



Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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POLICE DEPARTMENT SCAM ALERT

The Police Department recently took two reports of senior citizens being targeted by con artists. In what is known as the “Grandparent” or “Emergency” scam, seniors are contacted by someone pretending to be a grandchild in need of emergency money.

The ruse often involves a caller who says something like “Hi, grandma,” or “Hey, it’s your favorite grandson” in a ploy to learn the name of a recipient’s actual grandchild. Sometimes the caller may even have learned the name of the grandchildren in advance – and claim to be a grandchild on the call. This information is often obtained from online blogs, networking sites or genealogy web sites. Typically, the caller tells the victim that he or she has been in an accident, was arrested, is stranded or in similar trouble and needs money immediately. Most often, the caller claims to be traveling in Canada.

The “grandchild” also insists that the victim not tell anyone else – increasing the odds that the fraud will be successful. If all goes according to the con artist’s plan, the victim will wire money to the “grandchild.” By the time the elderly call recipient realizes what happened, the money is long gone and most likely not recoverable.

We are working with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on these cases. They have requested we provide them with any information that will assist with their investigation.

In the event you receive a call, do not provide any personal information or send any money. If you feel the call is a real family member in need of help, you should contact other family members to verify the information. Please make a note of any Caller ID information you obtain along with the time and date of the call.

Anyone receiving such a phone call can contact the Police Department Detective Bureau at 732-741-8682, and report the incident to the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs at <http://www.nj.gov/oag/ca/ocp/ocpform.htm> or by calling 1-800-242-5846 (toll-free within N.J.) or 973-504-6200.

Please pass this information along to anyone you feel should have it, and it can be accessed on the Borough website <http://www.shrewsburyboro.com> under the Police Department/Detective Bureau. We would also like to make you aware that numerous towns in our area have been experiencing daytime burglaries to homes. Please be our eyes and ears and report any suspicious or unusual activity in your neighborhood. We will do our best to keep the community safe, but we cannot do it alone.

Lt. Louis G. Ferraro, Detective Bureau

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. Deadline for articles is the 10th of each month.

Fort Monmouth 2010
“The Last HOO-AH!!!”

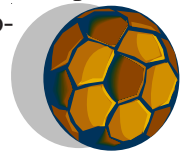
Fort Monmouth is hosting a major series of events on Friday, July 16 through Sunday, July 18 to proudly exhibit the significant contributions made by the Army and the other uniformed services over the past 90 years at Fort Monmouth. One of the many highlights is a parade on Greely Field on Saturday, 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon. Shrewsbury personnel have been invited to participate in the parade. The Saturday afternoon agenda is packed with Musical Entertainment, Antique Car and Bike Show, Educational & Historic Military exhibits, and various demonstrations. Saturday evening events will culminate in a gigantic fireworks celebration at 10:00 P. M. Look for additional information in the local newspapers regarding the celebration. Plan now to participate in some of these events to celebrate the significance of Fort Monmouth with our neighbors, local officials, military retirees & veterans as well members of the Fort Monmouth Community.

Shrewsbury Recreation News

·Fall Registration closes on Friday, July 9th. Please make sure to get your registration completed ASAP to make sure your son/daughter is enrolled for the fall. Click on the link <http://www.shrewsburyboro.com/recreation.html> for more information.

·Free CPR – All head coaches and assistant coaches are encouraged to attend the First Aid Squad’s next CPR class on Monday, July 12th at 7:00 at the First Aid Headquarters located at 115 Haddon Ave., Shrewsbury. Upon completion of the one night course, you will receive a 2 year certification for CPR/AED from the American Heart Association.

·Shrewsbury Night at the Lakewood BlueClaws – Wednesday, July 21st.



***Christ Church Welcomes Couples
of All Denominations Planning to Marry***

A bride-to-be called Christ Church Episcopal in Shrewsbury recently with an unanticipated request: She said she had admired the church as she drove by and wanted to be married in a historic church. Could she hold the ceremony there? Another future bride said she had been turned down at one historic church because she was not a member. Would Christ Church consider her nuptials?

In response, the 307-year-old parish at the the corner of Sycamore Avenue and Route 35 has launched a new outreach ministry to meet such needs: providing a wedding setting for couples who do not belong to the parish and may not even be Episcopalians. Noel Murgio, Little Silver, Chairman of the newly formed committee to work with couples planning to marry, points to the parish mission statement, which says, “Christ Church welcomes all into the household of faith. We continually seek new ways to broaden our ministry.”

Those seeking history find it at Christ Church. It is on the National and State Registers of Historic Places and on the annual self-guided driving tour sponsored by the Monmouth County Historical Commission. Its unique set of matched stained glass windows, recently restored to their full glory, date to the years just after the Civil War. The 1874 Odell tracker organ is known among musicians for its quality, and choirs comment on the church’s fine acoustics. If a couple who marries in the church wants to bring its own clergy person, it can consult with the rector. The church provides use of the choir vestment room for groomsmen, and the bridal party may use the parish house library. Ms. Murgio says couples who wish to marry at Christ Church can call the church office at 732-741-2220, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or contact the church by e-mail at ChristChurchShrewsbury@verizon.net.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU

To those **RESIDENTS** that dropped off their electronics to
The Environmental Commission's 4th Electronics Recycling Event held on April 17!

The 118 families that participated recycled 11,040 pounds of electronics!!!

113 families participated in last year's event and recycled 6,151 pounds. Collectively over the past 4 years at the event, we as a town have recycled 37,475 pounds of electronics, which would have otherwise ended up in our landfills!

Our growing dependence on electronics products both at home and in the workplace has given rise to a new environmental challenge: Electronic waste (e-waste). Electronic circuit boards, batteries and color cathode ray tubes (CRTs) can contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and hexavalent chromium. If improperly handled or disposed, these toxins can be released into the environment through landfill leachate or incinerator ash. Responsible recycling of your TV will help mediate the risks of disposing of this common household electronic device. In fact, in just one year, more than 112 million pounds of valuable materials were recovered from disposed electronics, such as steel, glass, plastic and precious metals.

So don't ever put those old computers or TVs at the curb...Hold onto them and anything else with a PLUG (old percolators, alarm clocks, air conditioners, etc.) for next year's recycling event!

It's only 9 months away:

The 5th Annual Shrewsbury Electronics Recycling and Earth Day Event : April 2011!!!

And THANK YOU again to those businesses and individuals for their donations to this year's event:

Bagelmasters	Don Burden
Phil Blackwood and his Zero Emissions Car	Doug Milnes
Clean Ocean Action	New Jersey Clean Energy –
E&M Gold Beekeepers	Community Partners Initiative
Ecology Lawn	Paul David Partywares
Ecover	Seventh Generation
Foodtown	Susan Binns
Geogenix	Shrewsbury Borough School
Green Doggie Bags	Environmental Club
Lowe's of Eatontown	Shrewsbury Garden Club
Master Composter of Monmouth County	Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission
Mr. McConnell and Shrewsbury Borough School	Starbucks
Tom Menapace	Stokers

Save the Date!...and all of your documents/paperwork that needs to be shredded and recycled properly:

Saturday, November 13th

9am-1pm (or earlier if the truck reaches full capacity)

Monmouth County's annual **Shredding Day**

at the Shrewsbury Municipal Complex, Sycamore Avenue

Reminder: Bulk Trash pickup change: Bulk trash will be collected on the first Wednesday of the following months

ONLY: MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, and DECEMBER

Please refer to the Boro's website for more information: <http://www.shrewsburyboro.com/Recycling%20Announcement-Mailing.pdf>

Please note that the change to quarterly pickup has been in effect since January 2010 and any bulk trash put at the curb on the months not specified above will not be picked up.

For your reference: Environmental Commission's **PAGE on the BORO'S WEBSITE!**

www.shrewsburyboro/envcom.html

**BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY
2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
ADOPTED JUNE 21, 2010**

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2010 Budget	2009 Budget
1. Surplus	1,100,000.00	1,135,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,039,618.10	1,253,891.00
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	275,000.00	200,000.00
Local Tax for Municipal		
4. a) Purposes	6,268,019.26	6,062,972.72
b) Additions to Local District School Tax		
Tot. Amt. to be Rsd. by Taxes for Sup. Mun. Bud.	6,268,019.26	6,062,972.72
Tot. Gen. Revs.	8,682,637.36	8,651,863.72
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Summary of Appropriations	2010 Budget	2009 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and Wages	3,728,740.50	3,737,000.00
Other Expenses	2,779,377.09	2,933,629.15
Deferred Charges and Other		
2. Appropriations	723,347.72	664,249.00
3. Capital Improvements	10,000.00	20,000.00
Debt Service (Include for School		
4. Purposes)	909,065.76	893,816.09
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	532,106.29	403,169.48
Total General Appropriations	8,682,637.36	8,651,863.72
Total Number of Employees	73	75

The Borough tax rate is \$.776 per \$100

The Borough tax increase for 2010 was \$.03

***You Can Make a Difference
Cell Phones and Eyeglasses for Charity***

During the 2nd quarter of 2010, Borough residents have donated an additional 41 pairs of glasses, sunglasses, along with nine sets of hearing aids to the *New Eyes for the Needy*. This will be an on going project for the Borough so there is still time to bring your used glasses and hearing aids to the 2nd floor of the Borough Hall and place them in our collection box.

We now will be accepting old cell phones for the 180 Turning Lives Around, which is a women's center. Please note that the phones **cannot be accepted** if they do not have a charger. The phones can be brought to the 2nd floor and deposited in the collection box. On behalf of the Borough employees we would like to say thank you for all of your generous donations. We hope to continue both of these programs throughout 2010 with the same response as in the past.

***A Message from Jersey Central Power & Light
Getting Ready For Summer Storms***

Severe storms bring heavy rain, lightning, high winds, downed trees and power outages. If your power goes out, dial toll-free 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) to reach the automated outage reporting line. It's fast, easy and hassle-free or visit www.firstenergycorp.com, for outages assistance and safety tips.

Poles and Posters Don't Mix

Are you planning a yard sale or an activity in your neighborhood? If you are planning to use a sign to publicize any activity, please post it on a stake, not on a utility pole. Nails, staples or other fasteners used to attach signs to poles can be hazardous to workers who must climb these poles to repair or maintain equipment. In addition, state law prohibits the posting of signs or outdoor advertising on any utility poles. Check with the Borough Clerk on any regulations regarding sign postings.



Illegal Sump Pumps and Downspout Connections to The Sewer Cause Drastic Increase in Sewer Flow

The Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority has seen drastic increases in sewer flow during the recent wet weather and the high flows continued after the rain stopped. The Authority has found through internal television inspection of the sewers that some residents have connected their sump pumps into the sewer cleanout to keep up with the high ground water and avoid discharging the sump water into the street as they should.

The extraneous flows jeopardize the ability of the Authority to safely treat all sewage and drives up sewer treatment rates. One sump running 10 minutes an hour is the equivalent of 12 additional homes. Each illegal connection costs over **four thousand dollars per year** in additional treatment costs and unnecessarily utilizes treatment and pump station capacity.

All residents must disconnect the illegal connection of their sump pump or roof gutters from the sanitary sewer and contact the town for the proper way to discharge. If a homeowner believes they may have an illegal connection, they should contact the Sewerage Authority now for a free inspection. The telephone number is 732-229-8578. Currently, there is no fine if disconnected within a reasonable amount of time.

TRWRA'S DIRECT DEBIT BILL PAYING

The Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority was the first sewer authority in the State of New Jersey to offer Automatic Direct Debit to pay the sewer bill. Since then, over 1,000 people have taken advantage of this convenient way to pay their sewer bill. This method is not only easier for the ratepayer and guarantees timely payment but also saves money for the Sewer Authority by eliminating manual processing of paper checks.

To sign up for Automatic Direct Debit (Easy Pay), customers should log on to the Authority's website www.TRWRA.org, click on "PAYMENT" at the top of the home page, then click on "Automatically Debit Your Checking Account". Customers can also call the Authority at the number below.

The Authority continues to offer many other free options to make payments including mailing or delivering a paper check or paying your bill through your personal bank's website. In addition, the Authority is preparing to offer on-line bill pay through the Authority's website for a small fee. If you have any questions on these options, please go to the Authority's website, www.TRWRA.org or call the Billing Department at (732) 229-8578 extension 18.

Shrewsbury Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Special recognition to the Shrewsbury Police force, especially DARE officers (Sgt. Fitzgerald, Ptl. Boyd, Gallagher and Turner), Lt. Ferraro, and RBR School Resource Officer/Lt. Silver Police Officer/Shrewsbury Fire Chief and Shrewsbury resident Peter Gibson, for their ongoing work promoting the merits of a healthy drug-free lifestyle to our Shrewsbury Boro and Red Bank Regional High School students through the following programs:

-**5th Grade DARE** - Congratulations to all the DARE graduates!

Special recognition to **Essay Contest winners - Jake Lane, Max Lane and Ella Brockway**, and **T-Shirt Design Contest winner - Eric Pusterhofer!**

-**8th Grade DARE Program** (6/10) highlighting the dangers of underage alcohol use and drinking and driving

-**Project Prom activities for RBR seniors** (wk of 6/1). Shrewsbury officers aided Officer Pete Gibson in his week long program to deter the underage use of alcohol and the dangers of drinking and driving through use of many effective tools (mock accident, speakers, videos, drunk driving simulations)

Upcoming Events:

-Week of 10/18-10/22: **Red Ribbon Week at SBS**. 2010 theme is: "I Believe in Me. I'm Drug Free" .

-Saturday, 11/13 (10 am -2 pm): **2nd Annual Statewide Operation Medicine Cabinet**. Dispose of your expired, unused, unwanted prescription/OTC drugs safely by dropping them off at the Shrewsbury Police Station. Last year the Police Dept. collected 9 lbs of medicine. Thank you for doing your part to help keep these out of the hands of our children.

A recent study by the NJ State Dept. of Human Services highlights the ever growing trend of teens turning to drugs and alcohol. The results for Monmouth County are staggering. The use of drugs or the underage consumption of alcohol is not a 'rite of passage'. **The climate has definitely changed since most of us parents were teens. Here are a few points to consider as your children/grandchildren approach their teen years. Please know that there are so many teens and their parents that are strong enough to say 'no' and not be swayed by peer pressure. They need your help and support to stop this cycle.**

Alcohol

Not only is the age of first use dropping each year (now at age 11), but binge drinking is on the rise, as is the type of hard drinks our youth are trying and mixing. The younger you start to drink the odds of having an alcohol dependency problem later in life increases significantly. Makes sense - does the cycle of drinking to fit in/need in order to socialize really stop at some point once they start?

Underage drinking is an adult problem: anywhere there is a child drinking there must be an adult involved: either selling, providing, allowing or simply looking away. Providing to those under 21, that are not your children, is illegal and comes with steep fines and possible jail time. Most kids say they get their alcohol from their home or that of their friends. Do what you can to **Shut off the Supply!** If you can't lock it up then keep track of it, count it, see if it is being 'watered' down, and keep it out of your garage refrigerator which leads to easy access. See someone coming into your house with a large bag/ backpack on the weekends? Have them leave it in a common area in your home where you can see it.

There are many who believe if you let kids drink at home they will learn to drink in moderation like the European kids. Not true. Countries with lower drinking ages (with the exception of Turkey) are suffering from worse problems than the US. The European Union recently reported that due to significant problems with underage use of alcohol: bingeing, violence, car accidents that several countries are lobbying to raise their drinking ages.

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Marijuana

19% rise in usage in Grades 9-12. Why? Glorification by media (tv, movies, youtube), discussion of full legalization (to help with budget woes) or reduction in fines for small possession. How bad could it be if it is now being used as medicine and politicians want to legalize it? **Truth: THC levels have never been higher (10x since 1970's) due to the way weed is now being grown (indoors with 24 hr. light).** High THC is causing addiction, chemicals traced to a rise in teenage depression. Many teens say they don't smoke cigarettes because of the risk of lung cancer but the damage to lungs is 4x more toxic with this high THC intake.

Talk to your kids. See what they think about what's going on. Communication is key. Let them know how you feel and your rules and consequences if not followed. How you feel, act and react really does make a difference to your children. We need to stop these trends. Our children's health and their futures depend on us working together to change this environment.

The Alliance is always looking for fresh ideas of how to reach our community. Please stop by our meetings (2nd Monday of every month – 7 pm at Boro Hall). Visit our link on the Boro website for substance abuse information and helplines.

Have a great summer!

Save yourself and Shrewsbury money by taking an Online Defensive Driving course.

Did you know that New Jersey residents have the highest auto insurance rates in the nation?

Did you know that the average motor vehicle accident costs state and local governments \$22,000?

Save yourself money by taking an *Online Defensive Driving course* and at the same time help make Shrewsbury a safer place to live.

Contact your Auto Insurance Company to find out how much you can save per year by taking an Online Defensive Driving course. By doing so you can qualify for discounts on your auto insurance, ranging from 10-25%, depending on your insurance company. There are many online self-paced courses available, your insurance company can recommend an online course, many insurance companies will also give you a coupon towards the cost of the course. Courses start as low as \$13. One member of the Shrewsbury Traffic Committee took a \$20 online course and received a \$211 discount on their insurance this year and that discount was automatically included in their next two renewals. So they saved over \$600. The course was self-paced and so easy, even a caveman could do it.

Other ways to save on your Auto Insurance:

- *Retirement Discounts*

Be sure to let your insurer know when you retire — particularly if you retire at a relatively young age. Since you're likely to be driving less once you're working days are over, this can often earn you a break on premiums.

- *Good-Student Discounts*

Full time students with a good academic record could be eligible for up to a 25% discount on certain coverages. (Full-time students with a "B" average or better, are eligible for this discount.)

- *School course*

If a young driver in your family has completed a driver's education course in school, you may earn a discount on most coverages.

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● Combination Discounts

You can often knock off 10% to 20% from your premiums if you insure both your home and your car with the same company, or by insuring more than one car with the same company.

● Association & Group Discounts

Discounts may be available for affiliation with all sorts of associations — your alma matter, a military group, a professional organization. If you work for a large employer, that could earn you a discount as well.

● College-Kids-Who-Are-Far-Away Discounts

If at least 100 miles separate your kid from your car, you could save up to 40%.

● Loyalty Discounts

Stick with the same company for more than one year, and you could earn a break of 10% or more on your premiums.

● Ask about all other discounts.

Some carriers offer discounts to policyholders whose vehicles bear certain safety features, like anti-theft devices or motorized seatbelts

Call your Auto insurance company today to find more ways to save and please drive safely.

-Traffic Ad Hoc Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dates to Remember

July 9	Recreation Fall Registration
July 12	Shrewsbury First Aid Squad Free CPR Classes, 7:00 a.m. 115 Haddon Avenue, Shrewsbury
July 16 thru July 18	Fort Monmouth "The Last Hoo-Ah"
July 21	Shrewsbury Night at the Lakewood BlueClaws
Oct. 18 thru Oct. 22	Red Ribbon Week at SBS
November 13	2nd Annual Statewide Operation Medicine Cabinet 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
November 13	Monmouth County's Annual Shredding Day 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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