



# Shrewsbury Community Newsletter

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## *Shrewsbury First Aid Squad Announces Recipient of Tommy Maletto and EMT Awards*

The Shrewsbury First Aid Squad proudly announces John Merris is the recipient of the Tommy Maletto Award. This award is given in memory of Tommy Maletto, a charter member and founding member of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad who gave of himself for many years helping others. The award, a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, is given each year to a Shrewsbury Borough resident graduating from Red Bank Regional High school based on an essay depicting how this graduate depicts a deep commitment to community service, similar to Tommy Maletto's.

John Merris is also the recipient of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad EMT Award. This award, a \$1,000 scholarship, is given to active members who are in their senior year of high school. The primary purpose of this award is to encourage the young members of the Squad to continue their education and remain active with the Squad.

### *Thank You*

Thank you to the Borough residents who volunteer to serve on boards, commissions and committees and to the many volunteers who offer their assistance whenever needed.

The Borough Council extends its sincere thanks to all volunteers who choose to act in recognition of a need with an attitude of social responsibility and without concern for monetary return. These volunteers are committed to maintain the quality of life, to which Borough residents and members of the professional and business community are accustomed. Year after year, they share their time and talents for the public good of our community.

Their commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated. A very sincere thank you is extended to all who volunteer and to their families for the time dedicated to the Borough.



### *Thank You*

Thank you to all Borough employees for their outstanding service, helpfulness, and good humor and for their ability to cope with constant changes due to decisions made on the federal, state, and county level of government. Management of Borough affairs is dependent on their dedication, knowledge, and skills.

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#### **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](mailto:igrieco@shrewsburyboro.com). All local groups and organizations are encouraged to submit articles.

## *Shrewsbury's Annual 5-K Classic on Sunday, October 17*

### **Proceeds Support Technology Purchases at Shrewsbury Borough School Road Runner Sports Returns as Sponsor**

More than 300 area runners, walkers, and spectators are expected to turn out for the 16th Annual Shrewsbury 5K Classic Race on Sunday, October 17, 2010. Sponsored by the Foundation for Shrewsbury Education, the race begins and ends at the Shrewsbury Borough School, at the end of Obre Place.

The 5K is the Foundation's most important annual fundraiser, with proceeds supporting new technology purchases for the Shrewsbury Borough School.

Applications for the race — which attracts local runners and walkers, young and old — can be picked up at Road Runner Sports and Athletes Alley, both in Shrewsbury, and are also available at [shrewsburyfoundation.org](http://shrewsburyfoundation.org). The application fee for the 5K is \$30 (\$35 day of race), \$25 for the One Mile (\$30 day of race), and no charge for the Kiddy Dash. Registration will take place at the school on Wednesday and Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2:45-3:30 pm. Registration and race packet pick up will take place on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm at Road Runner Sports, 490 Broad Street in Shrewsbury. Late registration on the day of the race begins at 7:30 a.m. at the School.

The One Mile Community Run/Walk will begin at 8:30am, and the 5K race will begin at 9am. Kiddy dashes will begin after prizes are awarded at 10:30 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to the first male and female overall finishers, and to first and second finishers in various age categories. Refreshments will also be provided, courtesy of local merchants.

"The race is truly a community event, bringing Shrewsbury residents and local businesses together," said board member and race chairman Megan Stack. "We are delighted that Road Runner Sports is once again a leader among our 5K supporters. In these challenging economic times, we are grateful that our community recognizes the value of investing in the Foundation's efforts to ensure that our students remain academically competitive." For more information about the race, or to volunteer, call Megan Stack at (732) 224-7617; those interested in sponsoring may visit [shrewsburyfoundation.org](http://shrewsburyfoundation.org) for details on how to support the event.

The Foundation is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year of supporting the technology equipment, software and training needs of the Shrewsbury Borough School. Foundation President Ken Bynoe noted, "Students in grades k-8 are using the 30 Apple computers in the school's computer lab, which were purchased with the funds from last year's race. With this year's proceeds we hope to purchase eno boards, a new generation of interactive white boards, for additional classrooms, complementing the Smartboards installed in the upper grades two years ago."

Donations are always appreciated and can be sent to The Foundation for Shrewsbury Education, Shrewsbury Borough School, 20 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, or dropped off in the Foundation's mailbox at school. For more information, contact Ken Bynoe (732) 747-8713.

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### ***Reporting An Outage***

Do not call the Police Department, if your power goes out. Dial toll-free 1-888-544-4877 to reach JCP&L. When you call, your house phone number will automatically identify your account and the address of the outage and JCP&L's automated system will register your outage. If you're calling from a number not listed on your account, JCP&L's automated system may ask for your account number or the phone number at the location of the outage. When your call comes into the automated outage reporting line, your address goes into a computer program that sort the outage calls by location and evaluates the pattern of reported outages to determine the location of the trouble. JCP&L dispatchers analyze this information to determine where to send service crews. If your home is the only one without power, check your circuit breakers or fuses in your homes' electric service panel. If no breaker is tripped or no fuse is blown, call JCP&L automated outage reporting line. The problem may be in the connection with JCP&L wires and your home. To report an outage on-line, go to the JCP&L Customer Service website at <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/forms/reportPowerOutage/init.do>.

## Red Bank Regional Educational Foundation (RBREF) presents “A Day at the Races”

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, from noon to 5 pm at Monmouth Park, at 175 Oceanport Avenue. Adults 21 years and older are invited to what promises to be a fun day of horse racing, good friends and great food. The event takes place at the Monmouth Park Reserved Picnic Area. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes admission, racing program & pen and an amazing gourmet lunch specially prepared by the RBR Culinary Club under the direction of Chef Pete Roskowsinski. Craft beer by Hometown Beverages will also be featured. The event also includes a 50-50 and sponsored RBREF race, after which, the 50/50 winner will have his or her picture taken in the winner’s circle. All proceeds will fund the RBREF mission of providing broad-based, teacher-requested educational grants to benefit the students of RBR. Tickets are limited and can be ordered by contacting RBREF president Paul Noglows at 732-345-0447 or email [RBR.Ed.Found@comcast.net](mailto:RBR.Ed.Found@comcast.net).



Over the past two years, the RBREF has funded \$35,000 in teacher-requested grants that have provided resources and programs for Red Bank Regional High School students. RBREF President Paul Noglows comments, “In these increasingly difficult financial times, education foundations like ours are providing educational enrichment that fiscally tight public school budgets simply cannot fund. We strongly encourage everyone to come to this great event, have a wonderful time and help us enhance the education of our young people.”

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### *Red Bank Regional Makes NJ Monthly's Top High School Ranking List*

Red Bank Regional is delighted to once again be recognized by NJ Monthly in its Top High Schools List in the State of New Jersey. The list is published every other year. RBR improved its standing moving up in rank from # 64 to #61; RBR follows only Holmdel and Rumson Fair Haven as the highest ranking high schools in Monmouth County.

The NJ Monthly ranks were based on data obtained from the State Department of Education’s 2008-2009 New Jersey School Report Card in the categories of School Environment, Student Performance and Student Outcomes. Data analysis was performed by the Monmouth University Polling Institute; 322 schools were included in the analysis. (High schools that did not report complete data in these categories were not represented in the rankings.)

School Environment included information on: average class size, student-faculty ratio, student-computer ratio, the number of Advanced Placement (AP) tests offered and the percentage of faculty with advanced degrees. Student performance included the results of AP, SAT scores, and the percentage of students showing advanced proficiency on the state’s High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA).

For Student Outcomes, a weighted measure utilized the student graduation rate, and the number of students going on to four year and two year colleges.

RBR Principal Risa Clay states, “We are delighted to once again make this prestigious list. Our inclusion and improvement on it reflects the many programs and support services we have developed at RBR over the past few years as well as the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. We are fortunate to have a creative and forward thinking administrative team as well as strong community and parental support.”

## *Shrewsbury Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse*

### **Fall Events Calendar:**

#### **Operation Take Back New Jersey** (Community wide medicine collection), **September 25th**

Our thanks to the Shrewsbury Police Department who again this year participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Drug Enforcement Administration's program to safely collect and dispose of all unused, unwanted and expired medicines in our community. Last year over 9,000 lbs were collected by over 440 statewide law enforcement agencies. In Shrewsbury alone we collected over 25 lbs! This program, the first of its kind in the nation, was created to raise awareness that our medicine cabinets are a potential source for our young people to gain access to highly addictive and deadly prescription and OTC drugs. Over 70% of prescription drug abusers get their supply from friends and relatives.

Pharmaceutical drug abuse is on the rise. Keeping medications out of the wrong hands will help keep our families stronger and our communities safer. We thank our community for their dedication to this cause. The Alliance would also like to recognize the invaluable assistance provided by the Homesteaders, Thornbrooke Condo Association, and Shrewsbury Borough School in the promotion of this program. We value our partnership and thank them for their support.

Parent and grandparents, please regularly check your medications. Store them in a safe spot away from potential abusers. When your medications are expired, or are no longer necessary, please dispose of them safely. Go to [www.smarxtdisposal.net](http://www.smarxtdisposal.net) information on proper disposal techniques. Please note that the Monmouth County Hazardous Waste Collection site does not accept any drugs for disposal.

#### **Red Ribbon Week** - Shrewsbury Borough School, **October 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Theme:** "I Believe in Me. I'm Drug and Bully Free". This year's 7<sup>th</sup> annual substance abuse prevention education week will combine bully prevention awareness. During this week, SBS and the Alliance will reinforce with all the SBS students the importance of believing in themselves, resisting peer pressure, and how to stand up to bullying by "Speaking up, Reaching out, and being a Friend".

#### **Activities:**

- **Bullying Workshops** – Small interactive peer-to-peer workshops for grades 2-8. Topics covered: Bullying, peer pressure, internet/cyber-bullying awareness.
- **Internet/Cyber bullying Assembly** – **Monmouth County Prosecutor, Detective Richard Shin**  
*-Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>*  
*Students: 9:25 am –grades 5-8*  
*Parents: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, SBS auditorium*
- **Contest: Best Creative Public Service Announcements.** Open to all grades on a volunteer basis. Winners selected based on strength and content of anti-bullying, anti-drug message that will be read to all students at beginning and end of each school day for the week.
- **Anti bullying themed story time** (grades K-1) with Shrewsbury DARE officers
- **Dress up days, "Mix it up lunch" (promoting sitting with someone new), Student council dance**

Take home materials for parents will be provided throughout the week to support and reinforce the Red Ribbon Week in-school activities. Hopefully these materials will help parents open up the lines of communication with their children about bullying and substance abuse issues.

There is no denying the existence of bullying/cyber bullying in our nation and community. However, the more we foster a climate of empathy and tolerance in our homes the more cruelty of others will not be tolerated. An insistence of respect and dignity will help reduce the chance of bullying and peer pressure to take root.

Meeting Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 7 pm, Borough Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## ***Parents: Avoid Becoming A Traffic Hazard***

With hundreds of students, cars, and buses coming and going, it is imperative that every driver take extra precautions. School administrators, teachers, police officials, crossing guards, and parents have all witnessed dangerous behaviors by drivers near schools. Everyone needs to do their part in keeping school communities safe.

### **Listed below are actual examples of parents being serious traffic hazards:**

- Double-parking a vehicle in a school zone.
- Calling a child to cross the street in the middle of the block while waiting in the car.
- Blocking traffic in a school zone while dropping off or picking up a child.
- Allowing a child to exit the car into traffic rather than on the sidewalk side of the car.
- Stopping a car in a crosswalk, blocking visibility for children and other motorists.
- Driving beside the bus, sounding the horn, and requesting the bus driver to stop, so that a forgotten item could be delivered to a child.
- Driving while talking on a cell phone, text messaging, or other distractions.
- Illegally passing a loading or unloading school bus.

### **For our children's sake, please be responsible and use good judgment!**

*In 2008, 20% of all children ages 5 to 9 who were killed in traffic crashes were pedestrians.*

### **If you drive your children to and from school, these suggestions can minimize traffic hazards for all children:**

- Carpool with neighbors to reduce the number of cars at the school or bus stop, especially in bad weather.
- Accompany your child as he or she crosses the street. Do not make your child cross the street in a dangerous way just because it is more convenient for you.
- Drop children off on the school side of the street.
- Never double park and do not let your child out of a vehicle that is not next to the curb.
- Follow your school's traffic pattern for drop-off and pick-up. If your school does not have a plan, contact school officials and suggest that one be developed.
- Reduce your speed when you enter a school zone, or where children walk or bike along the road.
- Train your child to look all ways (left, right, behind, and ahead) and to walk cautiously when crossing the street. Stress the importance of always using crosswalks.
- Both adults and children should follow instructions provided by school crossing guards.
- Make sure children wear seat belts or are appropriately secured in a child safety or booster seat when riding in a car.

### **By following these simple recommendations, parents can help keep children safe.**

*A message from the Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education*

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## ***ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION***

The Environmental Commission is proud to announce that Shrewsbury Boro is now a registered participant in the Sustainable Jersey program. This is a grass-roots environmental certification program aimed at helping municipalities in New Jersey go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. The Commission is forming a Green Team to lead the initiative; if you are interested in joining, please email Jill Gwydir at [jagwydir@gmail.com](mailto:jagwydir@gmail.com). For more information about the program, visit [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com).

Just a reminder as the fall sports programs kick in to use REUSABLE beverage bottles at practices and games. Reusable bottles are better for the environment, reduce waste and help keep our parks clean and safe for children and wildlife.

Don't forget to save your electronics for the Recycling and Earth Day Fair to be held in April 2011!

## *Prevention of West Nile Virus Infections*

West Nile Virus (WNV) is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has fed on an infected bird. Fortunately, these annoying insects that invade our backyard parties and attack us in the park can be controlled, and you can protect yourself and your family from WNV. Summer is the peak of WNV season. Take these preventative measures to reduce the risk for being infected:

- . Use mosquito repellent
- . Wear long sleeves and long pants
- . Limit outdoor activity during the dawn and evening hours when mosquitoes are most active

Help reduce the mosquito population by cleaning or removing items on your property that can collect water which serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Clogged gutters, flowerpots and old tires are examples. Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week. People infected with WNV usually have no or only mild symptoms such as low-grade fever, headache, and swollen lymph glands. Less than one percent of those infected with the virus develop more severe symptoms which include a severe headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. The elderly are more at risk for severe illness.

For more information on WNV and New Jersey's control measures, visit the DHSS West Nile web page at [www.nj.gov/health/cd/westnile/enceph.htm](http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/westnile/enceph.htm), the Department of Environmental Protection at [www.nj.gov/dep/mosquito/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/mosquito/) or call 1.888.NO.NJ WNV.

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## *Monmouth County Offers Free Paper Shredding Day*

It is time for you to dispose of old documents and confidential files safely? Come to our mobile paper shredding day on November 13th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Municipal Complex. Please remove large binder clips. Staples and paper clips are OK. Do not bring more than 100 lbs! **Due to heavy demand, weight limit will be strictly enforced.** Service stopped once the truck is filled.

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## *Shrewsbury Senior Homesteaders*

A membership drive is underway for this active social group of residents and guests, age fifty and older. Meetings are held in Fellowship Hall of Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church on Sycamore Avenue the second Thursday of the month, September thru June with a varied informational and entertainment program; luncheons and trips are off-site. To sign up, contact President Carolyn Alt (732/531-5557) or Membership Chair Terry Wilson (732/747-3479).

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## *2009 Homestead Benefit (Rebate) Application Information*

Homestead Benefits (for homeowners):

To file application by phone: 1-877-658-2972

To file application online: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/)

To ask questions: 1-888-238-1233

Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD) for Hard-of-Hearing Users: 1-800-286-6613

E-mail address for homestead benefit questions: [nj.homesteadbenefit@treas.state.nj.us](mailto:nj.homesteadbenefit@treas.state.nj.us)

E-mail address for general tax questions: [nj.taxation@treas.state.nj.us](mailto:nj.taxation@treas.state.nj.us)

## *2010 Season Flu/Pneumonia Clinic Schedule*

Sat. Sept. 25	10 am – 12 noon	Community Center, 9th & Ocean – Spring Lake Heights
Mon. Sept. 27	11 am – 1 pm	Boro Hall, 556 Tinton Avenue – Tinton Falls
Tues. Sept. 28	10 am – 12 noon	Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch Rte 35 – Shrewsbury
Wed. Sept. 29	10 am – 12 noon	Community Center, 116 Locust Ave – West Long Branch
Thur. Sept. 30	10:30 am – 12 noon	Holmdel Senior Center, 4 Crawfords Corner Rd – Holmdel
Fri. Oct. 1	1 pm – 3 pm	Curtis House, 644 Union Lane – Brielle
Mon. Oct. 4	10 am – 12 noon	Wall Twp Boro Hall, 2700 Allaire Road - Wall Twp.
Tues. Oct. 5	9 am – 11 am	RB Senior Center, 80 Shrewsbury Avenue – Red Bank
Tues. Oct. 5	12 noon - 1pm	Lunch Break, 121 Drs James Parker Blvd – Red Bank
Wed. Oct. 6	10 am – 11:30 am	Senior Center, 110 2nd Street - Keyport
Wed. Oct. 6	1 pm – 2 pm	Bayshore Senior Center, 100 Main Street – Keansburg
Thurs. Oct. 7	11 am – 12 noon	Community Center, 1979 Crawford St. – Shrewsbury Twp
Sat. Oct. 9	10 am – 12 noon	Community Center, 68 Broad Street – Eatontown
Tues. Oct. 12	11 am – 1 pm	Rumson Boro Hall, 80 E; River Road - Rumson
Wed. Oct. 13	11 am – 1 pm	Boro Hall, 22 Beach Road – Monmouth Beach
Thur. Oct. 14	11 am – 12 noon	PTAK Towers, 215 Shore Drive – Highlands
Fri. Oct. 15	10 am – 12 noon	Fairway Mews, 2 Locust Way – Spring Lake Heights
Tues. Oct. 19	1 pm – 2 pm	West Park Rec. Center, West Park Ave. – Ocean Twp
Wed. Oct. 20	12 noon - 1pm	Boro Hall, 1167 Ocean Avenue – Sea Bright
Fri. Oct. 22	11 am – 12 noon	Boro Hall, 100 Grassmere Avenue – Interlaken

FLU/PNEUMONIA immunizations will be offered to persons over 12 years of age. The cost for Non-Medicare eligible participants will be **\$23.00** for the flu shot and **\$45.00** for the pneumonia shot. **Eligible Medicare Participants Having Part B (medical) Insurance need just present their Medicare card. NO OTHER INSURANCE IS ACCEPTED. Any changes will be posted on our website [mcrhc.org](http://mcrhc.org). The Commission will make every effort to adhere to clinic schedule, but retains the right, due to circumstances beyond our control, to modify eligibility requirements, time, dates, and/or cancel clinics as directed or needed. Updated: 9/1/10**

## *2010 Fall Schedule of Free Rabies Clinics*

Wednesday	Sept. 29	Fair Haven Firehouse, River Rd.	7-8pm
Thursday	Sept. 30	Eatontown Firehouse, 47 Broad St.	7-8pm
Wednesday	Oct. 6	Little Silver Firehouse, Prospect Ave.	7-8pm
Thursday	Oct. 7	Borough Chemical & Truck Co. #1, Monmouth Rd., WLB	7-8pm
Wednesday	Oct. 13	Red Bank Independent Firehouse, 32 Mechanic St.	7-8pm
Thursday	Oct. 21	Wall Twp. Dept. of Public Works, Tiltens Corner Rd.	6-7:30pm
Thursday	Nov. 4	Rumson Public Works Garage, E. River Rd. (behind boro hall)	7-8pm
Saturday	Nov. 6	Keyport Dept. of Public Works, Beers St. & Francis St.	10-11am
Saturday	Nov. 13	Spring Lake Heights Firehouse, Essex & 700 6th Ave.	10-11am
Thursday	Nov. 18	Highlands Municipal Bldg., 171 Bay Ave.	7-8pm
Saturday	Nov. 20	Holmdel Twp. DPW Garage, Crawford Corner Rd.	8:30-10:30am
Saturday	Jan. 8	Tinton Falls Municipal Complex, DPW Bldg. 566 Tinton Ave	10-12 noon
Tuesday	Jan. 11	Brielle Fire Hall, 509 Longstreet Ave	7-8pm

PLEASE HAVE DOGS ON A LEASH AND CATS IN A CARRIER. ANIMAL MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT 732-493-9520.

***Important Election Deadlines and  
Voter Information***

**Election Day: November 2, 2010**

**District 1 and District 3** Vote at Shrewsbury Hose Co. No.1 Firehouse located at 783 Broad Street

**District 2** vote at Shrewsbury First Aid Squad located at 115 Haddon Avenue.

The polls will be open to residents from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You should bring identification in case you need it.

**Deadline to Register to Vote:** 21 days before General Election. The last day to register to vote is October 12, 2010.

**Deadline to Apply by Mail for a Mail-In Ballot (Absentee Ballot):** October 26, 2010 sent to the Monmouth County Clerk or if you apply in person - until 3:00 p.m. the day before the election.

For more information, call the Clerk's Office or contact the NJ Division of Elections at 609-292-3760 or go to [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
*Dates to Remember***

October 16	A Day at the Races from noon to 5:00 pm at Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ
October 17	16th Annual Shrewsbury 5K Classic One Mile Community Run/Walk 8:30 am 5K Race 9:00 am Kiddy Dashes 10:30 am
October 18 thru 22	Red Ribbon Week
October 19	Internet/Cyber bullying Assembly Students: 9:25 am - grades 5-8 Parents: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at SBS Auditorium
October 28	Special Deer Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Municipal Complex meeting room
November 2	Election Day
November 13	Paper Shredding Day 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Municipal Complex

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