



Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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A Message From the Mayor

Bring on 2014! While there may be a lull in activities during these early winter months, it won't be long before spring arrives with a burst of activities from sporting events, planting in the Community Garden, Arbor Day, Earth Day, and then Memorial Day. Check the boro website's calendar for updates.

Certainly the memories of the holidays past remain with us. Thank you to Karen Hepburn-Goldberg and Kim Gittines for their leadership in producing the successful 2013 Tree Lighting. Also, thank you to Pam and Jonathan Hemel for planning the annual Menorah Lighting. A huge round of applause is certainly deserving to the many local businesses that graciously help support these events. Once again our Department of Public Works, especially Ron Neis, the Shrewsbury Hose Company, and The Shrewsbury First Aid were readily available to assist and support the holiday activities. I would be remiss not to thank the Shrewsbury Garden Club for the beautiful seasonal enhancements at the Municipal Center.

Patriot Isle was a glow in attractive winter decorations creatively prepared by the gardeners and landscapers from The Grove at Shrewsbury.

As we move into the new year, the Council will miss long time member and Council President, Tom Menapace. After 33 years of dedicated volunteer service to Shrewsbury, Tom now takes a well deserved break. Fortunately, at his last Council meeting, Tom reassured all that he is "not going away, I'm only a telephone call away." A heartfelt thank you Tom.

The Council now welcomes its newest member Deidre DerAsadourian from Sickles Place. She brings to this position her experience with the Planning Board and volunteerism at the Shrewsbury Boro School. No doubt her insights will be warmly received by the entire Council, and a benefit to the residents.

On behalf of the entire Council and the Boro administration, may I extend best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2014



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2014 Newsletter Deadline

March 10
June 10
September 10
December 10

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www.shrewsburyboro.com

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.

Clerk's Office



Reminder to Borough Pet Owners!

Borough Code Chapter 67 states that all dogs and cats in Shrewsbury must be registered with the Clerk's Office. **The 2014 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 15th. **State law requires that all licensed pets be current on their rabies vaccines at least through 11/1/2014.** When you go to vaccinate your pet, keep that date in mind to ease this renewal process for you in the future. Most veterinarians feel that vaccinating early coming off of a 3 yr. shot, to get their rabies in line 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 vet. 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, every Friday (10:30 am-2:00 pm) for \$28.00. Micro-chipping is available for an additional \$20.00. For more information call (732) 542-0040.

***Free MCRHC Rabies Clinics**. See Boro website or www.mcrhc.org for dates beyond those noted below.

***Free Monmouth County Health Dept Rabies Clinics** (call 732-431-7456 for more information)

1/8: Manasquan Firehouse – 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

1/15: Bradley Beach Firehouse, Main Street – 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

1/18: Oceanport Firehouse, Port Au Peck – 9:00 am- 11:00 am

1/23: Eatontown Firehouse, 45 Broad Street – 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

1/25: Howell Public Works Building, Old Tavern Rd – 9:00 am-12:00 pm

PLEASE HAVE DOGS ON A LEASH AND CATS 1 TO A CARRIER. ANIMAL MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.

If for some reason your pet's rabies will expire before 11/1/2014 and you and your veterinarian do not feel the pet is healthy enough to get a current shot, you may be exempt from this vaccine requirement as long as we have 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). For your pet to be exempt, the form must have a veterinarian's signature and the certificate must say that it is valid until 11/1/2014 to be acceptable in the eyes of the state.

-By Karen Lloyd

Borough Hires New Deputy Court Administrator

The Borough is happy to announce the hiring of Megan Thomas as the new Deputy Court Administrator. Megan brings to the Borough extensive experience and knowledge. Megan was the Court Administrator for Tinton Falls where she worked for thirteen years. Megan is also a resident of Shrewsbury. She is a great addition to our staff, and we are happy to have her. As we welcome Megan, we would also like to take this time to thank our retiring Court Administrator, Sydney Lineberry. Sydney worked for the Borough for over 23 years. We wish her good luck in her retirement, and she will be missed.

-By Tom Seaman, Borough Administrator

Shrewsbury Department of Public Works

SNOW REMOVAL PROCESS

The Borough's primary objective during snow events is to provide as much vehicular (especially emergency vehicles) access to the roads as possible with the manpower and equipment that is available. With that said, the greater the snow event—the more challenging the task. Here are some points that need to be remembered:

- The Borough applies salt and sand to the roadways when the snow/ice begins to adhere to the surface of the road.
- Once there is approximately two (2) inches of snow on the road surface, the plowing starts.
- The Borough is broken up into zones specific to snow plowing with vehicles assigned to each plow zone. There is a misconception that once the snow stops, the roads should be completely clear of snow. In actuality once the snow stops falling, it generally takes a few more hours to clean the roadways. An especially large event can take even longer to complete a cleanup.
- It is important to know that a snow plow pushes the snow, they cannot remove it. As the plow pushes the snow off the roadway, it creates a windrow (mound of snow) off to the side of the road being cleared. Unfortunately, this snow is going to end up on or in front of driveways and perhaps sidewalks.
- The Borough attempts to clear the road to the curb whenever possible.
- Once the snowstorm ends, the road clearing must continue. This process will push snow further to the curb. During this process it is unfortunate, but unavoidable, that driveways will be once again be blocked by snow.
- In the event there is a fire, medical or police emergency on any road, the Department of Public Works will "lead" the emergency vehicles to the emergency site if necessary with a plow or plows.

The residents can assist in this process by:

- Not parking on the road until the plowing is complete.
- Not throwing snow that is shoveled into the roadway.
- Not plowing their driveways onto the road surface.

Robert Wentway C.P.W.M., Shrewsbury D.P.W. Manager

Did You Know?

The Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority (TRWRA), formerly Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority, is responsible for the connection from the lateral pipe in the street to the curb clean out. The cleanout is a brass capped four inch pipe that is usually flush with the grass and is used for accessing the pipes with cameras or cleaning devices. The property owner owns all piping from the house down to the cleanout near the curb. A cleanout is usually found between the curb and sidewalk in front of the house. The Authority's responsibility starts at the cleanout extending to the street and ending at the treatment plant. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain their section. If there is a blockage that causes damage as a result of a problem with the Authority's system, the Authority must be notified (732-229-8578 x33). The Authority will quickly video the curb connection for blockage. The Authority's insurance company will be notified, and they will investigate the damage and work to rectify the claim. The quicker the insurance company is notified, the more complete the resolution.

-By Don Burden, Mayor

Shrewsbury Borough School News



Dear Parents,

We are beginning our process of Kindergarten student identification and registration for the 2014-2015 school year. The first step for us is to locate all potential registrants who are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September.

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, 2013, please notify the school via email at galantel@sbs.k12.nj.us or phone at (732) 747-0882 x110. We will place you or the child's family on our potential listing for the 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2014. 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. Information will also be provided regarding visiting the Kindergarten classroom.

-By Brent A. MacConnell, Superintendent

Big Turn Out at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

More than 300 residents gathered on Saturday, November 30th for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Borough Hall. A visit from Santa, arriving by fire truck, kicked off the evening. The crowd listened to holiday music from DJ Tommy Lynch, while they enjoyed plenty of hot chocolate and baked goodies donated by local businesses and community groups. Shrewsbury Boro School kindergarten and first graders sang festive holiday songs, as did the school chorus. Children made their own ornaments at the craft table, and then waited excitedly to talk to Santa and have their picture taken. A true small town event, the Mayor and Council, Garden Club, Historical Society, Fire, Police, First Aid and Public Works Departments, and the local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are just a few of the community organizations that come together to make the night a success.

The Grove has been a major sponsor of the Tree Lighting each year since its inception. This year Shrewsbury realtors Heritage House-Sotheby's Shrewsbury office joined them as a major sponsor. Local businesses, including Cranmer Engineering, Ryser's Landscape and Supply, Gloria Nilson Realtors - Shrewsbury Office, Theobald Properties, World Auto Group, Bagelmasters, and Monmouth Building Supply were also sponsors of the evening.

-By Kimberly Gittines

Art Works on Display

At the invitation of Mayor and Council, the Guild of Creative Art, 620 Broad Street, has selected pieces of art that are now on display at the Municipal Center. This art is on temporary loan from The Guild and will be replaced and rotated periodically. Here is an opportunity to see the work of local area artists. The Guild is an integral part of Shrewsbury with an extensive calendar of events, that can be easily accessed at guildofcreativeart.org.

-By Don Burden, Mayor

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR EC AND GREEN TEAM!

The EC is looking for enthusiastic and committed residents to help join in the rewarding work of preserving and sustaining Shrewsbury's natural resources and building an environmentally friendly community. We meet once a month to plan, discuss and implement a wide range of approaches to advise local government and inform residents on environmental issues, laws and programs. This is a great way to do something positive for your community! Please email us at shrewsbury.envcomm@gmail.com for further information.

The Green Team, an offshoot of the EC, is a community based group of civic leaders, residents, business owners and municipal leaders focused on achieving and maintaining Sustainable Jersey certification. The Boro gained certification in 2012 and we are now gearing up for recertification in 2015. To do so, the town must develop and implement a wide range of environmental "actions", like the Community Garden and the recent shredding day. The Green Team would welcome anyone who is interested in helping to initiate new projects in such areas as energy efficiency, green design, natural resources and sustainability planning, just to name a few. This is a great opportunity to get involved in preserving our community for our future generations! For more information, please email jagwydir@gmail.com

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

On October 16, over half of the students at Shrewsbury Boro School walked to school, celebrating International Walk to School Day. Organized by the Green Team and the Safe Routes to School team, the walk is the first event in a campaign aimed at getting students and residents to walk or bike to school with the goals of promoting good health, reducing carbon gases and making our streets safer for pedestrian traffic. Students were provided with maps and walk safety tips to help them get to school safely. Local businesses provided merchandise and gift cards for a raffle held to encourage the children to walk. Dubbed "Be Cool Walk to School", the walk was also sponsored by the Shrewsbury Police Department and the Boro School. Crossing guards and police officers remarked that they had never seen so many kids walking to school! The next step in the campaign is to assess the walk routes and take additional steps to make them safer and more accessible.

-By Jill Gwydir, EC Chairperson

Suggested Trees for Monmouth County

There are a couple of resources available to help homeowners select that perfect tree.

One resource is 'Suggested Trees for Monmouth County' published by the Monmouth County Department of Public Works and Engineering, and the Division of Shade Tree. You'll find recommended native and acceptable non-native trees organized by specific site conditions (e.g., under or near overhead utilities). Available on the STC web-site.

Another resource is 'The Tree Book' issued by the Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org). You'll learn tree care basics, proper pruning techniques, and what trees are best for providing food and shelter for wildlife. Pictures are provided for flowering trees, shade and ornamental trees, America's national tree (*Quercus*, oak), fruit trees, nuts and berries, fast growing trees, autumn color trees, hedges and shrubs, and Evergreens. Available from a STC member.

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.

Information on shade tree selection, planting and care can be accessed on-line at www.shrewsburyboro.com under Commissions at the STC site. STC welcomes community input, feedback, and involvement.

- By Bill Gerth (STC Chairperson)



Shrewsbury First Aid Squad Honors Jack Connors

On Sunday October 20, 2013, the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad honored long time member Jack Connors on his 48 years of service. Over the years Jack has served as President, Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant and Squad Trainer. Jack served as Captain six different times covering 15 years and Squad Trainer over 30 years. Jack was one of the first county CPR and AED trainers. Many of the AED's we have around town were the result of his tireless education on the need for AED's to our public officials and many of our local business owners. In honor of Jack's 48 years of service, the Members of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad voted to dedicate its meeting/training room in his name. A plaque has been placed over the entry door dedicating the room as "The Jack J. Connors Meeting Room". Pictured at the dedication ceremony are Jack Connors and Squad President, Michael Bell.

-By Michael Bell



Shrewsbury Public Information

Shrewsbury recently received "Honorable Mention" in the 52nd Annual Municipal Public Information Contest sponsored by The Center for Government Services at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Municipal Management Association and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. This award was presented to Shrewsbury Borough "in recognition of the outstanding components of the municipality's overall public information program and the efforts made to keep the community informed of the activities undertaken by the municipality. These efforts are indicative of a jurisdiction that values the involvement of the members of the community in the process of governance."

-By Donald Burden, Mayor

Historic Factoid

One hundred years ago on Thursday evening, February 12, 1914, Shrewsbury's Hazard Ketchup factory was completely destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at \$250,000. The factory had a well equipped laboratory and a storage area for large quantities of catsup, canned tomatoes & canned corn and beans, beets, spinach and mushrooms. Mr. E. C. Hazard bought the factory property in 1883 from Gordon Sickles. The factory was located off Sycamore Avenue in the vicinity of Garden Road. Also, 40 years ago on February 25th, Blair Hall, Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church fell victim to a disastrous fire.

-By Don Burden, Mayor

Borough of Shrewsbury's Shared Services


The Borough of Shrewsbury is involved in numerous formal and informal shared service agreements and arrangements with local municipalities and schools. Shrewsbury has a formal agreement with the Township of Shrewsbury for sharing our fire services and website maintenance. The Borough of Oceanport has an agreement with the Borough for use of our court facilities. We are the lead agency with the Borough of Little Silver and Red Bank Regional for sharing CodeRED. Our department of Public Works has informally been sharing various public works equipment with local municipalities. This has saved the municipality the cost of purchasing equipment that would be used only a few times a year.

-By Tom Seaman, Borough Administrator



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Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders

Our recent well-attended Holiday Luncheon at the Molly Pitcher Inn was superb! The January 10th program showcases some of the history of our remarkable area, and our Valentine's extravaganza on February 13th has entertainment by renowned local musician Bruce Foster.

If you're over 50 and would like information on joining the **fun, food, and fellowship**, call Roger LeValley (732/747-5617), Membership Chair, or Carolyn Alt (732/531-5557), President.

-By Carolyn Alt, President

Congratulations to Janet Kranis

Shrewsbury resident and Chief Librarian at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library, Janet Kranis, recently retired after 37 years of distinguished service to the library. In recognition of her many contributions, Janet was honored with a certificate of appreciation from Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, a proclamation from Shrewsbury's Council's honoring her career, and a tree planting and commemorative plaque now part of the library's landscape here on Broad Street.

-By Don Burden, Mayor

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