



Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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2012 Newsletter Deadlines

March 10
June 10
September 10
December 10



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

Mayor and Council

A Message From the Mayor

Shrewsbury's Holiday Season sure passed by quickly but not before the Boro sparkled in celebration. Our local businesses were tastefully attired with festive decorations. The Municipal Center saw the talents of members of the Shrewsbury Garden Club at its best with their creative colorful displays. The recently transplanted tree removed from a hidden site by the ball fields to its new home adjacent to "The Gazebo"; coupled with its new lights, brightened the evening skies. The annual "Tree Lighting" brought together an array of Shrewsbury Folks to make it unquestionably one of the best attended celebrations. A special thank you to co-chairs Karen Hepburn-Goldberg and Kimberly Gittines for championing this event. Also, a special thank you to the local merchants, the many Shrewsbury Boro support services, and the families who contributed time, energy and resources for a spectacular evening.

For the first time, the "Festival of Lights" (Chanukah) celebration incorporated the lighting of the Shrewsbury Menorah now to become an annual tradition. A thank you is certainly due to Pam Hemel who championed this inspirational event.

Year end brought us the completion of the *Community Forest Management Plan* after many hours of work by members of the Shade Tree Commission lead by Chair Nancy Schmaltz. The *Environmental Resource Inventory*, a critical component of moving Shrewsbury towards classification as a Sustainable New Jersey Community, was completed by the Environmental Commission's Green Team lead by Jill Gwydir. In addition, the *Master Plan Re-Examination Report* was prepared by the Planning Board, championed by Libby Andia Waterbury, for subsequent approval by Shrewsbury's governing body. The Board of Health conducted another successful *Blood Drive* driven by the energy and commitment of Board member Carolann McLoughlin and her fellow board members. A tremendous round of applause for all the volunteer hours put forth with these efforts all destined to benefit Shrewsbury's businesses and residents. Volunteerism surely shines in Shrewsbury. THANK YOU!

Let us not leave this past year without thanking all our Military personnel and families for their respective roles in protecting our country. As the U.S. Mission in Iraq ends, let us not forget the cost was high—4,487 U.S. lives were lost, 102 had ties with New Jersey, 32,226 Americans were wounded in action, at a cost to the U.S. of more than \$800 billion. Thankfully, with a low-key ceremony in Baghdad on December 15, a flag was furled to signal the official conclusion to one of the most divisive wars in American History.

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 March 10th.

Shrewsbury Police Department

Chief Halsey



It is with deep sadness that the Shrewsbury Police Department announces the untimely passing of Retired Chief of Police Robert Halsey. Chief Halsey passed away peacefully on December 1, 2011 while vacationing with friends in Pennsylvania. Bob joined the Shrewsbury Police Department in September of 1969 and faithfully served the Shrewsbury community for 31 years. Throughout his tenure, Bob served in every rank in the department including serving as the borough's first Detective. Bob advanced through the ranks and was appointed as Chief of Police in December 1997. During his tenure as Chief, Bob was instrumental in the purchase of several Automated External Defibrillators which were kept in the police cars for use in life threatening cardiac emergencies. He oversaw the installation of Mobile Vision Cameras in all police cars (a first for the area) as well as the purchase of hand held metal detectors for the safe searching of suspects. Bob was also an integral part of the planning and subsequent building of the Shrewsbury Municipal Center. Bob's infectious smile and sharp sense of humor were always evident around the police department. As the head of the department, he never forgot what it was like to be a road cop. Rookie officers, often assigned to work long shifts away from family and friends on holidays, were *always* invited to stop by the Halsey residence for holiday meals prepared for them by Bob and his loving wife Barbara. Even after his retirement in 2000, Bob served as a valuable source of information and advice for active officers, both young and old. He

SPD Gets New Look



The Shrewsbury Police Department has acquired two new gray 2012 Dodge Charger Police Vehicles, which were placed in service this December. One of the Chargers will be equipped with the new Automatic License Plate Reader. The vehicles will also have a half cage partition between one seat installed for the safety of the officers which will allow more space for the first aid equipment. In addition, the Borough was able to reuse most of the equipment from the previous vehicles. These Dodge Chargers will replace two of the older white Ford Crown

Victoria Police Interceptors. The Crown Victoria has been discontinued. The cost to the Borough will be comparable to prior years.

Police Promotions

The Police Committee has reviewed and recommended to the Mayor and Council and the Chief of Police that Patrolman Michael J. Gallagher be promoted to the rank of Sergeant Grade 4, and Acting Detective Robert G. Turner be promoted to the Rank of Detective Sergeant Grade 4. Congratulations to these officers in their new positions as they were sworn in on November 1, 2011.

Shrewsbury First Aid Squad Recognizes Local Businesses

Shrewsbury First Aid presented three local businesses with a recognition plaque for their extraordinary support and outstanding service. Shawn Gatta, the owner of "The Detail Doctor" was recognized for detailing our two ambulances for many years without remuneration. Robert Megaro, President and Founder of "Monmouth Building Center" was recognized for supplying materials so headquarters could be improved. Finally, Nick Mazza, Owner/Operator of "Acme Locksmith" was recognized for drastically improving headquarter's security. All three are being added to the First Aid Squad's "Diamond Club" display in headquarters. Thank you to all the residents and businesses of Shrewsbury for your continued support. Shrewsbury First Aid is dependent on donations from all of you for our annual budget. Without your strong support, we wouldn't be able to meet the needs of our Borough Residents and Businesses. Our 2011 Fund Drive is nearing its end. Thank you to all who contributed and please keep us in mind for your year-end donations. 2

Shrewsbury Department of Public Works

SNOW REMOVAL PROCESS

The Borough's primary objective during snow events is to provide as much vehicular (especially emergency vehicles) access to the roads as possible with the manpower and equipment that is available. With that said, the greater the snow event - the more challenging the task. Here are some points that need to be remembered:

- The Borough applies salt and sand to the roadways when the snow/ice begins to adhere to the surface of the road.
- Once there is approximately two (2) inches of snow on the road surface, the plowing starts.
- The Borough is broken up into zones specific to snow plowing with vehicles assigned to each plow zone. There is a misconception that once the snow stops, the roads should be completely clear of snow. In actuality once the snow stops falling, it generally takes a few more hours to clean the roadways. An especially large snow event can take even longer to complete a cleanup.
- It is important to know that a snow plow pushes the snow, they cannot remove it. As the plow pushes the snow off the roadway, it creates a windrow (mound of snow) off to the side of the road being cleared. Unfortunately, this snow is going to end up on or in front of driveways and perhaps sidewalks.
- The Borough attempts to clear the road to the curb whenever possible.
- Once the snowstorm ends, the road clearing must continue. This process will push snow further to the curb. During this process it is unfortunate, but unavoidable, that driveways will once again be blocked by snow.
- In the event there is a fire, medical or police emergency on any road, the Department of Public Works will "lead" the emergency vehicles to the emergency site if necessary with a plow or plows.

The residents can assist in this process by:

- Not parking on the road until the plowing is complete.
- Not throwing snow that is shoveled into the roadway.
- Not plowing their driveways onto the road surface.

Robert Wentway C.P.W.M., Shrewsbury DPW Manager

Code Enforcement

All Snow and Ice must be removed from all sidewalks within 24 hours after the cessation of the snowfall or formation of ice. Please have all homes & buildings clearly marked with address numbers or an alphabet letter (if applicable). It is recommended that signage be a minimum of 4 inches so it can be visible from the street or roadway to assist our Emergency Services. In addition, all cars must be taken off the street to allow snow plowing of the roads.

Farewell Frankie

The Borough has lost a loyal, dedicated public servant. We mourn the loss of Frank Dancey who passed away at his home, surrounded by his family after a short illness. Frank was born and raised in Asbury Park. He attended Holy Spirit Grammar School and graduated in 1940 from Asbury Park High School. During WWII, he served with the Army Air Force from 1942-1945 in North Africa and Italy as a ball turret gunner in a B-17 bomber, flying 51 missions. After the war, Frank became a guard in a government building where he met his wife, Stella. He worked as a carpenter for independent contractors, and later joined Carpenters Local 2250 in Red Bank. He was employed there until his retirement in 1985. Frank was a member of the Shrewsbury Hose Company for 60 years, where he served as Chief in 1959 and 1965. He was the oldest surviving member at the time of his death. Frank was an avid gardener and a frequent patron of local garage sales, and enjoyed surf fishing on the Jersey Shore. Always in our hearts, and never forgotten!



Clerk's Office

Reminder to Borough Pet Owners!

Borough Code Chapter 67 states that all dogs and cats in Shrewsbury must be registered with the Clerk's Office. **The 2012 Dog and Cat license renewals were mailed out the first week of January. Please return these into the Clerk's Office as soon as possible!** Late fees begin to accrue at \$5 per month (per animal) beginning February 7th. **State law requires that all licensed pets be current on their rabies vaccines at least through 11/1/2012.** When you go to vaccinate your pet keep that date in mind to ease this renewal process for you in the future. Most vets believe that vaccinating early coming off of a 3 yr shot, to get their rabies in line with the licensing dates and avoiding late fees, will not affect the health of the animal. Of course, the health of each animal is different and you must talk to your vet. Feel free to call (732) 741-4200 x 109 if you have any questions.

Rabies vaccines can be obtained from one of the following sources:

*-Private veterinary practices

*-West Long Branch Community Center (sponsored by the SPCA) @ 116 Locust Avenue at Parker Road, **every Friday (10:30-2:00 pm) for \$28.00.** Call 732-542-0040 for more information. Please note: this location replaces the SPCA in Eatontown

*-Free MCRHC Rabies Clinics. See Boro website or www.mcrhc.org for dates

If for some reason your pet's rabies will expire before 11/1/2012 and you and your veterinarian do not believe the pet is healthy enough to get a current shot, you may be exempt from this vaccine requirement as long as we have a fully completed NJ Department of Health Certificate of Exemption from Rabies Vaccination form on file. This form can be downloaded from the Clerk's section of the Borough website (www.shrewsburyboro.com). For your pet to be exempt, the form must have a veterinarian's signature and the certificate must say that it is valid until 11/1/2012 to be acceptable in the eyes of the state.

Zoning Officer Retires After Many Years of Dedicated Service

The Borough will be losing an essential employee in January, Zoning Officer Jerome Donlon. Mr. Donlon will be retiring after 10 years of dedicated employment. He is a graduate of City College in New York and attended Rutgers University in conjunction with the New Jersey Planning Officials (NJPO). Jerry as he is known to us was the consummate professional. Always honest, fair, and not only dedicated to his career but to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed, and we wish Jerry all the best in his retirement. Jerry's responsibilities will now be distributed to existing staff members.

Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders

Our numbers are growing! We finished last year with a flourish at our Holiday Luncheon in December at the Molly Pitcher Inn. We're now back on our regular meeting schedule of the 2nd Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall at Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church and gearing up for a bus trip April 17th to Tomasello Winery in Hammonton, NJ for lunch and a show followed by wine tasting. For information on joining or visiting, please call Roger LeValley (732/747-5617), Membership Chair, or Carolyn Alt (732/531-5557), President.

Is There a Community Garden in Shrewsbury's Future?

Have you ever considered growing your own vegetables but don't have enough space or experience to create and maintain your own garden plot? Are you interested in learning more about creating a healthy, sustainable community garden in Shrewsbury? Members of the Shrewsbury Garden Club invite you to join them at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, as they host a public forum on "A Future Shrewsbury Community Garden". Organizers from the Oceanport and Tinton Falls Community Gardens will be on hand to share their experiences of planting and maintaining successful community gardens; along with members of the Borough's environmental commission and newly formed community garden committee headed by Tim Thomas. Topics to be covered include: where to best locate a community garden, costs associated with the project, funding, educational and volunteer components. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information, contact Maureen Collins at 732-747-2328 or visit the Shrewsbury Garden Club's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/shrewsburygardenclub. 4

Environmental Commission News

Sustainable Jersey Certification: The Green Team submitted the Borough's application to the Sustainable Jersey Certification program at the end of December. After nearly a year's worth of work, the Borough accumulated more than 170 points and completed 13 different environmental actions, including an Anti-Idling Campaign, a rain garden, an energy audit of the municipal buildings, a tree and woodlands management study and an Earth Day Fair, just to name a few. The application will be reviewed by state representatives during the winter months and the Borough should be advised of its status in late winter. Thanks to the Green Team, Borough personnel and volunteers for all their hard work!!

ERI Updated: The Environmental Commission's Environmental Resource Index, a written summary of the Borough's resources, was revised and updated over the last few months. This is the third update and was done as part of the Sustainable Jersey program. The ERI is now available for public view on the Borough's website on the EC web page and two desk copies are available at the Clerk's office. We encourage you to review this document and related maps to gain a better understanding of Shrewsbury's history, its environmental treasures and challenges for protecting our resources. Special thanks to Cranmer Engineering for donating the maps and Sue Binns for all her hard work.

EC Email List: If you would like to receive news and information regarding Environmental Commission events and activities, as well as general environmental happenings, please send your email address to shrewsbury.envcomm@gmail.com and request to be added to our email list. We will **not** forward your email address to any other organization, **nor will we send any spam or advertising to you.**

SAVE THE DATE!! Put Saturday, April 21, 2012 on your calendar! The EC will be holding its annual Electronics Recycling and Earth Day Fair at the Borough Hall. Residents are invited to drop off their unwanted electronics and enjoy the many green displays, vendors, and give aways.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING: Residents can now drop off unwanted cell phones at the DPW. A disposal bin is inside the DPW office; simply advise a DPW employee that you have a phone for disposal and they will drop it in the bin for you.

New Jersey Shade Tree Federation's 86th Annual Conference

Members of the Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission attended the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation 86th Annual Conference this past October. Highlights follow:

- Dr. Edward Gilman, Professor of Urban Trees and Landscape Plants at the University of Florida, provided three keynote talks on tree pruning. Dr. Gilman recommends pruning trees when young to promote a strong central leader. He also advocates slicing or shaving young roots soon after transplanting to pre-empt root girdling and promoting good horizontal root structure. Discover more on tree pruning and Dr. Gilman's applied research at www.hort.ufl.edu/people/gillman.shtml.
- Richard Buckley, Plant Diagnostics Laboratory at Rutgers University, talked about common New Jersey Diseases and Insect Pests. Interestingly, the irregular leaf browning in bacterial leaf scorch is a result of blocking the xylem in trees by biofilms produced from *Xylella fastidiosa*, which disrupts water transportation to leaves.
- Representatives from Bartlett Tree Experts and Paul Cowie & Associates talked about the landscape for the World Trade Center Project. The plaza's original design called for a beautiful grove of sweetgum and swamp white oaks. In the end, only swamp white oaks were planted at the World Trade Center with the sweetgums going to the Shanksville, Pennsylvania memorial. Imagine the need to select and then prune over the course of 2-3 years 430 swamp white oaks that are perfectly straight and identical in appearance! Did you know that these trees were nurseried in Monmouth County?

We were able to meet with exhibitors and fellow attendees (many representing their Shade Tree Commission) and learn more about their capabilities and activities in relation to community forestry management.

School Corner



Happy New Year to one and all! Each quarter we will try our best to recognize our Shrewsbury students' County, State, and National accolades. Email klloyd@shrewsburyboro.com by 03/10/12 if you know of any student accomplishments of this magnitude for the quarter ending 3/30/12.

For the **fourth quarter**, we would like to recognize the following student accomplishments. Results are through 12/12/11 (our print deadline):

Academics

National Merit Commended Scholar: Kayla Schneider Smith

Arts, Music and Literature

Crop Walk banner art competition winners: RBR Commercial Art majors - Nicole Povey (member of 1st place team), Kyla Robinson (member of 2nd place team)

NJ All-State Opera soloist position: RBR Vocal Major – Katherine Robinson

Athletics

Shrewsbury athletes from fall teams who participated in County/State/National Competitions:

Red Bank Catholic

Cross Country Boys: Ryan Denver, Brett Doyle, Michael O'Dor

Cross Country Girls: (winner non-Public A state title): Kaitlin Feaster

Field Hockey: Caroline DeFelice

Football: John Johnson, Connor Smith

Girls Soccer: Grace Fallon, Rebecca Losch

Red Bank Regional

Cross Country Boys: Zachary Bradley, Jayson Chick, Christian Manning, Alex Orsini, Connor Schembor, Edward Schembor

Cross Country Girls: Danielle Garley, Elisa Orsini

Football: Wylie Bogdon, Charlie Bonnanno, Dylan DeVita, Max Donahue, Ross Gisondi, Tyler Karalewich, Nick Patterson, Patrick Quinn, Dillon Stambaugh

Defensive players of the week by the APP: Ross Gisondi, Dillon Stambaugh

Shore Conference Coaches All Division team: Ross Gisondi, Patrick Quinn, Dillon Stambaugh

2011 Vince Lombardi Outstanding Lineman award winner: Tyler Karalewich.

Boys Soccer: Randy Boehler, Andrew Holly, Matthew Raybon, Michael Reilly, Billy West.

Shore Soccer Assn. John Cobb Boys Sr. Excellence Award of Mon. County: Matthew Raybon

Shore Conference Coaches All Division team: Matthew Raybon

Athlete of the Week - 11/4/11, Red Bank Patch: Michael Reilly

Girls Tennis: Elizabeth Knot, Grace Moeller, Katie Povey, Aubrey Robinson, Jade Saybolt, Kaila Van Fossan

Volleyball Girls: Andrea Geiger, Theresa Soya, Morgan Wikoff

All-Shore 2nd team selection: Morgan Wikoff

Congratulations to all of our students!

Shrewsbury Borough School Child Find Program

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED SPECIAL HELP?

Some children are born with or later develop delays in normal talking, moving, learning, or behaving. FREE programs are available throughout New Jersey to give these children the start they need.

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- . Are staffed by caring professionals

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- . School age child between the ages of Pre K -14

PLEASE CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION: SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL, OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES, 732-747-0882, x111

Kindergarten Identification and Registration

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are beginning our process of Kindergarten student identification and registration for the 2012-2013 school year. The first step for the district is to identify and locate all of our potential registrants who are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September. Shrewsbury Borough School Board of Education Policy states that all children who are five (5) years of age on or before October 1 of the year they enter are eligible for Kindergarten. Should you have a child, or have a friend or neighbor who has a child who will be five on or before October 1, 2012, please notify the school via email at galantel@sbs.k12.nj.us or by phone at 1-732-747-0882, extension 110. We will place you or the child's family on our list of potential students entering next school year. Also, please complete and submit the Census Form, www.sbs.k12.nj.us, as this contains other information used to identify potential Kindergarten students. Kindergarten registration is currently scheduled to begin on March 29th. SBS will send out all of the necessary information, registration forms, and medical forms that will be required for registration to students that are identified. Parents/guardians will be provided with an appointment date and time to return the necessary forms. Information will also be provided for future visits to Kindergarten classrooms and summer screening. Please contact Mrs. Laura Galante at SBS should you have any questions or concerns.

Brent MacConnell, Superintendent, SBS

Shrewsbury Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

The Alliance is happy to report that 2011 has been challenging and hugely successful, and we anticipate this to continue throughout the New Year. Our biggest event of the year is Red Ribbon Week, which was held this past October 17-21. This annual, nationwide week of prevention education went off with flying colors at SBS. Everyone seemed to enjoy and benefit from the anti-bullying, drug, and alcohol message and our theme "Stay on Track for Success... Drug Free."

The week started off with enthusiasm as a DARE officer on bike patrol, and "Paws," the SBS mascot, were outside to greet the children at drop off. Students then participated in themed dress up days, signed an anti-bullying pledge, and attended a multimedia presentation titled, "Dare To Move." The "Dare To Move" video "challenged the students to work hard, calculate the risks, and then take action to reach their goals and dreams." We held a Public Service Announcement contest, which was a fun way for the students to spread our message. Each child that submitted an entry was given a free coupon for ice cream. The ten winners each received a Barnes & Noble gift card, a RRW goody bag, and the opportunity to read their PSA over the loudspeaker at school during the announcements, as well as to Mayor Burden and the Borough Council at the October 17 Borough council meeting. All of the students did a wonderful job!

This year we were also able to have the local scout troops involved by having them make posters that were hung up at the school. This and all of the other activities throughout the week earned participating scouts a special "Red Ribbon Week" badge! We also worked with the town's recreation committee program by organizing the coaches to have their players wear something red to their soccer game on October 22, as well as sports related "Drug Free" stickers. The week was capped off with a celebratory RRW dance attended by the upper grades. Feedback for Red Ribbon Week was extremely positive and even written up in two local newspapers!

The Alliance is very excited about trying out new ideas and events as well as continuing to provide our current, tried and true activities. We can't wait to see what 2012 brings! Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012, 7:30pm at Boro Hall.

Girl Scouts

Seventh Grade Girl Scout Troop #591 volunteered their time in October at Lunch Break in Red Bank. The girls organized the food pantry, packaged groceries for needy families, and helped prepare and serve hot lunches. They are planning on holding a food drive in the Spring to help replenish the food pantry. In the spirit of the holiday season, they joined with Sixth Grade Girl Scout Troop #1276 to bake breads and cookies that were donated at the annual Aids Luncheon in Asbury Park on December 18th. They also wrote cards and notes for the soldiers and wrapped gifts for the holiday toy drive.



Family & Children Service Honors Shrewsbury Resident Lee Weber With Lifetime Service Award

More than 200 friends, family & supporters of Family & Children's Service (FCS), Monmouth County's oldest non-profit agency, paid tribute to Shrewsbury resident Lee Weber on Saturday, October 29, 2011 for her nearly half-century of volunteer service to the agency. In addition, Lee was also presented with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Frank Pallone and was named "President Emeritus" of the FCS Board of Directors.

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