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2015*

Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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A Message From the Mayor

After our brutal winter, Shrewsbury happily welcomes the summer of 2015. Bring on the trips to the beach, backyard cookouts, and sports activities! The Borough's proximity to the Shore makes Shrewsbury a most attractive place to enjoy the summer. Please take the time to appreciate our little corner of the world here in Monmouth County.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! We are so proud of our students! Recently, both Red Bank Regional High School and Shrewsbury Borough School recognized the efforts of many of our young residents. Special congratulations to RBRHS Valedictorian Nicole Povey and Salutatorian Elly McCarthy, as well as, SBS Valedictorian Alexander Kobylowski and Salutatorian Arielle Banal for their academic excellence! Each of these students join a long list of top honors students who call Shrewsbury home.

Allow me to call out another Shrewsbury champion, U.S. Marine Veteran, Jim Curley. Year after year, Jim is the master of ceremonies of our Borough Memorial Day service. Always a professional and a master of decorum, Jim sets the tone to ensure that all our veterans and emergency services personnel are recognized for their dedicated service and sacrifice. This year Jim 'raised the bar' once again by personally distributing a newly minted silver dollar to each Shrewsbury veteran present at the ceremony. Thank you Jim, for your inspiration and leadership, you are one of Shrewsbury's finest.

Due to the efforts of many of our residents and employees, the town is looking pretty sharp these days. Our community cleanup day sponsored by our Environmental Commission in late April brought many of our residents and Boy Scouts out to help. Additional appreciation goes out to the Department of Public Works for their street clean up and park maintenance, the Shrewsbury Garden Club for their beautiful plantings, the Monmouth County Master gardeners for their garden maintenance, as well as, the well-tended plots at the Community Garden. Shrewsbury continues to put every effort to ensure that our town stays beautiful.

While traditions are revered here in Shrewsbury, changes are inevitable. According to the recent U.S. Census, Shrewsbury's population from 2010 to 2014 increased by 8.3% giving us a total of 4,125 residents. This growth makes Shrewsbury the municipality with the highest percentage of population growth in Monmouth County for this four year period. Welcome to all of our new residents.

Enjoy the summer and be sure to take time to "smell the roses".

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 September 10th.**

From the Clerk's Office

732-741-4200 x108

Reminder regarding Borough Hall Summer Hours

The hours of operation for the Municipal Clerk and Finance/Tax Administrative Offices, as well as, the Municipal Court for the Borough of Shrewsbury are as follows:

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Monday through Thursday – 8:00AM to 4:00 PM

Friday – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The hours for Police Records and the Planning/Zoning Office remains 9:00 – 5:00 pm and the Construction Office remains 8:30 – 1:30 pm & 4:30 – 6:30 pm Monday thru Thursday , Closed on Fridays.

Can our Emergency Services find your House??

While delivering the Borough Wide Garage Sale markers, it became apparent to our offices that many of our homes in town do not have visible street numbers. Please consider that it may take minutes away from your aid if our Fire and First Aid volunteers cannot find your home. Having a legible street number posted on your house, mailbox, or curb area may save your life.

Please visit our NEW and IMPROVED Borough Website!!

Our updated website (www.shrewsburyboro.com) is very user friendly and is the fastest way to get any Borough information quickly; meeting agendas/ minutes, forms, emergency information, community events.

While visiting the website, make sure to follow the link to our Facebook page. Our Facebook page is updated at least three days a week highlighting different Borough announcements.

Mark Your Calendars!

Free Rabies Clinic – Shrewsbury Borough Firehouse – November 21, 2015, 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

If your pet(s) rabies vaccine is set to expire in late 2015 or early to mid-2016, please use this chance to get their vaccination schedule to be in line with our licensing renewal period which will begin January 2016. Depending on the age and health of your pet, most veterinarians agree that early vaccination is safe.

-By Karen Lloyd

Shrewsbury Police Department Welcomes New Officer



Tyler Fox, a graduate of East Stroudsburg University in 2011, had been serving as a Class II Officer in Ocean Township before being sworn in on May 5th as our newest Officer. While attending East Stroudsburg University, he was an intern for the Monroe County Pennsylvania Sheriff's Department. Upon graduation, he was hired by the Pt. Pleasant Beach Police Department as a Class II Officer. He received his Class II training at the Ocean County Police Academy, graduating in 2012. Officer Fox is scheduled to attend the 89th Basic training course for Police Officers at the Monmouth County Police Academy in August. Officer Fox currently resides in Toms River.

-By Lt. Daniel J. Calicari

Shrewsbury First Aid Squad



The Shrewsbury First Aid squad applied for and received a grant from the New Jersey American Water Company that covers the cost of a pulse oximeter. This device is very helpful in determining a patient's vital signs. Pictured here are Captain Don Eddy (middle), President Dave Tyler (right) and a representative from New Jersey American Water.

It is with pleasure that the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad announces Arielle Banal is the recipient of the Betty Clark Memorial Award. A \$250 award is given each year to a Shrewsbury Borough School eighth grade graduate in memory of Betty Clark, who tragically lost her life while serving as a school crossing guard in 1995.

The Shrewsbury First Aid Squad will also be awarding the Tommy Maletto Award. A \$500 award is given in memory of Tommy Maletto, a charter member and founding member of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad who gave of himself for many years helping others. The award is given each year to a Shrewsbury Borough resident graduating from Red Bank Regional High School based on an essay depicting how this graduate depicts a deep commitment to community service, similar to Tommy Maletto's.

This May, for the 40th consecutive year, the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad instructed Shrewsbury's eighth graders in CPR. During this week-long training exercise, 42 eighth graders were instructed in CPR.

-By Rolf Kamp

2015 Final/2016 Preliminary Tax Bills

Since the County of Monmouth will certify the Borough's tax rate by early July, the 2015 tax bills should be going out by mid July. The 3rd and 4th quarters for 2015 are the final bills, and the 1st and 2nd quarters for 2016 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

2014 Audit and 2015 Municipal Budget

The municipal budget was adopted on May 4, 2015. The overall tax levy increased by 1.23 % to \$6,634,309.29. The Mayor and Council worked diligently to control costs and plan for the future. Some of the major contributions to the tax levy increases were debt service, wages, pensions and insurance costs. The municipal tax amount will represent less than 30% of the overall tax bill.

The 2014 municipal audit was presented to the borough at the June 15th council meeting. Auditor, Robert Allison went over key points of the audit. They included the replenishing of the fund balance to help fund future budgets, the tax collection rate was good and there were no reported comments or recommendations.

-By Thomas Seaman, Finance Officer

The 5 Rules of Grilling Safely

Get the lowdown on grilling safety so you can enjoy perfectly blackened, grilled-to-perfection food all summer long.

When the warmer weather hits, there's nothing better than breathing in the smell of sumptuous food on the grill. For everything from onions and sausage to juicy hamburgers, eggplant, and even pizza, grills are a mainstay at most homes. In fact, three out of five households own a gas grill, which translates to a lot of tasty meals in the months ahead. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

America's favorite grilling holidays are Fourth of July and Labor Day and food is often the main attraction. With lots of activity and people around though, it's easy to become distracted while cooking. Each year an average of 8,800 home fires are caused by grilling, and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns. One of every six home structure fires involving grills started because something that could catch fire, like a dish towel, oven mitt, or food packaging, was too close to the heat.

This may sound scary, but preventing grill fires is not as hard as you think. All it takes is a little preplanning. By following a few simple summer safety precautions and guidelines, you can enjoy delicious grilled meals all season long. As you prepare to light up your grill, consider the following:

- ⇒ Use propane and charcoal grills outdoors only.
- ⇒ Place the grill well away from your home, deck railings and out from under leaves and over-hanging branches.
- ⇒ Put safety rules for kids in place. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ⇒ Clean your grill often, removing any grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below.
- ⇒ Stay next to your grill at all times while cooking; never leave the area unattended.

-By Vito Marra, Fire Marshal

Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders

Once again the sun shone brightly in June as we had the fun of coming together for the delicious food, entertainment by Doug Alt and beautiful setting of the Molly Pitcher Inn. At our Shrewsbury Boro School 8th Grade Honors Assembly, the annual Homesteaders Awards were presented this year to Helayna Ibrahim, having been chosen by a staff committee for her essay, "What a Senior Citizen Means to Me", and to Alaina DeRose for demonstrating outstanding initiative. After a summer break (ENJOY!), we'll reconvene our monthly meetings at 1 o'clock on the second Thursday of the month at the Fellowship Hall of Presbyterian Church, Sycamore Avenue. September 10th, we'll be treated to a program by local historian Rick Geffken regarding the soon-to-be-published new ***Story of Shrewsbury***, in conjunction with Mayor Don Burden and the Shrewsbury Historical Society. Bring a friend! For more information, please call Barbara Walter (732/380-0163), Membership Chair, or Carolyn Alt (732/531-5557), President.

-By Carolyn Alt, President





Community Alliance

The Shrewsbury Community Alliance is already hard at work planning for Red Ribbon Week of Respect in October. This week will use fun and engaging assemblies, dress up days, activities and contests to educate our children about the importance of staying away from drugs, alcohol and bullying. The activities throughout the week, along with the Peace Builder lessons and activities done year round, teach our students strategies on how to stay away from these harmful habits as well as the importance of treating others and themselves with respect. Look for a town-wide kick-off event for RRW of R in the fall!

All of the SBS students received the winning sticker from our anti-bullying and anti-substance abuse contest this past fall. The winner was Corinne Costello in 7th grade. The winner of the PSA contest was Elizabeth Konefal in grade 5. Her announcement will be read to the school.

The Alliance was also pleased to participate in the 8th grade alcohol awareness presentation hosted by the SBPD. The police department met with the 8th graders and talked about the importance of staying away from harmful substances. The Police set up several hands-on stations including driving a golf cart, shooting a basketball and walking in a straight line. The 8th graders were asked to put on goggles that distorted their vision and balance, giving them the feeling of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This was a very powerful presentation for the children to see the effects of drinking and using drugs.

The 5th grade participated in DARE graduation last week. The SBPD has been teaching our 5th graders about the harmful effects and consequences of drugs and alcohol over the school year. They celebrated the culmination of the class with a ceremony and party. Congratulations to all of the 5th grade DARE graduates.

Finally, the SCA is planning some community events for the summer. Keep an eye out for some fun dates ahead!

-By Rayna Eyerman, Alliance Co-Chair

Rotary Club of Red Bank 95th Annual Officer Installation Event

Congratulations to Councilman Michael DeNofa on his installation as President of the 2015-2016 Rotary Club of Red Bank. The Rotary Club of Red Bank is one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in America established in 1921.

-By Don Burden, Mayor

Shrewsbury Borough Street Quiz

What is the correct name of this street?

- A. Avenue of the Common
- B. Avenue of the Commons
- C. Avenue at the Common
- D. Avenue at the Commons

See back page for answer.

Shade Tree Commission Volunteer Brigade



The STC Volunteer Brigade went into action and planted 5 Winterberry Hollies (4x Red Sprite, 1x Jim Dandy [to the rescue] at Boro Hall. These plants will provide stunning red berries in the winter that will offset the drab colors of the season.

Collectively, we spent 9 hours (7 hours one night, 2 hours purchasing, not counting planning time) getting this done. Funny, we spent 30 minutes deciding exactly where to put them, 15 minutes to plant them, and then 15 minutes admiring our work. Thanks for your contribution. It was great fun! Notice everyone is smiling in the pictures.

-By William Gerth, STC Chairperson
Lynne Royce, Photographer

2015 Shrewsbury Recreation Fall Sports Registration

Registration for the Following Fall 2015 Activities is Now Open!

Be sure to register early to secure your spot in the fall!

REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 15!

Field Hockey Available for Girls Grades: 5th - 8th Cost: \$35	Soccer Micro Soccer Grades: K-2nd Cost: \$35	League Soccer Grades: 3rd & 4th Grades: 5th & 6th Grades: 7th & 8th Cost: \$40*
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REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 15!

*A \$100 fee will be applied for all late sign-ups after July 15. Rosters must be submitted to league officials in the second week of July in order to draft teams and assign schedules by the start of the fall season.

Registration is available ONLINE ONLY at: [Community Pass](#)



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Comcast NewsMakers

Mayor Burden promotes Shrewsbury in his “Growth in the Community” interview on June 5, 2015. To see the full interview, go to the following link <http://comcastnewsmakers.com/2015/06/05/growth-in-the-community/> or visit the borough website at www.shrewsburyboro.com and go the Mayor and Council section.

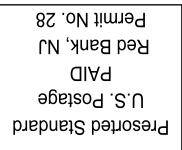


The Borough Wide Garage Sale

Over 150 homes participated in the boro wide garage sale. It was a tremendous success! The Borough hopes to do it again in the near future.

in the fall 2015.
Answer: The correct answer is (A). Avenue of the Common. This is the official name as confirmed by the Borough's Tax Assessor, Bill Fitzpatrick on all the official maps of the Borough. The Borough realizes that both of the street signs on Route 35 are incorrectly spelled. We are trying to work with the State to fix them. The Borough has received confirmation concerning funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation fiscal year 2015 Municipal Aid Program for improvements to Avenue of the Common in the amount of \$240,000. Road improvements will begin in the fall 2015.

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