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A Message From the Mayor

Many will undoubtedly join me in saying goodbye to this past winter and welcoming spring 2011. The snow, ice, wind and cold presented some major challenges to our Public Works and Emergency Service personnel. When you see these people around town, I hope you will take a moment to thank them for their endless stellar efforts. Also, I want to thank all the homeowners and business owners for their efforts to clear sidewalks and parking areas.

In the next few weeks, Shrewsbury residents will benefit from the improvements made to the tennis courts at Sickles Park, upgrading the ball playing area at Patterson Fields, and seasonal maintenance at Manson Park. Our recreational offerings require that all of us help keep our parks clean and safe.

Recognizing the historic pastoral setting of Shrewsbury and its famed "Historic Four Corners", our Open Space revenues along with support from Green Acres have allowed the borough to secure the development rights for the Bonanno fields. Clearly, this was a prudent investment that will be cherished for many generations.

Our Public Works department will be addressing some of the winter potholes, picking up brush & leaves, and attending to bulk trash pickup. I urge everyone to review the "Borough of Shrewsbury Directory 2011" for the schedule of activities routinely conducted by DPW. Also check the Borough website for any updates.

Currently, the Council Finance Committee is working towards finalizing the annual borough budget. Members of the committee are flushing out the projected expenses for the year while working diligently to best project the income revenues to support our needs. All of us are aware of the current state of our economy. We must live only with what we can afford, not what we think we can afford.

Three long-term employees of the borough have elected to retire—Captain Timothy Spencer and Sergeant Allan Morris from our police department and Foreman Frank Clark from DPW. Join me in thanking these individuals for their many years of service to the Borough of Shrewsbury. May they enjoy their retirement to the fullest and in the best of health.

The next couple of months will bring an array of activities in Shrewsbury. Keep in mind Recycling Day, Arbor Day and Earth Day. Also the Garden Club Plant Sale, the Strawberry Festival, the Costumed Graveyard Tour, and the SPTG Fund Raiser. Please plan to attend the Memorial Day ceremony at Patriot Isle followed by the "Hot Dog & Soda" celebration at the firehouse.

And finally, a huge thank you and round of applause for all the Volunteers who service on boards and commissions to insure that Shrewsbury's quality of life is something we can enjoy and be proud of each and every day of the year.

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 June 10th.

Shrewsbury Police Department

The Shrewsbury Police Department takes great pride in the role we play in keeping our community safe. In these unfortunate economic times, we are seeing an inevitable increase in crime. Law enforcement at every level throughout the world is becoming involved in investigations in areas that we never before had to consider, while continuing to investigate our traditional types of crimes. The Police Department is meeting these challenges head on by providing extended training to our officers, taking advantage of the many resources available in the post-9/11 world of law enforcement and continuing to listen to the concerns of our community. More than ever, the keys to success are our relationship with our law enforcement partners and our community.

In an effort to keep you informed, our technology unit is in the process of updating the police department website located at <http://www.shrewsburyboroughpolice.nj.com/>. Please visit the site regularly for updated information, and let us know what you would like to see. You can reach us under the comments section on the "Contact Us" link.

With the arrival of spring, our Community Policing Unit would like to remind you that we typically see an increase in residential and automobile burglaries at this time of year. Please remember to keep your doors and windows locked, and alarms activated. You should also take advantage of our House Check Program if you plan to travel.

The Traffic Safety Unit asks that you view a short video located at http://www.shrewsburyboroughpolice.nj.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=86&Itemid=175 and remember what's really important in our lives and how one simple step can make such a difference. Please put down your phones, use hands-free devices and be extra careful traveling in and around our school and school crossings to keep our children and crossing guards safe. Each year, bicyclists are killed or injured in New Jersey due to bicycle crashes. Many bicycle deaths result from bicycle vs motor vehicle crashes. However, injuries can and do happen everywhere - from the park, to the bike paths to driveways. To increase your chances of staying injury free, children and adults should wear an approved and properly fitted helmet. NJ law states that children under 17 are required to wear a helmet when bicycling, skateboarding, and roller-skating. Please help us by enforcing this law at home. By wearing a helmet and obeying the rules of the road, you will increase both yours and your child's chances of staying injury free while bike riding. For more information regarding all traffic safety matters please visit www.njsaferoads.com. The members of the Shrewsbury Police Department are committed to keeping our community safe, but cannot do it alone. Help us by being our eyes and ears and, "*if you see something, say something*". Stay safe.

Lt. Louis G. Ferraro



Municipal Court

Shrewsbury Municipal Court is here to help you in matters of the court. Our office hours are Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; stop by the Court office on the first floor of Borough Hall or call us at (732) 842-2868, ext. 100/101.

Should you receive a traffic ticket, please take time to read the instructions on the back of the ticket on how to pay your ticket, or plead "not guilty." Shrewsbury Municipal Court is held every Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the Honorable James E. Berube, Jr. presiding.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or need assistance in a court matter.

*Sydney Lineberry, Certified Municipal Court Administrator
Susan Milnes, Deputy Court Administrator*

Shrewsbury Department of Public Works

Brush Collection

Brush collection has begun, please place brush curbside, at least ten (10) feet from a storm drain. Brush should be in lengths no longer than six (6) feet. Please keep brush and leaves separate as they cannot be collected together. With the severe winter, we are expecting a heavier than normal spring collection. Please be patient as we may not be able to follow the schedule printed in the yearly directory. Please remember that grass clippings are not collected at any time “cut it and leave it”. If you have any questions regarding brush or leaf collection, please contact DPW at 732-741-0522.

Electronic Recycling

As of January 1st, 2011, a disposal ban is in effect for certain consumer electronics. The NJDEP has modified its rules to include certain categories of e-waste. The newly regulated devices are designated as “covered electronic devices” and are no longer permitted in the landfill as solid waste. Under the act, the following type of consumer electronics are classified as CED’S and will no longer be collected curbside.

- Televisions
- Computer monitors
- Laptop Computers
- Desktop Computers
- Telephones with video display over 4 inches

The borough sponsors an electronics recycling day (April 30th) in the spring, please check the website and the marquee at the firehouse for dates so these items can be properly disposed of. The DPW is in the process of getting specifications for a roll-off container to be purchased and placed at the recycling center for the disposal of CED’S. This container will be purchased with funds from the recycling grant provided by the State. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DPW at 732-741-0522.

Robert Wentway, DPW Manager

Office of the Fire Marshal

News Release from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Lasko Recalls Portable Electric Heaters Due To Fire Hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Type of Product: Portable electric heater

Units: About 107,500 units.

Manufacturer: Lasko Products Inc., of West Chester, Pa.

Hazard: An electrical connection in the base of the unit can overheat, causing it to melt and expose the electrical connection, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Lasko received a total of 36 reports of the electrical connection overheating with no reports of injury. There were 18 reports of minor burn damage to floors or carpets.

Description: The portable, electric, tower heaters are 20.5 inches tall x 8.25 inches wide x 9.25 inches deep. They are dark grey with silver front covers and black vent slats. The brand names Lasko or Air King are on the top, center of the front cover. The Lasko Model 5540 and Air King Model 8540 subject to this recall were manufactured in 2002 and have date codes that begin with a “2.” The date code is on the label located on the bottom of the unit. The date code is a four-digit number on the bottom left area of the label, above the voltage number. Heaters with date codes beginning with “3,” “4” or “5” are not subject to this recall.

Sold at: The Lasko Model 5540 was sold at Sam’s Club and other retailers from September 2002 through early 2004 for \$39 to \$49. The Air King Model 8540 was sold primarily through the maintenance, repair and operating products supply company, W.W. Grainger Inc. from late 2002 to 2004 for approximately \$80.00

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the heaters immediately and contact Lasko to receive a free replacement heater.

Consumer Contact: For additional information and pictures of affected models, visit Lasko's website at www.Laskoproducts.com, or call Lasko anytime, toll-free at (800) 363-8044.

CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.saferproducts.gov/CPSRMSPublic/Incidents/ReportIncident.aspx>

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.



Shrewsbury First Aid Squad

- ◆ The Shrewsbury First Aid Squad is accepting applications for the Thomas. P. Maletto Award. This award is presented each year to the graduating high school student from Shrewsbury Borough who best exemplifies selfless dedication to the improvement of the welfare of others. Applications will be mailed to Shrewsbury Borough students graduating from Red Bank Regional.
- ◆ Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad continues to offer residents of Shrewsbury Borough free CPR classes. CPR classes will be offered on Monday, April 11, Monday, May 9 and Monday, June 13 at 6:45 at the First Aid building, located on the corner of Haddon Av. and Laurel St. Email sfacpr@gmail.com if interested. In addition, this May, Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad will continue its CPR instruction of eighth graders. The Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad has instructed eighth graders in CPR for 35 years, covering over 1,200 eighth graders.
- ◆ Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad is grateful for the very generous support the community offered during our fund drive. For 2010, the Shrewsbury First Aid squad responded to 608 calls involving 1,600 hours of service.
- ◆ In conjunction with EMS week, there will be an open house on May 15, 2011 from 1:00 PM through 4:00 PM at the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad Headquarters, on the corner of Haddon Ave. and Laurel St. As part of the festivities, there will be demonstrations from the First Aid Squad, Shrewsbury Police and the Shrewsbury Fire Dept. Additionally, there will be hot dogs, soda and ambulance rides and plenty of activities for the kids. The squad will provide free health screenings to all who attend. Everyone is invited to stop by and find out what your first aid squad is all about.
- ◆ Looking to make a difference in your community? Shrewsbury's First Aid Squad is looking for new members. No experience is necessary. Members receive free training and equipment. Please contact Captain Anthony J. Pellegrino on 732-842-5702 if interested. Applications are also available at the Shrewsbury Borough Clerk's office.



The Clerk's Office

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

Annual School Election

Please be advised that the annual School Election will be held on **Wednesday, April 27, 2011** this year. Please be sure to cast your vote. If you have any questions about your voting district or other issues related to the voting process, please call the Clerk's office at 732-741-4200 x108.

New Rules for Sickles Tennis Courts

*The Borough passed Ordinance #950 on October 18, 2010 to regulate the use and insure the maintenance of the newly renovated tennis courts at Sickles Park. These rules were necessary to protect and preserve our newly renovated tennis courts. Residents should know the following information:

*All players 16 years of age and over must have badges issued by the Clerk's office or they will not be permitted to use the Borough tennis courts. The tennis badges are good from January 1 to December 31 and must be purchased at the Borough Hall.

*The charges for these badges are as follows:

Daily badge for a resident is \$3 - daily badge for a nonresident is \$5. Annual badge for a resident is \$20 - annual badge for a nonresident is \$35. In the event that a family desires more than two resident badges for members of the immediate family, the maximum charge will be \$50, regardless of the number of badges requested by the immediate members of that family.

*In order to reserve a court, players are required to call Borough Hall one day prior to play, after hours, please leave a message with your badge number and time desired for court reservation. For reservations of courts the person making the reservations must possess a current Shrewsbury Borough tennis badge. Reservations for weekends should be made no later than 4:00 PM on Friday.

*Court reservations should be limited to one-hour periods per badge holder. Play will be limited to two hours per day unless open court time permits. Badge holders who have not played that day will have first choice of open court time. In any event, play should be limited to not more than two consecutive hours by badge holders. No one should sign up for court time in the name of another person other than someone in the immediate family.

*Please note that tennis shoes are required. No bicycle riding, skating, skateboarding or any use other than tennis is allowed on the courts. Persons other than actual tennis players are not allowed on the courts. Please note that no pets, playpens, strollers or baby carriage shall be permitted on the courts or within the fence. A court may not be used by more than four players at one time.

*Instructors other than those employed by the Recreation Committee of the Borough of Shrewsbury may not use the courts. Paid instruction is not permitted by a person who is not hired by the Recreation Committee.

*There are penalties for not following these new rules. Please see the Borough website www.shrewsburyboro.com for further information.

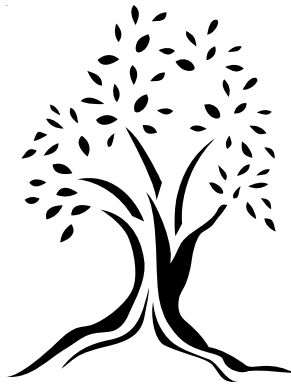
Tax/Finance Office

2011 Homestead Program

The State of New Jersey has changed the Homestead Rebate Program to the Homestead Benefit Program. For 2011, the State will send the total amount of Homestead credits to the Borough. The Borough will credit the eligible resident's second quarter tax bill. At the end of March, the Tax Collector issued an "adjusted" second quarter (May) tax bill to qualified properties. If you do not get an adjusted tax bill, then you did not qualify for the Homestead Benefit Program. If you get the credit and have any questions, please call the Borough Tax Office at 732-741-4200, x111.

ATM Coming to Shrewsbury Municipal Complex

A new ATM machine will be installed in the lobby of the Municipal Complex located at 419 Sycamore Avenue, next to the elevator. There will be no cost with the installation of the machine, and the Borough will receive a small commission. The installation of this ATM will facilitate payments for the Municipal Court and other license and permit fees.



Shade Tree Commission News

Ten trees were planted by the STC in 2010 – eight street trees and two additional pin oaks in the bleacher area at Manson Park ball field to provide much needed shade for spectators. You should contact any STC member or DPW if you have a concern about your street tree or even to determine if the tree in your front yard is a borough tree or not. To keep Shrewsbury's residential roadways pleasant and shade covered, the borough will provide a street tree if there is space in your front yard. Let us know if you feel there is a spot in any of our playgrounds, ball fields or public spaces where a shade tree would make a difference!

This winter's snow storms were particularly tough – not only did we feel the force of blizzard conditions and high winds on several occasions the snowfall accumulation was deeper than usual and lingered for weeks longer than usual. Upper tree branches were largely spared the heavy weight of lingering wet snow and ice but low branches and shrubs were affected by the depth of the snow cover. Many plants that were flattened have sprung back up to normal shape, but other plants will be in need of restoration pruning to remove snapped and broken stems. There are two articles from the Tree Care Industry Association on the STC section of the borough website. For further information on '*Snow and Woody Plants*' and '*Winter Stresses on Trees and Shrubs*' please refer to that site.

*Submitted by
Nancy Schmaltz, STC Chairman*

The Threat of Invasive Non-Native and Native Plant Species as Alternatives

By: Bill Gerth – Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission Member

Invasive non-indigenous (non-native) plants are species that have been introduced from outside their natural geographic range and aggressively migrate into natural plant communities. Non-native plants often lack natural controls from competing species, predators, and diseases resulting in serious problems in their new environments because they spread rapidly, displacing native plants and animals.

Invasive species are considered the earth's greatest threat to biodiversity, 2nd only to outright habitat destruction. The financial impact of invasive plants in the United States it is estimated to be upwards of \$140 billion each year!

In New Jersey, 30 invasive plants have been identified as widespread and threats to natural habitats. The Monmouth County Park System has identified invasive plant species in all 38 county parks. Some of the invasive non-indigenous plant species likely to be found in Shrewsbury include (* denotes commercially available; others mostly wildflowers):

Grasses and Sedges: bamboos (*Bambusa vulgaris*), *Chinese silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*), *Japanese sedge (*Carex kobomugi*), Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*), *wavy-fern basket grass (*Oplismenus hirtellus*)

Herbaceous Forbs: garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), spotted knapweed (*Centaurea biebersteinii*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), *Chinese bush-clover (*Lespedeza cuneata*), *purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), *Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cupidatum*),

Vines: *chocolate vine (*Akebia quinata*), *porcelain berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*), *English ivy (*Hedera helix*), *Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculata*), *black swallow-wort (*Cynanchum louiseae*), *winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*), *Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), mile-a-minute (*Polygonum perfoliatum*), kudzu (*Pueraria montana*),

Shrubs and Subshrubs: *Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), *autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*), *winged burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), *common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), *multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), *wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*), *linden viburnum (*Viburnum dilatatum*),

Trees: *Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), *black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)

A comprehensive listing of widespread and emerging invasive plants along with fact sheets and pictures can be found on the following websites:

- ❖ An Overview of Non-indigenous Plant Species in New Jersey 2004, NJ DEP (www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/InvasiveReport.pdf)
- ❖ Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team (CJISST) (www.cjisst.org).
- ❖ Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas 2nd Ed. 2010, National Park Service (www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/)

The Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team encourages private landowners and public land managers to remove invasive plants and replace them with native plants. Preventing establishment of non-indigenous species is the simplest and most cost-effective way of controlling invasions. Early recognition of the establishment of new populations of invasive non-indigenous plant species is key to successful control and containment. When invasive plant populations are still small, they can be removed manually, without having to use herbicides that could harm adjacent plants and without creating too much disturbance to the habitat.

The Threat of Invasive Non-Native and Native Plant Species as Alternatives continued...

There are plenty of plants that are native to Monmouth County. A variety of online sources are available to help residents learn about native alternatives to invasive plants. The Native Plant Society of New Jersey (www.npsnj.org), the National Park Service (www.nps.gov), as well as CJISST provide control guidance and lists of alternative native plants organized by habitat. A small selection of native shrubs and trees include:

Herbaceous Forbs: blazing star (*Liatris spicata*), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)

Shrubs and Subshrubs: arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*), highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier*), winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*), witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Trees: birch (*Betula*), flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), redbud (*Cercis Canadensis*)

The US Department of Agriculture (www.plants.usda.gov) maintains a database of native trees and tall shrubs for Monmouth County. Select 'I want to' and click on 'See a list of plants in my state'. Your local nursery can also be a great resource for native plants.

The Shade Tree Commission encourages residents to learn to identify New Jersey's invasive plant species, to remove them from your property, and to grow plants that are native to New Jersey.

Environmental Commission

Wolf Den of the Shrewsbury Pack Cub Scouts Take on a Conservation Project

Nine second grade boys in the Wolf Den are asking the Shrewsbury community to help save trees, water, and energy. The young environmentalists will make presentations to their classes to request the children ask their parents to cancel any unwanted catalogs that arrive at their homes between now and Earth Day. Canceling 60 unwanted catalogs saves 1 tree. Data shows it takes 3 gallons of water to make 1 catalog and canceling one catalog saves 6 more from subsequently arriving at your home. It also saves energy and emissions. The den will display the project at the Earth Day Fair and Electronics Recycling event on April 30, 2011 to encourage the residents of Shrewsbury to do the same. Their goal is to spur the community at large to partake in this simple but effective conservation project.

Shrewsbury Garden Club - BUILD A RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 21, 9:30 – 11:30 at the Shrewsbury Hose Company # 1

Participants will build their own rain barrel and learn how to install it at home. Placed under a downspout next to the house to collect rain water from the roof, a 50 gallon rain barrel can be used to water your garden and flower pots, and helps to conserve water, reduce your water bill, and reduce pollution flowing into local streams.

Deadline for registration and payments is May 7. Workshop fee is \$45.00 Class size is limited, so register early. All tools and materials will be provided. Your finished rain barrel will fit in the back of most vehicles.

For further information email: robinblair1@cs.com.

Sponsored by Shrewsbury Garden Club & the Shrewsbury EC

Shrewsbury Boro School Builds a Rain Garden

MAST students are working together with the Shrewsbury EC and Rutgers Master Gardeners to create a rain garden at the school. Located near the bell circle, the garden will contain colorful native New Jersey plants and will serve as an educational tool for students and residents. Rain gardens are important because they reduce the amount of rain water that flows untreated into storm drains and ultimately into our lakes and streams. The rain garden will be installed during the spring of 2011. Further information will be available at the Earth Day Fair. Please come by for a visit! For more information, please contact Sallyann Jauch at jauchs@sbs.k12.nj.us.

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

Saturday – April 30th
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!

- ☉ Games and crafts for the kids
- ☉ Refreshments, prizes and samples
- ☉ Green companies and products
- ☉ Plant sale and free tree seedlings
- ☉ 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

Parents play a major role in their children's choices about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. In a recent national survey of parents and teens by Columbia University, one-third of teen partygoers have been to parties where teens were drinking, smoking pot or using other illicit drugs while a parent was present. By age 17, 46% of teens have been at such parties where parents were present.

Parents Who Host, Lose the Most is a public awareness campaign used to provide accurate information to our parents and teens about the legal consequences of underage drinking and providing alcohol to our youth. Parents can protect themselves and their teens by following the guidelines outlined in the leaflet sent home in our latest Community Directory (copies on our webpage). We encourage you to send a unified message that teen alcohol consumption is not acceptable. It is illegal, unsafe and unhealthy.

Research shows that many parents are just as ambivalent about their teen's use of **marijuana**. Some consider it risk free and are more concerned about other illicit drugs. Please keep in mind the following:

- The THC level in today's pot, due to the way it is grown, is 10x stronger than 40 yrs ago
- One joint can be 4x toxic than one cigarette.
- Drugged driving is just as dangerous as drunk driving

Tips and strategies to help ensure our children remain healthy and drug free:

- Establish rules with clear consequences.** Kids look to parents for guidance, goals and expectations. Teens say their parents' disapproval is the top reason they don't try drugs and alcohol.
- Communicate with parents of your child's friends.** Make sure they are going to be home and they are supervising...especially during sleep-overs. Call to see if your child can bring something as a way to start the conversation.
- Ask questions and know their friends.**
- Lock up your prescription drugs, OTC cold medicines and alcohol.**
- When you are hosting a gathering with teens protect yourself and the teens by observing what is coming into your home.** Ask that large backpacks/purses be left in a common area.
- Be a good role model.** In the latest survey, kids who say they have seen their parents drunk are more likely to experiment.

Being a parent of a teen in this environment is tough. We suffer from peer pressure from other more liberal parents to turn a blind's eye. Stand up to what you believe is right for your child. There are other parents who do believe as you do. Starting to drink and experiment with drugs at the age of 14 is not a good omen for their health in later years. Please remember that what you do matters, what you say matters, what you expect matters to your children.

Current Projects

-Update of our **Resource Guide to Drug, Alcohol Abuse and other Health Services in Monmouth County.** This guide has been invaluable to many of our residents. We expect this to be completed by next quarter. Check our Boro webpage for updates. A number we wish to highlight for our residents is the 24/7 Mobile Response number (1-877-652-7624). Funded by the State, this is a 24 hr service providing emergency response care for children and adolescents through 18 yrs of age who are experiencing emotional or behavioral crisis'. (Please continue to dial 9-1-1 for medical emergencies).

National News:

March 20-26 was **National Poison Prevention Week**. In NJ, unintentional poisonings is second to motor vehicles crashes as a leading cause of unintentional death. Poison Control (1-800-222-1222) would like us to remind you of the dangers in your home that lead to unintentional poisonings of families and their pets: medicines (prescript./OTC), cleaners, cosmetics. Please lock up and/or properly dispose of any risks you see in your home. See Alliance webpage for proper disposal methods for unwanted, unused, expired prescription/OTC drugs.

Warnings:

Poison Control Centers in over 25 states, especially in the Deep South and West, reporting teens and young adult **fatal abuse of powdered bath salts**. Sold in convenience stores/internet the powders are being snorted, injected or smoked. The effects are as powerful as abusing methamphetamines with some expressing that the hallucinations/visions/suicidal thoughts are more terrifying than those experienced with heroin or crack. If not initially fatal, the psychological damage is long lasting. Go to our webpage on the boro website under "news" for more information on this new danger.

The Alliance meets the 2nd Monday of March, June, September and December at 7:30 pm at Boro Hall. Please join us!

Planning Board

During the last quarter of 2010, the Planning Board approved a 77 unit condominium development on Shrewsbury Ave & Patterson Ave. to be developed by K Hovnanian. Construction is targeted to begin in April.

A *Reexamination Report* to the Master Plan for the Borough is scheduled during 2011. The review will take a broad look at each of the zones throughout the Borough, which will allow the board to determine if any changes or improvements need to be made.

Seashore Estates, Ave at the Common, was approved for a 3 Phase Construction Plan, allowing the developer to proceed with a 67 unit age restricted development. Phase I will proceed within in the next few months.

Zoning Board

Qdoba Mexican Grill, located in the Shrewsbury Plaza, was approved as a new restaurant use along with new site work throughout the plaza and at both entrances at Broad Street & Shrewsbury Ave.

Pops Garage, located in Grove West was approved for a new restaurant use with an outdoor eating area.

Fuji Japanese Restaurant located in Staples Plaza, Broad Street, approved for the expansion of the restaurant into a larger space within the plaza.

Staples Plaza, Broad Street, was approved for new site work & new signs at both entrances on Broad Street & Ave at the Commons which will welcome the new user Traders Joes into the plaza.

Board of Health

Please refer to the Borough Website www.shrewsburyboro.com for any health alerts and any important information from the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission.

Any questions regarding the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Board of Health should be directed to Lorraine Kelleher @ lkelleher@shrewsburyboro.com.

Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders

We were recently treated to an impressive Valentine's program hosted at Shrewsbury Boro School by the students, staff, and PTO~every minute was a delight! Our March meeting featured an in-house luncheon by Stokers Deli, with a homegrown game of Jeopardy, a segment on town "Reminiscences" and "A Moment with our Mayor". April has us looking forward to a program on the 14th from the historian at Fort Monmouth . . . and we know that in June we'll be dining at the Molly Pitcher Inn. Come join us . . . for information on visiting or becoming a member please call Roger LeValley (732/747-5617), Membership Chair, or Carolyn Alt (732/531-5557), President; **we'd love to have you share in the fun!**

Shrewsbury Historical Society

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is the beneficiary of two generous donations to provide for repainting the entrance foyer, the reception area, two bathrooms, two hallways, and the kitchen/work area. The lighter color, "Navajo Aura" presents an up-to-date brightness that is welcoming and inviting to members and guests of SHS. Several wall hangings (photos, maps, certificates, etc) take on a renewed life with the improved lighting. And the models of the Allen House, Christ Church, The Presbyterian Church, and the former Shrewsbury Post Office capture the eye of all visitors.

SHS welcomes individuals and groups (school classes, scouts, etc) to view the displays and to learn more about the history of Shrewsbury. If interested, appointments can be made by calling 732-747-3635.

2011-2012 Shrewsbury Borough School Budget

In building the 2011-2012 School District Budget, the Board and the School Administration have developed a budget that maintains the district's commitment to excellence while maintaining a delicate balance of supporting high quality programs and remembering its fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Shrewsbury.

The district has managed to accomplish this and bring the proposed budget in at a 1.9% increase in the tax levy. This is below the state mandated maximum tax levy cap of 2%.

With this in mind, the Board of Education and the School Administration have prioritized the elements of the budget to enable our students to meet the ever increasing challenges of the future. We must provide them with the most advanced curricula, up to date textbooks and online support, engaging software and increased access to technology coupled with the best instructional practices. These best practices are delivered by a staff who is thoroughly engaged in the process of educating each of our children. Through extensive staff development opportunities, staff members are infusing new learning experiences into the classroom. Additional instructional support from a new reading program and specialist will also help student achievement on all levels.

The district team has also reinstated school wide activities into the proposed 2011-2012 budget such as Yearbook, Student Council, Literary Magazine and Safety Patrol. When the revised state aid was released, the district was also able to matched the generous donation of the SYAA from the 2010-2011 school year for the various sports programs in order keep costs for the district's 2011-2012 pay to play sports program at bay.

The budget has been diligently scrutinized. All areas of the budget have been considered for the possibility of reduction, program consolidation or elimination. Implemented cut backs include Board and Administrative conferences, grade reconfiguration, consolidated programs, discretionary spending for supplies, maintenance items and professional and legal services. This process has resulted in over \$283,000 in cuts.

Other factors contributing to the slight proposed tax increase for the 2011-12 school year include increases in contractual obligations including salaries (which are still in negotiations) and benefits as well as increases the district's mandated state pension payment obligation, increases in special education and the expiration of federal stimulus initiatives.

The General Tax Fund levy is \$6,701,264 and equates to a 3.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value increase in General Fund School Tax Rate.

The polls will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27th, 2011.

Brent MacConnell, Superintendent

Debi Avento, Business Administrator

<u>2010-2011 BUDGET</u>		<u>2011-2012 BUDGET</u>	
Anticipated State Aid:	38,908	Anticipated State Aid:	108,391
Appropriation of Fund Balance:	20,326	Appropriation of Fund Balance:	20,191
Estimated Tuition	62,000	Estimated Tuition from Programs:	77,000
Miscellaneous Revenue:	15,000	Miscellaneous Revenue:	1,800
Capital Project Interest:	10	Capital Project Interest:	10
Taxes to be Raised:	\$6,576,314	Taxes to be Raised	\$6,701,264
Total General Fund Budget:	\$6,712,558	Total General Fund Budget:	\$6,908,656
Tax Rate for the 2011-2012 School Year: 3.3 cents per \$100 assessed value			

Shrewsbury Borough School News

Shrewsbury Homesteader's Visit SBS for Valentine's Day Celebration!

On February 10th, the Shrewsbury Homesteaders held their monthly meeting at SBS. For many Homesteaders this was a homecoming and an opportunity to visit SBS to learn more about our students and our programs. With help from the Shrewsbury Parent Teacher Group, Homesteaders enjoyed an assortment of baked goods and coffee and lots of student entertainment. Our guests were treated to a medley of student instrumental and vocal performances from the Shrewsbury Band, our Kindergarten classes, our First Grade classes, and our Second Grade classes. The Homesteaders also learned about a several of our academic programs as Seventh Grade students presented "Power Cereal" projects and our MAST Program students discussed upcoming plans for our Rain Garden. It was an honor to have the Homesteaders at SBS as our guests and we look forward to working with them into the future as we develop a Reading Buddies Program in our elementary grades and a Social Studies Guest Speaker program in our middle school. This was truly a wonderful day for our students and the Shrewsbury Homesteaders! Many thanks to the faculty and staff at Shrewsbury Borough School for their hard work to make our guests feel right at home.

•Inter-District Strings Festival

Red Bank Regional High School hosted an Inter-District String Festival on Friday, February 11, 2011 with the following local schools participating: Shrewsbury Borough School, Little Silver Markham Place and Point Road Schools, Red Bank Elementary and Middle Schools, and Red Bank Regional High School. The evening concert was a display of youthful talent, and was very well received by an enthusiastic audience. This is the second year Shrewsbury Borough School violin students participated in this event, and we hope it's the beginning of a long tradition. We currently have students from grades 3-8 participating under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Bradshaw. Congratulations to all of our talented strings performers!

•Read Across America

The students of Shrewsbury Borough School participated in the celebration of the National Education Association's Read Across America Declaration of Reading Independence on March 2, 2011. This was part of a nationwide program to encourage reading as a tool of growth and learning. From 2:36 to 2:51 pm, all students stopped their daily activities and began their reading, whether silent reading, independent, or class reading; we all celebrated the joy of reading. Students in our elementary grades enjoyed several guest readers and activities to celebrate the joy of reading and the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Parent volunteers from the SPTG helped organize the day with a variety of activities for our students and some truly tasty refreshments for all of our readers!

•Career Day 2011

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students enjoyed a wonderful Career Day on March 11, 2011 at SBS. With a guest list that featured parents and community members from a variety of professions and fields, students had the opportunity to learn more about careers that they might like to pursue in the future. Guests included a professional artist, both criminal and civil attorneys, a physical therapist, a veterinarian, a writer and creative director, a professional carpenter, a Special Agent for the FBI, a strategic business director, a certified financial planner, a vice president of sales and marketing in the coffee industry, a vice president and head of human resources for a large publishing house, a member of the New Jersey EMS Task Force, and a Federal Immigration Judge. SBS would like to thank the Shrewsbury Parent Teacher Group's Career Day Committee for their hard work and efforts to organize this year's event. We also thank our honored guests for sharing their time, expertise, and past. We are grateful for their help in making event extremely successful! Held every other year, Career Day is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about how education is important in every career field.

•Rain Garden Plans for Shrewsbury Borough School

MAST students, a group of fifth through eighth graders at Shrewsbury Borough School, have been busy preparing for the creation of a Rain Garden for their school. After researching the benefits of such a garden and becoming familiar with plants that are native to New Jersey, they have begun to draw final plans. The MAST students have worked with a group of Master Gardeners as well as Shrewsbury's Environmental Commission and DPW to organize the project. Why create such a garden? Among other benefits, rain gardens improve the quality of ground water by filtering the pollutants from runoff water that would otherwise continue into nearby bodies of water. The actual installation is scheduled for this May. The students are planning to present an informational exhibit at Shrewsbury Borough School's Enrichment Fair on April 14 and 15 as well as at Shrewsbury's Earth Day Fair located on the grounds of the Municipal Center on April 30.

•2011 Monmouth County Superintendent's Teacher Recognition Program

Mrs. Gail Arek has been selected as the Shrewsbury Borough School's 2011 Monmouth County Superintendent's Teacher Recognition Program. Mrs. Arek has been with SBS for over 16 years as a primary grade teacher and she currently teaches in the second grade. Previously, Mrs. Arek worked in the Elizabeth School District. Mrs. Arek was selected from a pool of very accomplished and capable educators on our faculty and is recognized for her excellence in the classroom as well as her care and concern for all of her students. We are pleased to offer Mrs. Arek our congratulations for a job well done!

Shrewsbury Students Excel at RBR

Red Bank Regional High School has been selected twice by New Jersey Magazine as a top high school in New Jersey and by Newsweek Magazine as among the top 6% of high schools in the nation. Shrewsbury students compose approximately 20% of the RBR population, yet they thrive and excel taking advantage of many of RBR's special programs and activities. In the past few months, RBR has recognized many Shrewsbury students for their outstanding accomplishments. The Academy of Information

Technology students have been very successful in regional competitions. At the Future Business Leaders of American Regional Conference, Shrewsbury's **Jack Kelleher** placed first place in CyberSecurity, **Colin Mahns** and **Josh Eddy** took first place in Networking Design, while **Adam Cotenoff** and **Josh Eddy** took second place honors in CyberSecurity and Technology Concepts, respectively. These students will soon compete in state level competitions. The same group of students comprised four of the six members of *Team Mantrap* to compete in the Air Force's CyberPatriot Competition and were one of only 12 teams in the nation (the only team in the Eastern United States) to advance to the national competition which takes place in Washington D.C. in April.

Jack Kelleher, a multi-talented individual, also performs regularly in RBR performing arts events. This year, Jack and his VPA classmates, **Katie Robinson** and **Alicia Moeller** were the Shrewsbury students among the eleven RBR students selected to the prestigious All-Shore Academy, where the best of the shore region comprise an honor chorus.

One of RBR's greatest athletic achievements this year was brought in by Shrewsbury resident and championship RBR swimming sprinter **Tyler Conley** who placed 1st in the 50 and 100 sprint categories in Monmouth County and 1st and 2nd in these categories for the Shore Conference. In the recent State swimming competitions, he placed 2nd in the 50 (missing first by .01 seconds!) and broke the RBR school record. Amazingly, this all-round athlete has only been swimming competitively for two years!

Shrewsbury students participating in the regional UN Conference were also very successful. Among the six students who brought home accolades, **Grace Cosgrove** achieved the highest honor as one of only 27 students (out of 1500) selected as delegate to the prestigious Conference on National Affairs to be held in North Carolina in July. **Sarah Pieringer** was honored as Outstanding First Year Delegate and **Andrew Kamp** was selected as Youth secretariat.

There are many other students achieving great things each day at RBR, please visit our website, www.rbrhs.org, where we celebrate their accomplishments on our home page.





3rd Annual Future Bucs Basketball and Soccer Program

Sponsored by
The Recreation Departments of
Little Silver, Red Bank & Shrewsbury

Open To All Boys and Girls entering the 7th & 8th Grade in
September 2011 who reside in Little Silver, Red Bank or Shrewsbury



Basketball

5 Thursday nights from June 30th - July 28th
6:00-10:00 pm at the Red Bank Middle School

Soccer

5 Tuesday nights from June 28th - July 26th
Red Bank location to be announced.



These are limited-space programs jointly sponsored by the main RBR High School sending districts. Interested players from the 3 towns will be equally mixed to form 4 teams for boys and 4 teams for girls. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will open around May 5, 2011 and will close on June 15, 2011.

Please contact us at futurebucs@comcast.net or by text to Mr. Prown at 908-902-2203 for more information. If you wish to be placed on our contact list, please send us an email with the following information:

Parent's/Guardian's Name
Parent's/Guardian's email address
Phone Number Student's Name
Grade Entering in September, 2011
Sport of Interest

***State Government and Your Local Property Taxes:
(What Residents & Businesses Should Consider)***

In an effort to help municipalities and their residents to better understand the connection between what happens (and doesn't happen) in our State Capital and their property tax bills, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities has updated their popular brochure entitled, "State Government & Your Local Property Taxes: What Residents & Business Should Consider." You can go to the Borough website at www.shrewsburyboro.com and click on Borough News on the main page, or you can go to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities website at <http://www.njslom.org/documents/Property-Tax-Bro2011.pdf>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Dates to Remember

April 9	Borough Budget Workshop, 9:00 a.m.
April 9	SYAA Baseball/Softball Opening Day, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. @ SBS
April 11	CPR classes at 6:45 p.m. at the First Aid building, located on the corner of Haddon Av. and Laurel St.
April 14	Homesteaders
April 16	Recreation Easter Egg Hunt, Gopher Field, 9:30 a.m. prompt
April 16	Easter Egg Hunt, First Assembly of God Church 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For children up to age 12, Games, Prizes, Easter Eggs, Fun for All!
April 27	Annual School Election, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
April 29	Arbor Day
April 30	Earth Day
April 30	Computer & Electronics Recycling Drive 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Municipal Complex
April 30	Operation Take Back New Jersey. Dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
April 30-May 1	Weekend in Old Monmouth
May	"Click It or Ticket Month"
May 3	Blood Drive
May 9	CPR classes at 6:45 p.m. at the First Aid building, located on the corner of Haddon Av. and Laurel St.
May 15	First Aid Squad Open House
May 21	Build a Rain Barrel Workshop 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1
May 30	Memorial Day Celebration, Patriot Isle
June 13	CPR classes at 6:45 p.m. at the First Aid building, located on the corner of Haddon Av. and Laurel St.



For the Shrewsbury Borough School Calendar of Events please go to:
<http://sbs.k12.nj.us/sbs/Month%20at%20a%20Glance%202010-2011>