrewsbury are as follows:

- 1. Develop, Adopt, Implement and Integrate the CFMP
- 2. Inventory Community Forest Resources
- 3. Maximize Public Tree Safety
- 4. Develop Long-term Tree Planting and Maintenance Plan
- 5. Train Shade Tree Commission Members, Borough Employees, and Volunteers
- 6. Create Public Education, Awareness, and Outreach Programs

The CFMP is an essential guide to successfully achieving a healthy and safe community forest. The Shade Tree and Community Forestry Act enables communities like Shrewsbury to reduce their exposure to litigation due to a drastic decline and poor condition of our community tree resources. The approved CFMP enables the Borough to apply for grants under the Community Stewardship Incentive Program to help in plan implementation. The CFMP also contributed to the Sustainable Jersey certification submission by the Environmental Commission thus enhancing the Borough's eligibility for grant money. The CFMP can be accessed on-line at <a href="https://www.shrewsburyboro.com">www.shrewsburyboro.com</a> under Commissions at the STC site. STC welcomes community input, feedback, and involvement.

-By Bill Gerth (STC Chairperson)

## Make Spring Cleaning Earth-Friendly

Thinking about spring cleaning? Don't forget the environment. The irony is that in making your home brighter and fresher, you may inadvertently soil the air and water. Here are some things to keep in mind:

**Nothing is completely safe.** Almost anything we dump down our drains, even if derived from plants and other "natural" substances, can cause problems. Even with the increasing number of greener products on the market, none is perfectly safe for the earth.

**Avoid cleaners containing phosphates.** They biodegrade totally and quickly. But when they get into rivers and lakes, they cause algae blooms, robbing the water of oxygen, blocking sunlight, and ultimately killing marine life.

**Minimize use of bleaches.** The most common bleach is chlorine, which in wastewater can create toxic compounds. Nonchlorine bleaches are gentler to clothes and the environment, though they are less effective in colder-water temperatures, requiring more energy-intensive hot water.

**Buy concentrates whenever possible.** Ask manufacturers to produce refillable versions that allow you to refill a spray bottle by adding water to a packaged concentrate.

### **Shrewsbury achieves Sustainable Jersey Certification**

Shrewsbury Boro has achieved bronze level Sustainable Jersey certification, joining 96 other certified New Jersey municipalities. SUSTAINABLE JERSEY TM is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. To achieve certification, the Boro "Green Team" worked diligently for more than a year, identifying and coordinating 13 different "Actions" including an Earth Day fair, rain garden, an anti-idling campaign, disposable water bottle ban and an energy audit of all municipal buildings, just to name a few. The Boro earned 185 points, qualifying it for a bronze level certification. New Jersey is the first state in the nation to have a comprehensive sustainability program for communities that links certification with strong state and private financial incentives, and a fully resourced program of technical support and training.

-By Jill Gwydir

## National Drinking Water Week

Water is the foundation of life. Learn more about the vital role safe water plays in our lives. Two representatives from The New Jersey American Water Company will present an informative program specific to Shrewsbury about our water quality, available water testing practices, and water conservation. This program is being sponsored by Mayor & Council, Shrewsbury's Board of Health, Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission. Plan to attend to learn more about the water that supplies our everyday need on Wednesday, May 9th at Boro Hall, 7:00 p.m. Do you really know what is coming through your home faucets?

-By Don Burden, Mayor

## Shrewsbury Garden Club to Present:

Make A Rain Barrel Workshop, & Gardener's Market

The 2<sup>nd</sup> "Make A Rain Barrel" Workshop will be held Saturday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1. Presented by members Robin Blair and Kathy Davison, this two-hour Rutgers University-based workshop is designed to give participants everything they need to build, operate, and maintain a customized rain barrel. What is a rain barrel? For information and sign-up go to <a href="whatever.747@gmail.com">whatever.747@gmail.com</a>. Last year's event sold out quickly, so register early to insure your place in the class.

Gardener's Market is to be held Saturday May 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old Broker's 3 parking lot located directly across from the Grove. In addition to hanging plants and planted gift baskets, shoppers can choose from a wide variety of locally grown perennials and shrubs. Experienced garden club members will be on hand to help you select the right plant for sun or shade. Just in time for Mother's Day! For more information about these or other SGC programs & events, contact the SGC at shrewsburygardenclub@me.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shrewsburygardenclub.

### School Corner



Each quarter, we try our best to recognize our Shrewsbury students' County, State and National accolades. Email <u>klloyd@shrewsburyboro.com</u> by 06/10/12 if you know of any student accomplishments of this magnitude for the quarter ending 6/30/12. Congratulations to all our students!

For the <u>first quarter</u> we would like to recognize the following student accomplishments. Results are through 03/10/12 (our print deadline):

Arts, Music, and Literature

Regional II Symphonic Band and Orchestra: Alex La Rocca (RBR), double bass

### **Leadership**

YMCA Model UN Conference, Hershey, PA Awards: Josh Even (RBR)- outstanding first year delegate, in addition to being selected as an alternate to the highly selective Conference on National Affairs in North Carolina.

**Establishment of National Math Honor Society**: Andrew Kamp (RBR) single handedly researched and established the recently approved RBR chapter of Mu Alpha Theta (a national math honor society with over 88,000 members throughout the U.S.). Andrew serves as the chapter's first president, Ed Schembor and Mike Reilly (also Shrewsbury residents) are on his executive board.

#### Athletics

Shrewsbury athletes from winter teams who participated in County, State, or National Competitions:

CBA Ice Hockey: Colin Kirkpatrick, Austen Tieri

Ranney Girls Basketball: Carly Ansell, MVP Panther Classic Tournament

RBC Girls Basketball: Grace Fallon, Julie Ann Krasutsky, Rebecca Losch

**RBC Ice Hockey:** Jack Donleavy

RBC Winter Track- Boys: Ryan Denver, Brett Doyle, Michael O'Dor

RBR- Academic 2011 All Shore Team selected by Shore Football Coaches Foundation—Tyler Karalewich

RBR Basketball- Girls: Theresa Soya, Senior All-Shore Team

RBR Basketball – Boys: Matt Raybon, Stephen Skop

RBR Bowling- Boys: Ryan Amorelli, Andrew Kamp, Matthew Kowalski, Timothy Wright, David Yang

**RBR Bowling – Girls:** Abby Gerth, Elizabeth Knott, Grace Moeller, Victoria Paterno

**RBR Swimming- Boys:** Matt Collado, Phil Cundari, Ryan Grant, Austin Lloyd, Christian Manning, Dan Plageman, Thomas Smith

RBR Swimming- Girls: Hanna Anderson, Grace Breslin, Amy Boehler, Lauren Fernandes

RBR Winter Track - Boys: Zachary Bradley, Alex Orsini

RBR Winter Track- Girls: Elisa Orsini

**RBR Wrestling:** Alphonse Muolo (120 lb) Edison and Buc Classic Tournament winner, Dillon Stambaugh (160 lb) Edison Tournament Champion, Buc Classic Tournament finalist, District 22 Finals – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, State Regional VI preliminary round winner.

## Shrewsbury School News

### • 2012-2013 School Budget

The 2012-2013 School District Budget maintains the district's commitment to excellence while maintaining a delicate balance of supporting high quality programs and remembering its fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Shrewsbury.

In January of this year, the state passed a law permitting districts to do away with the vote on the school budget as long as the district stays at or below the state mandated cap of a 2% increase in the tax levy. The district has managed to accomplish this and with a successful bond refinancing, has been able to bring the proposed budget in at a minimal increase which is the lowest in recent years.

In preparation for increased student enrollment, additional sections of first and second grades have been reinstated for the 2012-2013 school year in order to keep class sizes at a minimum. The establishment of a successful Multiple Disabilities Program this year, in coordination with exceptional behavioral student services, have kept several students from costly out of district placements. Other factors contributing to the slight proposed tax increase for the 2012-13 school year include increases in contractual obligations including salaries and district benefits, as well as, increases the district's mandated state pension payment obligation, increases in special education services, and the expiration of federal stimulus initiatives.

The Board of Education is presenting to the taxpayers a General Fund tax levy of \$7,364,905 which even with the continual decrease in property valuations, equates to a minimal 1.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value increase in the General Fund School Tax Rate. For more details please go to <a href="https://www.sbs.k12.nj.us">www.sbs.k12.nj.us</a>. The user friendly budget can be found under the Board of Education tab.

#### • Read Across America

The elementary students at SBS celebrated the nationally recognized Read Across America with a variety of activities on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. We were honored to welcome Mayor Don Burden and Mr. Ken Kobylowski, recently nominated by Governor Christie as the NJ Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, who read to our students. The entire school took part in a 'read-in' to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday in honor of author Theodore Seuss Geisel. Our thanks go out to Mrs. Quinn, our library-media specialist, the PTO and to all of our parents and community members who made the day a fantastic learning experience for all for our students.

Borough of Shrewsbury P.O. Box 7420 Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

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#### • Preschool Program

Shrewsbury Borough School is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 half day and/or full day Preschool Program for three and four year olds. Call the school for additional information and an application. (732-747-0882 Ext. 110)

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 4th-6th: Seussical Performance in the gym. Tickets sold at the door. Show times: May 4th & 5th - 7:30 p.m., May 6th - 2:30 p.m.

June 14th: 8th grade graduation -By B

-By Brent MacConnell

### **Recreation Camp Notice**

The Recreation Department will be having summer camp registration. Please check the recreation page on the Borough website for details as they become available.

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