



Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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Mayor Retires After Many Years of Dedicated Service

It was with regret that the Borough accepted Mayor Emilia Siciliano's resignation. The Mayor has been active in our community since 1968 when she filled an unexpired council term. During her tenure, she served on the Planning Board, was instrumental in the COAH Ordinances, worked tirelessly on the codification of Chapter 94 – Zoning Regulations. Included among her many accomplishments, the Mayor was inducted into the New Jersey Elected Hall of Fame by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and received the N.J. Planning Officials Achievement in Planning Award for Sustainable Development in the Borough and for leadership in creating a long-range vision for the Borough. The entire council, staff, and volunteers wish the Mayor the best in her retirement.



Shrewsbury First Aid Squad Visits Kindergarteners

In October, Shrewsbury Borough School's Kindergarteners were treated to a tour of the Borough's ambulances. All three Kindergarten classes received a "hands-on" tour, in an effort to make the children comfortable with the ambulance, in the event they are in need of one. Both children and First Aiders enjoyed the day.

Shrewsbury First Aid Squad Thanks Borough For Their Support

The First Aid Squad would like to thank everyone for making this year's fund drive successful. Many thanks to all who contributed. A medical card was sent to residents, along with the fund drive letter. Any resident in need of additional medical cards should contact the First Aid Squad at 732.741.1696.

*Best Wishes to All for a
Happy New Year
Filled with Peace and Joy*

Mayor and Council

Visit the Borough

Website at

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, x.106 or email at igrieco@shrewsburyboro.com. All local groups and organizations are encouraged to submit articles.

Shrewsbury Borough School News

•The Shrewsbury Borough School hosted a “Salute to Veterans’ Assembly on November 10, 2008 to honor all of Shrewsbury’s veterans, as well as some of the family members of our students who have served our country. With a turnout of well over 30 veterans, the SBS Band students honored our special invitees with several rousing patriotic songs including “God Bless America” and “America the Beautiful.” Our kindergarten students also performed songs and the entire audience was treated to a solo performance of “The Star-Spangled Banner” by a very talented kindergarten student. As part of the tribute to our veterans, our honored guests were treated to a fantastic breakfast beforehand which was enjoyed by all. The “Salute to Veterans” was highly successful and culminated in the collection of much-needed items for our troops overseas. The essential toiletries and everyday necessities were shipped to Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines who are currently stationed at a forward operating post near Ramadi, Iraq. Two members of the SBS Faculty currently have sons serving with Golf Company: Executive Officer 1st Lieutenant Christopher Ehlers, son of SBS teacher Mrs. Laura Ehlers, and Lance Corporal Ryan Brand, son of Mrs. Eileen Brand. Please keep all of our brave service members in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you veterans!

•On November 25th, the Shrewsbury Borough School invited all of our seniors in town to enjoy a Thanksgiving celebration, with the help of our student community. Our guests were treated to a bountiful offering of home-made goods from the families of our students. Enjoying a hot cup of coffee and terrific desserts, the SBS Band and Jazz Band then performed several musical selections for our attendees. Our visitors had the opportunity to view some of the artistic talents of our students on display throughout the gymnasium, as well as watching a PowerPoint containing samples of student technology projects. With an overwhelming baked goods response from our school community, we were able to provide many delicious desserts to the Red Bank Senior Center and LunchBreak for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks to all who made the afternoon the success that it was!

•Upcoming Events:

January 15th- SAIL, School-wide Enrichment Day, 9:00 AM opening

January 19th- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Faculty Professional Day

January 20th- Shrewsbury Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 PM

January 22nd- SPTG Walk-a-Thon

January 28th- Early Dismissal, 2:00 PM

February 3rd- Second Marking Period Report Cards Issued

February 3rd to 5th- Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:30 days

February 12th – SAIL Day, 9:00 AM opening

February 16th and 17th- Celebration of Presidents’ Day, School Closed

February 24th – Shrewsbury Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 PM

February 27th – Warning Notices issued

SAIL Day – 9:00 AM opening

News from the Environmental Commission
SAVE YOUR OLD COMPUTERS/ELECTRONICS

Saturday, April 25, 2009

3rd Annual Computer/Electronic Recycling Drive

9-1:00 Borough Hall

DO THE RIGHT THING WITH YOUR E-WASTE



Reduce Reuse Recycle

What to do with those Styrofoam Peanuts:

EPS Peanuts – Loose fill polystyrene “peanuts” are accepted for re-use at the UPS Store located in the Marshall’s shopping center. Place them in a clear plastic bag for drop off. Reusing them will keep them out of the waste stream longer and cut down on the need for virgin material.

What to do with old batteries:

Bring to the Boro Recycling Center for proper disposal. Do not put in trash; acid leaks from battery into soil and eventually the ground water.

What to do with spent compact florescent light bulbs:

Home Depot accepts them (in original packaging) for disposal or bring them to Household Hazardous Waste on Shafto Road in Tinton Falls. Due to the mercury content CFL’s should not be put in household trash.

Environmental Commission Volunteers Wanted

The EC needs you! Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact the Borough Clerk @ 732.741.4200 x 107.


Please be advised: save this page for reference! The recycling information/pick-up dates listed below should be utilized until further notice. The recycling calendar will be published ASAP.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/RECYCLING CENTER

White Road and Railroad Crossing Phone 732-741-0522 Public Works Manager – Robert Wentway
 RECYCLING PAD Hours of Operation: 7 AM to 3 PM Monday Through Friday
 Saturday 8 AM to Noon – All Year

For curbside collection – all materials must be placed at curb by 7 AM

County Recycling Hotline Number 732-577-8400

	ZONE 1 Hwy. 35 & streets west of Hwy. Incl. Ave. at the Common, Winding Brook, Blades Run, Meadow Dr. E, Brady Rd., Thornbrooke Dr., and Adams Way	ZONE 2 All streets east of Hwy. 35
HOUSEHOLD TRASH	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday & Friday
NEWSPAPERS Only newspaper, tied with natural twine/stacked no Higher than 12"	Monday <i>On holidays/snowstorms, collection will be next regular pick-up</i>	Tuesday
MIXED PAPER Magazines, glossy supplements, advertising mail, envelopes, Non-metallic wrapping paper. Place in brown bags	3 rd Thursday <i>On holidays/snowstorms, collection will be next regular pick-up</i>	3 rd Thursday
GLASS AND METAL Glass, aluminum, bi-metal – rinsed and mixed together, ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE: WINDOW AND BLUE GLASS, CERAMIC AND PORCELAIN, METAL PULL TABS (unless attached). Place these items in regular household trash, DO NOT PUT IN PLASTIC BAGS.	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday <i>On holidays/snowstorms, collection will be next regular pick-up</i>	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday
PLASTICS Only the following will be collected: Containers marked with a Number "1" or "2" inside a recycling triangle. Remove caps and rinse thoroughly. Any container larger than one gallon is unacceptable. Containers holding toxic material are unacceptable. DO NOT PUT IN PLASTIC BAGS.	2 nd Thursday <i>On holidays/snowstorms, collection will be next regular pick-up</i>	4 th Thursday
BULK TRASH Residential only: Metal objects separated, refrigerator doors removed. Special pick-up for metal appliances call Borough DPW. Demolition debris: Residential debris removed by PERMIT Only. Contractors are required to remove demolition debris. Call DPW 732.741.0522 for appt. Includes: lumber, tiles, concrete, Wallboard, paneling, fencing and misc. construction materials.	BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE The first Wednesday of each month. <u>Placed before 6 a.m. at curb or along roadway within 3 feet of the curb and not more than 3 days prior to collection.</u> DO NOT place bulk items in regular household or mix with recyclables. NO curbside pick-up for: tires – call MC Reclamation Center, 732-431-7460, and paints, motor oil, chemicals – call MC Hazard Waste Facility, 732-922-2234	

HELP EMERGENCY SERVICES HELP YOU WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST. BE SURE YOUR HOUSE ADDRESS NUMBER IS VISIBLE FROM THE STREET.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR
 Borough Ordinance requires that you clean up after your dog! **Pet Waste, Chapter 215-II**

Scouts

The Scouting program in Shrewsbury remains busy. In September, scouts camped near West Point and attended a football game the next day. In October, Troop 50 Boy Scouts and Pack 50 Cub Scouts jointly conducted their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Memorial Field where over 20 flags were retired. This event is open to the public, but residents wishing to retire their flag must attend due to the nature of the ceremony requiring three people per flag. If you've never witnessed a Flag Retirement, it is a memorable event. Mark your calendar for next October. Also during October the Troop conducted two service projects for Quail Hill Scout Camp, just west of Freehold. On one weekend, several scouts and leaders helped to remove and then rebuild the roof on the water pumping station that services the camp. On another weekend, a group built a shed to shelter fire wood from the elements. In late October, we held our fall Court of Honor Dinner where each scout is recognized for merit badges completed. In November, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts conducted their annual door-to-door Scouting for Food Drive. Over 2,500 items were collected and delivered in 3 SUVs to the Foodbank in Neptune. In December, the Boy Scouts held their annual Christmas Wreath sale, their main fund raiser of the year. We thank all residents who in spite of these difficult economic times, helped to make both the Food Drive and Wreath Sale big successes. In January, the scouts will be participating in a county-wide Klondike Derby at Quail Hill. With a wintery Alaska theme, scouts from each town in the county form a sled team and travel around the camp to different stations where they demonstrate certain skills. Troop 50, in addition to manning a sled, will also run a station that will teach the skills necessary for rescuing someone who has fallen through ice on a pond or lake. In February, scouts will attend Winterburg, a weekend camping experience at Forestburg Scout Camp near Port Jervis, NY. Scouting remains a great program that teaches new skills, and reinforces the values of teamwork and community service.

Shrewsbury Recreation Registration Schedule Deadlines

The Shrewsbury Recreation Committee has created a year-round registration schedule with fixed deadlines to simplify the process for families and to make each sports program as enjoyable as possible for the children. The schedule is as follows:

- o Spring (Baseball/Softball) – January 30
- o Summer/Fall (Summer Camp/Soccer/Field Hockey/Flag Football) – June 15
- o Winter (Basketball) – October 30

We will continue to send email reminders to everyone registered on Community Pass, do backpack inserts for children at Shrewsbury Borough School, and post registration dates on the firehouse marquee. To ensure that your child/children can participate, please register by the appropriate date. Team shirts are not guaranteed to participants who sign up late.

If a registration deadline is missed, we will make every attempt to accommodate your child within established team roster limits. After the deadline, if the player can be accommodated, a **late fee of \$100 per family** will be added to the regular registration fees for league sports only. League sports are 2nd through 8th grade softball, 4th through 8th grade baseball, 3rd through 8th grade soccer, and 5th through 8th grade basketball.

Families are encouraged to register online using Community Pass. To register online and pay by credit card, go to www.shrewsburyboro.com and click on "Recreation On-line Registration."

SHREWSBURY RECREATION SURVEY 2009

In the ongoing effort to provide the best recreation opportunities to our community, the Shrewsbury Recreation Committee is looking at the potential of expanding the program offerings for 2009. The Recreation Committee is looking at new programs to serve three areas: youth, teens (H.S.), and adults.

Please take 5 minutes to complete the following survey and indicate your and your family's interest in the following programs. Please use the scale (1) strong interest; (2) some interest; or (3) no interest for each of the programs shown below:

YOUTH (GRADES K – 8)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOWLING | <input type="checkbox"/> SKI TRIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF | <input type="checkbox"/> STREET HOCKEY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LACROSSE | <input type="checkbox"/> ULTIMATE FRISBEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOUNTAIN BIKING | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SKATE BOARDING | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

TEEN (GRADES 9 - 12)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE OF THE BANDS | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHESS | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLLEYBALL NIGHT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DODGEBALL | <input type="checkbox"/> Wii COMPETITION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PING PONG | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SKI TRIP | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

ADULT

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADULT AND MODERN DANCE | <input type="checkbox"/> RESTAURANT TRIPS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK CLUB | <input type="checkbox"/> RUNNING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BROADWAY SHOW | <input type="checkbox"/> SKI TRIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL FITNESS | <input type="checkbox"/> TENNIS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HORSESHOES | <input type="checkbox"/> WINERY TOUR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL TRIPS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Those programs receiving the most interest will be further investigated as potential additions to the Shrewsbury Recreation program list. The results of the survey will be posted on the Rec Committee's website and will also appear in the next addition of this Community Newsletter.

The deadline to complete the survey is January 21, 2009. Please fill out and drop off this form in the Shrewsbury Recreation mailbox at Boro Hall, in the box located at the Shrewsbury Boro School, or log onto Recreation's webpage at <http://www.shrewsburyboro.com/recreation.html> and follow the instructions to filling out the survey.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We look forward to making this a successful complement to the existing programs.

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Eyes For The Needy Donations Update

During the last quarter of 2008, Borough residents have donated an additional 39 pairs of glasses to the Eyes for the Needy program for a total of 112 pairs of glasses. This will be an on going project for the Borough so there is still time to bring your unwanted glasses, sunglasses or hearing aids to the 2nd floor of 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 during this past year. We hope to continue this program throughout 2009 with the same response.

Shrewsbury Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

We hope everyone had a happy, healthy and safe holiday season! The Alliance now has a page on the Boro website. Go to www.shrewsburyboro.com, click Commissions. You will find a list of family/teen websites, current substance abuse issues, events, photos of Red Ribbon Week activities, and our Resource Guide containing numerous helplines. Please check it regularly!

A very important upcoming Event:

What: “Surviving the Teen Years ...Everything You Wanted to Know about your Teen...But were Afraid to Ask!”

When: Thursday, March 26th 7-9 pm

Where: Red Bank Regional High School, Ridge Rd, Little Silver

Who: For any and all parents of teens and pre-teens! Come and bring a friend!

Topics: Teens and the Internet, Teens and Driving, Trends in Adolescent Behavior,

Trends in Substance Abuse, Preparing my Teen for Transition, Boys to Men in the 21st Century

Format: Panel presentations, followed by "break out sessions" by topic for further question/answers by parents

The panelists are representatives from RBR's The Source, RBR's Guidance Department, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, and local teen and family therapists. **Last year we had over 150 parents in attendance!** Please think about attending this year. No matter what middle or high school your child attends.. a teen is a teen. Learn what you need to be a part of their world.

Barnes and Noble will have a table again this year selling books on all our topics. Refreshments supplied by local businesses will also be available. This forum is co-sponsored by your Alliance and RBRHS.

Alliance members regularly attend workshops to better educate ourselves about current substance abuse issues. In November, Ginni O'Dor attended a discussion concerning the seriousness of **Prescription Drug Abuse**. The professional panel included medical experts, drug enforcement agents and substance abuse counselors who pointed out that this abuse often goes undetected/unrecognized due to easy accessibility by people of all ages.

What to look for/signs:

- Finding any medications among personal affects without knowledge of illness
- Visits to online sites that are 'pro-drug' or 'how to obtain'
- Unexplained disappearances of medicines from your medicine cabinet
- Change in behavior, loss of interest in hobbies, declining grades, change in friends, physical appearance

How to prevent/what to do:

- Set an example; do not abuse Rx or OTC medications – follow labels
- Keep an inventory of meds in your house
- Communicate the dangers to your family. **Stop the myth – getting high on Rx or OTC meds is not safer than illicit/illegal street drugs.**
- Properly disposed of unused or expired meds
- If you suspect a problem: **GET HELP.** Many organizations are referenced in our Resource Guide on the webpage, or go to www.drugfree.org to find a treatment option near you, or if you are a parent of an RBR student **The Source** counseling center is a wonderful resource (732) 842-8000.

Did you know:

- About 1 in 5 New Jersey youths grade 9-12 report having used Rx not prescribed to them to get high
- Abusing Rx painkillers is like abusing heroin.** Both are opiates and their ingredients are very similar
- The risk of addiction and death from overdosing is **extremely high**

Shrewsbury Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (continued)

Alcohol Poisoning:

Within the past two months there have been **two NJ youths that have died from alcohol poisoning** on college campuses. These two deaths could have been prevented if someone had called 911 or sought the help of a capable adult. Youth consume alcohol in ways that are very dangerous; they drink more heavily and engage in more binge drinking (5 or more drinks per occasion) than adults. These minors are hesitating to seek medical help in fear of legal charges. Additionally, these youth do not know the warning signs of alcohol poisoning.

Currently there is a bill in the NJ State Legislature; Bill # 3160 is called the 911-Lifeline Legislation.

This bill, if approved, would encourage young people to call for help in the event of an alcohol medical emergency by providing those who call for help and/or are in need of help to be immune from charges otherwise triggered by violation of laws dealing with underage drinking. This bill does not condone the youth use of alcohol but is intending to save lives imperiled as a result.

The Alliance will keep you posted on this legislation. In the meantime please discuss the facts/dangers about alcohol poisoning with your family. Go to www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov for more information.

We welcome any and all ideas about how to best reach out to our community to prevent tragedies relating to alcohol or drug abuse. Please come to one of our meetings (2nd Monday of every month at 7 pm at Boro Hall) or e-mail Karen Lloyd at wildelloyd@aol.com if you have any suggestions. Thank you!

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