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# Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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## *A Message From the Mayor*

After a cool and rainy Spring of 2018, it is now time to move on to the pleasures and enjoyment of the summer months. Savor each and every summer day knowing they will pass by quickly.

The past few weeks have been a time when our Shrewsbury families participated in the “season of obligations”—graduations, award ceremonies, dance & musical recitals, first communions, bar and bat mitzvahs, Mother’s and Father’s Day, end of season sports schedules—the list goes on and on keeping everyone engaged and juggling busy schedules.

Always a sign that summer is coming is the annual Memorial Day event. While threatening inclement weather predictions resulted in moving the event to SBS, the significance of the day was not lost as we came together to honor those Shrewsbury patriots who gave their lives in defense of this great nation.

I'd like to point out the work of the landscapers from "The Grove", the Shrewsbury Garden Club, and our ever present DPW team for all their efforts to make Patriot Isle so attractive. I'd like to acknowledge U.S. Marine veteran Jim Curley who has overseen the Memorial Day program for some forty years. Also, a special thank you to Superintendent Brent MacConnell and his team at SBS for accommodating us at the last minute to set the stage for the ceremony. A special thanks to bag-pipers John and Jack Crilly. Additionally, to all the community volunteers who participated in the event as well as our administrative staff, thank you for a job so proudly well done.

Congratulations to all the graduates from Shrewsbury who either completed a successful year to move on to their next step to further their education and to those who completed their studies and now seek the world of employment. Shrewsbury can proudly boast the accomplishments of six RBR students from Beechwood Drive who received recognition awards at the Senior Awards Recognition Ceremony at RBR. Some 20 students from the SBS Class of 2014 received recognition. No doubt, there are other Seniors recognized for their achievements from the likes of RBC, Ranney, CBA, and Trinity, etc. The water is good here in Shrewsbury as once again many of our students are achieving outstanding accomplishments.

As probably expected, here comes my annual summer reminder and plea to each and every one towards maintaining the attractiveness of Shrewsbury. Please trim

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#### **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. **Next Newsletter Deadlines are 9/10/18 & 12/10/18**

*Mayor's message continued...*

your trees and hedges to a safe height as detailed in the borough ordinance for the safety of our citizens and borough equipment, try and curtail annoying and irritating noise from blowers, mowing equipment, and chain saws, and control smoke from smoldering chimineas. Let's be good neighbors, supporting good neighborhoods for all of Shrewsbury— something we can all enjoy and be proud of throughout the summer months. Be Safe!

*-By Mayor Don Burden*



A frequently used term among the various agencies which make up the Public Safety community, is "Mutual Aid." We activate Mutual Aid plans when a particular agency or agencies require and request assistance of similar groups in other communities.

By way of example, when your Shrewsbury First Aid Squad needs additional help, either due to calls beyond our immediate capability or a major patient generating incident, our primary backups come from Little Silver and Eatontown followed by Tinton Falls and Red Bank. Depending on the magnitude of the emergency incident or planned event, each squad in each community has a

written plan for expanded Mutual Aid which is on file at the Monmouth County Communications Resource Center. In Shrewsbury's case, the next few squads to be called are from the next closest communities. But beyond that, the plans are designed so as not to strip one entire section of the County and while it takes a bit longer to get that extended help, it is the appropriate method so as to provide continued protection for all.

Recently, our town along with the Borough of Little Silver co-hosted a practical exercise planned & coordinated by our local Emergency Management Coordinator, Jerzy Chojnacki. It was played out at the former Fort Monmouth but simulated two buses crashing into a train from different directions at White Road crossing. Several first aid squads, fire departments, police departments and emergency management volunteers responded. A post incident critique revealed several strongpoints along with some shortfalls. A future event in the Fall will take place after some enhanced training based on the lessons learned. The element of Mutual Aid in this type of exercise and the interaction and cooperation between the various professions is vital to a successful operation. Based on solid training, appropriate measures are taken without forethought: the object being to save lives.

As you read this, we have just participated in a Borough-wide exercise playing out the unfortunate potential of an "active shooter" scenario at the Grammar School. Each local agency would be supported through Mutual Aid. Our Police Department managed crime, security and traffic. Our Fire Department provided a safe haven for the possible evacuation of the school. Your First Aid Squad, after covering the scene and coordinating the treatment & transport of any casualties, responded to "The Grove" to receive and check identifications of parents prior to students being released from the firehouse. All of this, designed to manage and control what could become an unwieldy situation. This exercise was planned by Jerzy Chojnacki in cooperation with School Superintendent Brent MacConnell and the school administration.

By the way, your squad with help from neighbors just completed the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual SGS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade CPR Certification Program, the oldest in the USA.

*-By Paul David Roman, Life Member*

## ***Tree Trimming***

With the summer months upon us and the trees and shrubs in full bloom, we would like to remind everyone that the trimming of overhanging tree branches and shrubs abutting the roadway and sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owners. Tree branches overhanging the roadway can cause thousands of dollars worth of damage to vehicles. This includes DPW vehicles, Fire Department vehicles, and First Aid vehicles.

**Borough Ordinance Chapter 246-3 item "M" reads as follows:**

### **§ 246-3 Prohibited acts to trees, shrubbery and other plantings controlled by Commission.**

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, association, joint venture, corporation, public utility or other entity to allow trees and shrubbery to obstruct public sidewalks, paths, walkways or streets and to obstruct vision and/or passage of persons or vehicles using same. Owners of properties shall prune trees in such a manner that branches will hang not less than eight feet over sidewalks and walkways and 13 feet over roadways. Shrubbery bordering sidewalks, paths or walkways shall be pruned a minimum of three inches from sidewalks, paths or walkways and in such a manner to prevent branches from obstructing, hindering or harming pedestrians using the walkways."

Please help us keep our equipment from being damaged and all of our employees, including our volunteers, safe from low hanging limbs and branches. Failure to comply with this ordinance will lead to a violation notice and a potential summons.



-By Robert Wentway, DPW Manager



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer when spending time outdoors

## **2018 Final/2019 Preliminary Tax Bills**

The County of Monmouth will certify the Borough's tax rate by early July and the 2018 tax bills should be going out by mid-July. The 3rd and 4th quarters for 2018 are the final bills, and the 1st and 2nd quarters for 2019 are estimated bills. If the tax bills are not sent out by July 16, the grace period will be extended. Please check the tax bills or the website for the grace period. Please call the Office of the Tax Collector if you have any questions at (732) 741-3322, x112 or x111.

-By Thomas Seaman, Tax Collector

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## **2017 Audit**

The 2017 Municipal Audit was presented to the borough at the June 18th council meeting. Auditor, Robert Allison went over key points of the audit. They included the replenishing of surplus to help fund future budgets, the tax collection rate was good and there were no reported comments or recommendations.

-By Thomas Seaman, Tax Collector

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## **Shade Tree Commission**

### **Tree City USA - 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

Shrewsbury celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA. Our community was recognized at the NJ State Arbor Day ceremony on April 27 for demonstrating a commitment to the care and management of public trees through an outstanding urban and community forestry program.

'Thank You' to present and former members of the Shade Tree Commission, the Mayor, Borough Council, the DPW team, and members of the community for your contributions over the last 20 years in creating and maintaining breathtaking tree landscapes in Shrewsbury.

- By William Gerth, STC Chairman



Monmouth County Freeholder Deputy Director Lillian G. Burry shares in "Isabella Chagares Day" with Isabella's family, friends and educators celebrating her winning essay in the Monmouth Historical Commission contest. *Photo Provided by: Monmouth County, NJ*

## *Isabella Chagares Essay Award Winner*



*Photo: Monmouth County, NJ*

Pictured: Commissioner Glenn Cashion, Isabella Chagares, Freeholder Lillian G. Burry

The Monmouth County Historical Commission has selected “Loggy Hole Farm” as the 2018 first prize winner of their annual essay contest. Written by SBS 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Isabella Chagares, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Chagares, 200 Sycamore Avenue, her essay was selected from among the record breaking 496 essays submitted this year. The award was presented to Isabella by Freeholder Deputy Director Lillian G. Burry at a meeting of the Monmouth County Historical Commission on June 4, at the Monmouth County Hall of Records in Freehold. Subsequent to this festive event, Freeholder Burry again honored Isabella here in her hometown of Shrewsbury at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Shrewsbury Borough Council.

The essay briefly detailed the history of the E.C. Hazard Company noted ketchup factory here in Shrewsbury. The Loggy Hole Farm was once part of the George Hance Patterson property which was subsequently purchased by Hazard in 1889. In the award-winning essay, Isabella captured her impressions of living in this farm house, mostly notable the impression made upon her by the antique surroundings especially the wood and brick that play a major role in the home’s setting. The living room fireplace with its swing arm pot and a secret hatch in the floor were noted in her essay.

*-By Donald Burden, Mayor*



## *Shrewsbury Community Garden*



Photographer, Maxine Neuhauser

The Community Garden continues to thrive. We may not be loving the abundance of rain but our plants are loving it!

The Community in Community garden has been more apparent than ever by participation of members Mark Degenhardt, Mayor Don Burden, and Ray Petersen (pictured) who volunteered to address a pesky gate at the garden entrance. They not only solved the problem but also created a lovely little patio that will prevent future problems. Many thanks!

Members have outdone themselves in showing up for our first work date. So many stepped up that we were able to cancel a second date. We will occasionally be calling on members to help keep the garden in great shape and to abate weeds.

We have had the opportunity to participate in a plant/seed exchange. Also planned is a garden tour for 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Shrewsbury Boro School.

Happy Gardening!

-By Judith Reuter  
Shrewsbury Community Garden Board



### *In Remembrance*

Dolores "Marlene" Hotaling

8/24/1935-6/12/2018

Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Clerk 1978-1995

Shrewsbury Borough Councilwoman 2002-2008

We will miss your adventurous spirit. We send our heartfelt sympathy to all her family, friends, and to anyone who had the privilege of knowing this incredible woman.

## ***Shrewsbury Does Its Part***



Talk about our Shrewsbury residents desiring to keep our community looking top notch, more than 70 folks showed up for the annual Shrewsbury "Clean Up Day" held at the same time as we celebrated Earth Day. Members of our Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission, members of Shrewsbury's Community Garden, Garden Club & Master Gardeners, arrived en mass at Borough Hall to be joined by several Scouts and their leaders, to spread throughout all our streets, to pick up the trash that had accumulated over the winter months. Our reliable DPW team and borough administrators joined in the annual march to "get their hands dirty and pick up some trash" doing their part to help keep Shrewsbury free of as much curbside debris as possible. The results, twenty-two (22) huge industrial size bags of unwanted trash collected along with two \$1.00-dollar bills that bought some bagels. Yes, some fun, a good cause, and Shrewsbury showed its face as a cleaner community. All are urged to keep the moment going—if you see some trash or plastic cups or bottles that have inadvertently made their way to our streets, take a moment to pick them up and dispose of them properly. In the end, all will benefit.

*-By Donald Burden, Mayor*

### ***Single Stream Recycling Alert***

**Important Message from the Borough's garbage collector:** The quality of the single stream recycling collection in the Borough of Shrewsbury has caused an extreme increase in the cost each month. Effective immediately, we will enforce a zero-tolerance policy for contaminated single stream we collect curbside in the communities we serve. Single stream recycling is to consist of cardboard, newspaper, bottles, cans and plastics (1-7) – none of which can be contaminated with food waste and most importantly the single stream recycling is to be loose – **NO PLASTIC BAGS AT ALL.**

We (De Lisa) will be leaving all single stream containers we find in violation of these simple rules especially that in PLASTIC BAGS.

Sincerely,  
*De Lisa Waste Services*

*If you have any questions regarding Single Stream Recycling, contact the Department of Public Works at 732-741-0522 or email at [publicworks@shrewsburyboro.com](mailto:publicworks@shrewsburyboro.com).*



## ***Shrewsbury Homesteaders***

Our group welcomed summer in grand style with our June 14th luncheon on the waterfront at the Salt Creek Grill in Rumson. The meal was delicious, and we thoroughly enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by *Reprise*, a barbershop quartet led by Jay Nickel. Many thanks again to Bob Donohue, Terry Sperber, and Babs D'Loia for their hard work in organizing it.

At the Shrewsbury Boro School Honors Assembly on June 19th, Carolyn Alt presented our annual Homesteaders Awards: congratulations to Lacey Kobylowski, 2018 recipient of the Homesteader Initiative Award and to Matthew Lynch, 2018 recipient of the Homesteader Senior Citizen Award. We will have two opportunities to come together informally over the summer months: Monmouth Park Race Track on Thursday, August 9th (rain date August 10th); notify Bob Donohue (732-842-2335) and bring a lunch to the picnic area; we'll meet there at noon. Also over the summer at The Marina in Oceanport, Kim Eulner and Tracy Ferry will again be organizing a fun Happy Hour ~ great going, Kim and Tracy!!

Plan ahead for a beautiful boat ride aboard Spirit Cruises Around Manhattan on Thursday, October 18th. The \$65 fee includes lunch and transportation; the bus leaves from Shrewsbury Municipal Hall complex at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are limited. Call Bob Donohue (732-842-2335) now to reserve.

Following a summer break in July and August, our second-Thursday-of-the month meeting schedule resumes at the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church House on September 13th. New this Fall, and with huge thanks to the vision and follow-through commitment of Stella Fotopoulos, we will be partnering with the Community YMCA to have 20 minutes of senior balance and stretching exercises at no cost beginning at 12:30 p.m. before our regular meeting start time of 1:00 p.m. Robin and Gigi Blair will be the program presenters about their father's life, Shrewsbury personality extraordinaire with highlights from the book published on his 103rd birthday: Banana George!: Don't Wait for Life to Happen; Make It Happen. Be inspired; come and bring a friend! For more information about the best group of people (over 50 years young) EVER and how you can become one, contact Barbara Walter, Membership (732/380-0163) or Bob Donohue, President (732/842-2335). Looking forward to seeing you soon!

-By Carolyn Alt

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