



Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

A Borough of Shrewsbury Publication

April 2010

Shrewsbury Borough School News

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

This year shall likely be remembered by many as the year that Governor Christie charted a new course for state, municipal, and school funding in New Jersey in order to address the burgeoning state-wide and national financial crisis. Every school district in New Jersey has been greatly affected by a cut in state school aid for the current 2009-2010 school year, and more sizeable budget cuts loom on the horizon. Next year's outlook is more disheartening as schools throughout the state will lose a combined \$820 million dollars in funding. As has been the case historically, the district will offer a lean and efficient budget for 2010-2011 that truly does less with more. I am proud of the excellent education that we offer each of our students and I am committed to finding ways to build and to grow as a school, no matter how difficult the challenges over the next few months are.

As a resident of Shrewsbury, I am well aware of the ever-increasing cost to live here. I recognize that there is a high cost to the services that we all enjoy, yet every taxpayer is looking for some respite from the burgeoning tax epidemic that we share with much of Monmouth County and the rest of the state. This year's school budget is designed to compensate for an almost \$365,000 reduction in state school aid. This year's budget will result in a reduction of staff and a reduction in services and programs for our students. The cuts that we have made attempt to preserve our high-quality academic program and also meet our obligations for mandated programs like special education as well as operating expenditures and our contracted obligations for employee salaries and benefits.

I ask for your support this year on April 20th. SBS will be irrevocably changed should the current budget be defeated and compound an already difficult situation and result in further reductions to staff, programs, and services.

April 20th is 'Bring Your Child to Vote Day.' I highly encourage all of you to vote and to be active in the budget process for SBS and for RBRHS. Vote "Yes" for our children and for our district! Please see our website for more information on voting and remember that you must be registered by March 31, 2010 to vote on April 20th.

Brent A. MacConnell, Superintendent

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Teacher of the Year	2
Girl Scouts	2
Board of Health	2
Environmental	3
Recycling Drive	4
Drug Alliance	5
Garage Sales	5
Traffic Light	5
Shade Tree	6
Historical Society	6
CPR Training	6
Recreation	7
Rabies Clinic	7
Eyes for the Needy	7
Mark Your Calendar	8

Visit the Borough

Website at

www.shrewsburyboro.com

Newsletter Articles Wanted

Anyone interested in having an article published in the next issue, please contact Izy Grieco at 732.741.4200, x106 or email at igrieco@shrewsburyboro.com. All local groups and organizations are encouraged to submit articles.

2010-2011 Monmouth County Superintendents' Teacher of the Year Program

We are extremely proud to announce that Shrewsbury Borough School's Monmouth County Superintendent's Teacher of the Year recipient is Mrs. Sallyann Jauch! Mrs. Jauch has worked at SBS for the past several years as our gifted and talented teacher and is truly an inspiration to those around her. Mrs. Jauch exhibits boundless energy and drive to provide all of our students with a great educational experience. Mrs. Jauch is a former winner of Teacher of the Year for Elementary Schools on Staten Island where she has also received many awards for her excellence as an educator.

Mrs. Jauch was selected by a committee of teachers, parents, board of education members, and administrators because she exemplifies the excellence and dedication that promote the instructional goals of Shrewsbury Borough School. Her students, the parents of her students, and her colleagues have all noted that her energy and conviction to our students is truly extraordinary. Congratulations Mrs. Jauch!

Girl Scouts

Eighth grade girls from troop #395 headed out to Lunch Break in Red Bank on a cold Tuesday morning in February to volunteer their time. The girls helped to prepare food for lunch, bag groceries for families in need, and serve lunch to a large number of people in attendance. It was a great experience for the girls to see how donating time can help others. Fourth and fifth grade girl scouts from troops #591 and #1276 worked hard during their cookie sale to collect donations for Lunch Break. They will be proudly donating almost 100 boxes of cookies. All three troops will be meeting at the firehouse with Shrewsbury Recreation to help fill thousands of eggs with goodies for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The eighth grade Girl Scouts will also be participating in the Relay for Life being held at Red Bank Regional High School in May.

A Message From Your Local Board of Health Protect yourself from tick bites



Avoid areas with a lot of ticks

Ticks prefer wooded and bushy areas with high grass and a lot of leaf litter. Ticks that transmit Lyme disease are most active May through July so take extra precautions.

Keep ticks off your skin

Use insect repellent with 20% to 30% DEET on exposed skin and clothing to prevent tick bites. Wear long pants, sleeves and socks to keep ticks off your skin if a tick is attached to your skin for less than 24 hours your chance of getting Lyme disease is extremely small. But just to be safe, be alert for any signs and symptoms of tick borne illness.

Manage deer populations and movement

Deer do not get infected with the bacterium that causes Lyme disease. However, deer are a main source of the blood that ticks need to reproduce. Construct fencing to discourage deer from entering your yard. Do not feed deer on your property.

Ask your doctor if taking an antibiotic after a tick bite is right for you

An antibiotic may be right for you if you are at least 8 years of age and not pregnant, you were in an area where Lyme disease is common when you acquired the tick bite, the tick was attached for at least one full day or it has been less than three days since you removed the tick.

For tick identification and testing contact the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission at 732-542-3630. For additional information about Lyme Disease, visit the Centers for Disease Control at www.CDC.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Non-Toxic Lawn Care Workshop: For the health of you, your children, and your pets!!

Thursday, April 22nd: Earth Day!! 7:30pm

at the Shrewsbury Borough Hall

Guest speakers: Jane Nogaki from the NJ Environmental Federation and Mark Geritsen of Ecology Lawn

Spring Cleaning: Green-tips for saving your health, the environment and your pocketbook!

As the health and environmental impacts of conventional cleaning products become more thoroughly understood, more and more brands of healthy, green and effective cleaning products have started hitting the market. Many of these products are non-toxic, biodegradable and made from renewable resources (not petroleum). For a more economical solution, go to your pantry as home-mixed cleaners can get the job done and then some. Vinegar and baking soda can be used to clean almost anything. Mix a little warm water with either of these for an all-purpose cleaner. Here are some examples of their uses:

Vinegar: (acetic acid: be careful not to use on delicate/porous or painted surfaces):

Clean your windows; clean lime deposits from an automatic drip coffee maker and remove coffee stains from cups and pots; kills germs on bathroom fixtures and leaves them sparkling; clear mineral deposits from a steam iron; keep the garbage disposal clean and smelling fresh; eliminate odors; use as a laundry aid to remove stains, prevent colors from fading and removing odors.

Baking soda: (sodium bicarbonate: neutralizes fatty acid and attacks grease by turning it into soap!)

Erase crayon, pencil, ink, and furniture scuffs from painted surfaces; unclog a drain; remove tough stains from enameled cast iron and stainless steel and tile and grout; scrub pans; deodorize; clean up minor oil and grease spills on a garage floor or driveway. And here is a tidbit: 100 tons of baking soda were used to clean the Statue of Liberty's copper walls during its 1986 restoration.

Other household items to keep your house clean and green: borax, lemons and castile soap.

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>

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

www.shrewsburyboro/envcom.html

Updated regularly with recycling information and seasonal information:

*Department of Public Works / Recycling Center information and schedule of collection

*Links: local and national links for reference

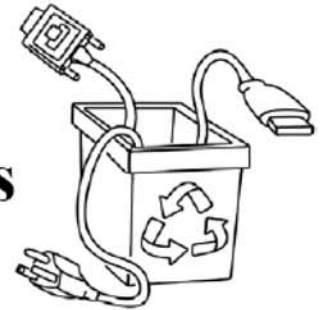
*EC News updates

The Shrewsbury Environmental Commission
invites you to celebrate Earth Day...

Saturday – April 17th
9am-1pm
Shrewsbury Borough Hall



Computer & Electronics Recycling Drive



**Help reduce our landfills AND keep toxic substances out of our groundwater
by recycling your computer components and electronics.**

Acceptable items include anything with a plug that can be carried:
(ie: computer components, monitors, printers, speakers, tvs, vcrs,
microwaves, air conditioning units, cell phones, chargers, copiers, etc.)

- Free and no item limit
- Equipment will be unloaded for you
- Shrewsbury residents only – ID required

Earth Day Fair

Bring the whole family!

- ☀ Lots of give-aways
- ☀ Games and crafts for the kids
- ☀ Green companies and products
- ☀ Prizes
- ☀ Information and “how-to’s” from the experts about environmentally-friendly products and practices



Shrewsbury Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Happy spring to everyone!

Now more than ever is a great time to be speaking to your children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The Partnership for a Drug Free America and Met Life recently published the results of a national study that showed after a decade of consistent declines we are seeing a marked up swing in the following areas of teen substance abuse (grades 9-12): **Alcohol use up 11%, Marijuana use up 19%, and Ecstasy use up 67%. Combine this with the rate of prescription drug abuse (up 300% between 1995-2009), this is cause for alarm.** The professionals believe the pro drug cues in popular culture (tv, film, internet) and the reduction of federal prevention programs are the most notable factors for the increase. This puts an even greater burden on parents to educate their family.

Parents are their children's most important mentors and role models. What you communicate to your child through words and actions greatly influences their decisions both now and in the future. It has been shown that the more time you spend with your child (weekly meals, family outings) the less likely your child will abuse drugs and alcohol.

Congratulations to Shrewsbury resident and RBR 11th grader **Kelly Conley!** Kelly took 3rd place in the NJPN (N. J. Prevention Network) county wide poster contest entitled "Better Things to do than Drink Alcohol". Kelly shared the honors with two other RBR Commercial Art students, Scott Chinery (Rumson) and Elena Ferris (Little Silver) who took 1st and 2nd place, respectively. Winners received gift cards from NJPN and were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the Alliance at the Feb 3rd RBR BOE meeting.

Public Health Advisory from the Monmouth County Health Dept: NJPIES (N.J. Poison Information and Education System) has been monitoring the introduction of 'synthetic' marijuana known as either K2, Spice, JWH-018. The Midwest is seeing instances of teens in E.R.'s presenting with symptoms of numbness, high blood pressure, blacking out, blurred vision, severe agitation, and partial paralysis. On Feb. 16 a large shipment was intercepted at the Phila. Int'l Airport. It is being sold in convenience stores or online and looks like potpourri. It comes in different flavors, grades and is sold in 3 gram bags. At the present time, other than in Kansas and pending in Missouri, these products are not classified as narcotics. They have been banned in Russia and most of Europe. The FDA and law enforcement are looking into these products. Toxicologists at Harvard and Univ. of Massachusetts are working to identify the contents but since it is not regulated it makes the job harder since each bag could be made up of 'a bunch of different garbage'. Continue to check the Alliance webpage on the Boro website for any new information on this new 'drug' danger at <http://www.shrewsburyboro.com/DA.html>. Any questions call the NJPIES at 1-800-222-1222.

Thank you for your support of our "Surviving the Teen Year's" Parent Forum on March 25th! This was our 3rd year of co-sponsoring this event with RBR. We are honored to have in our area such knowledgeable professionals willing to spend their evening talking to our community about today's issues facing our teens. Special thanks to Shrewsbury residents and presenters Mitchell Ansell, Esq., Fire Chief/Little Silver police officer Pete Gibson, and all of our Alliance members for a job well done!

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 few minutes to complete. Questions? Call 732-741-4200 x108

COUNTDOWN TRAFFIC LIGHT

The NJDOT has finally put a pedestrian countdown light at the intersection of Sycamore and Broad Street. This will alert pedestrians crossing Broad Street how much time they have before the light changes.

Healthy trees, healthy communities

Trees are an important part of our daily lives. They are often called nature's air conditioners as they provide shade and relief from the sun's heat and harmful rays. They also absorb carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas), and in turn, replenish the atmosphere with oxygen for us to breathe. In addition, trees make our environment more beautiful with their different colors, flowers and shapes. They give us a sense of peace and invite us to relax. Trees give us a lot and ask for very little in return.

There are many benefits to trees and shrubs in your landscape. Trees and shrubs can help to:

- Conserve energy
- Increase property value
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Provide shade protection from the sun
- Provide habitat and food for wildlife;
- Improve general aesthetics of your landscape
- Decrease summer time evaporation
- Increase groundwater recharge
- Reduce the need for noise abatement
- Improve air quality

Trees are an integral part of our environment and a valuable asset to our community. We must manage this resource in the best way possible to provide the future with a sustainable urban forest. Even though trees are a minor item of the municipal budget, they can under emergency conditions, such as a hurricane, widespread destructive disease or insect infestation, become a pressing problem. Unlike paved surfaces and other man-made structures, trees are living things which increase in size and often improve appearance as time goes on. Like all living things they reach maturity, become decadent and must ultimately be removed. But we will plant new trees, for as Thomas Fuller said, "He that plants trees loves others besides himself." Celebrate Arbor Day this year on April 30 and plant a tree!

Ellen Preissler, Shewsbury Shade Tree Commission

SHS Displays More Than 1,200 Antique Tools

The Shrewsbury Historical Society recently received a loan of more than 1,200 antique tools from collector Frank Scordo of Tinton Falls. This vast collection of hammers, picks, planes, augers, mallets, axes, drills, and other collectibles showcase the creative talents of wood craftsmen, cabinet makers, railroad workers, cobblers, blacksmiths, tree men, surgeons, dentists, carpenters and plumbers. The collection is so vast it occupies display area on the first floor of SHS and the recently renovated second floor of the museum. It is the first time this collection has been on display in Monmouth County. Residents wishing to view the collection are welcomed to visit SHS, located at the Society's building within the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Complex, Broad Street & Sycamore Avenue, on Saturday mornings 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Special group arrangements can be made by calling 732-747-3635.

SHREWSBURY FIRST AID SQUAD OFFERS CPR TRAINING

Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad continues to offer residents of Shrewsbury free CPR classes. CPR classes will be offered on May 11, June 8 and July 13 at 6:45 a.m. at the First Aid building, located on the corner of Haddon Avenue and Laurel Street. Email sfacpr@gmail.com if interested.

SHREWSBURY RECREATION NEWS

- **Baseball/Softball Opening Day** – On Saturday, April 17th, the annual Opening Day parade and fair will take place at the Shrewsbury Boro School. Mark your calendars and bring out the family to enjoy the food, games, and activities for all ages.
- **Shrewsbury Night at the Lakewood BlueClaws** – Hold the date: **July 21st** for a night at First Energy Park to see the BlueClaws take on the Yankees-affiliate Charleston RiverDogs at 7:05. Check your email for more details regarding tickets.
- **Shrewsbury Recreation Clothing Drive for Haiti Earthquake Victims** – Thanks to all residents who donated recreation apparel and other clothing to the drive as Shrewsbury sent 22 shipping boxes of clothing in response to the relief effort. The Recreation Committee of Shrewsbury worked closely with Fair Haven Recreation Department to make this effort a great success.
- **CPR Class for Recreation Coaches** – Shrewsbury Recreation will be coordinating with the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad to conduct a CPR class for all Rec coaches. More info to follow.
- **Summer Camp** – The Shrewsbury Recreation Summer camp is open to all residents in grades K-6. It takes place between 9:00 and 11:30 at SBS from June 28th through July 23rd. Registration for Camp will start at the end of April. The cost of the four week program is \$90.00.
- **Soccer Registration** – Although it's baseball/softball and lacrosse season, soccer registration is just around the corner. Community Pass will be open at the end of April to allow you to register your son/daughter in plenty of time before the school year ends.

Spring 2010 Free Rabies Clinics

DAY	DATE	TOWN	TIME
Monday	April 19	Monmouth Beach Firehouse 22 Beach Street	7pm-8pm
Saturday	May 1	Keansburg DPW Garage Frazee Place	10am-11am
Saturday	May 8	Shrewsbury Twp Community Center 1979 Crawford Street	10am-11am



PLEASE HAVE DOGS ON LEASH AND CATS IN A CARRIER. ANIMAL MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT 732.493.9520.

Eyes For The Needy

During the 1st quarter of 2010 Borough residents have donated 24 pairs of glasses, sunglasses, and 4 sets of hearing aids to the Eyes for the Needy. This will be an on going project for the Borough so there is still time to bring your used glasses, old lenses, sunglasses, or hearing aids to the 2nd floor of the Borough Hall and place them in our 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 this program throughout 2010 with the same response.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dates to Remember

April 13	Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
April 17	Annual Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade & Fair Shrewsbury Boro School
April 17	Computer & Electronics Recycling Drive & Earth Day Fair 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Shrewsbury Borough Hall
April 20	Take Your Child to Vote Day
April 22	Non-Toxic Lawn Care Workshop 7:30 p.m. at Shrewsbury Borough Hall
April 30	Arbor Day
April end	Budget Workshop, Municipal Complex Check Boro website for firm date(s).
May 11	Shrewsbury First Aid Squad CPR Classes 6:45 a.m. First Aid Building, Haddon Avenue and Laurel Street.
June 8	Shrewsbury First Aid Squad CPR Classes 6:45 a.m. First Aid Building, Haddon Avenue and Laurel Street.
July 13	Shrewsbury First Aid Squad CPR Training Classes 6:45 a.m. First Aid Building, Haddon Avenue and Laurel Street.



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

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Red Bank, NJ
Permit No. 28



Postal Customer - Residential Only
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702