



## Silent Workers Raise Concern

### Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival Board

### Make a Noise

SHREWSBURY -The *Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival* can no longer keep silent about a very important issue facing our community. Silent Workers are at large. They can be found among us in such places as the Town Hall, our Fire Department, food establishments, almost everywhere – they are a great part of our everyday lives.

Who are the Silent Workers? They are those who give of themselves by lending a hand, requiring no compensation for the help they provide. They are the ones who provide us needed services and expect nothing in return except a smile and a thank you.

It is time for the *Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival* board to make a noise, raise concern, and bring this issue to the attention of the townspeople!

We would like to reveal the list of the people who have helped in so many ways by donating themselves to aid us in putting together our town-wide 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration during the upcoming month of September. These people usually go unrecognized, until now.

Our thankful hearts go out to these volunteers:

*Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival Board:* President and Secretary, Sue Falzoi; Vice-President, Wayne Watkins; Treasurer, John Moloney; Past President, Tom Falzoi. Committees & Events: Frances Carvalho, Shilpa Deochakke, Suresh Gupta, Judy & Jerry Johnson, Vishakha Khamankar, Tikoo Magner, Megan Maruca, Barbara Michalak, MaryEllen O'Loughlin, Patrice Peris, Maria Smith, David Thompson, Susan Walsh, Christine Williams

*Among us:*

- Nina Behm (sewing the utility pole tote bags)
- Maria Lemieux (CPA; Lakeway Business District; Chief Firework's organizer)
- Worcester County Sheriff's Department (offering traffic control assistance)
- UMass Maple Ave. Campus (permission to use parking lots)

*Businesses:*

- Bean Counter Bakery (Alice Lombardi – donating 2 sheet cakes for the Grand Marshal Dinner and Over 90 Tribute Tea)
- Danielson Florist (donating many years of flowers for the Grand Marshal for the day of the parade)
- Dunkin Donuts (donating to Coolidge School for insurance for Kids' Fun Run/Walk)
- Home Depot (arranging for flat beds)
- India Society of Worcester (providing the venue for the Grand Marshal Dinner Dance)
- Pellegrino Trucking (Mark Pellegrino - many years of supplying trash bins for festival)
- Polar Beverages (many years of offering bottled water for volunteers)
- Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union (Lisa Raabe – providing t-shirts for volunteers & offering a meeting room)
- SkiWard (donating the venue for Hannah Kane's fundraiser)

*Food donors:*

BJ's  
Dean Park Pizza  
Golden Pizza  
Panera Bread  
Papa Gino's  
Price Chopper

Red Barn  
Shaw's  
Stop and Shop  
Wegmans

*Town Departments:*

- Assistant Town Manager:* Kristen Las (supplying guidance with fireworks details)
- Building Inspectors:* Bob Cox & Patricia Sheehan (granted permission of the use of the school and the premises)
- Board of Health:* Kerry Stockwell (assisting with food permits)
- Board of Selectmen:* Chris Mattero (handling the licenses for SOS every year; arranging for a meeting room)
- Engineering Department:* Annette Rebovich & Dan McCullen (providing engineering expertise in festival design layout; measuring and marking vendors' booths)
- Fire Department:*
- Fire Chief Jim Vuona (providing safety guidance for festival layout, ambulance and first aid)
  - Capt. Sean Lawlor (offering to be the Emcee of Grand Marshall Dinner Dance, coordinating the festival medical tent)
- Highway Department:* supplying cones
- Parks & Recreation Department:* Angela Snell (offering guidance in the use of school grounds)
- School Department:*
- Ann Jones, Principal of Oak Middle School (providing the use of the school facility and grounds)
  - Kristine Cobb (instrumental in informing SHS organizations about the festival)
  - Dawn Vigliatura (helping to recruit festival volunteers through the Community Service Learning program)
  - Shrewsbury Public Schools (granting the use of Oak Middle School facility and hiring of custodians)
- SELCO:*
- John Lavery, Norm Ludivico and crew (for 20 years hanging banners; supplying electricity for the festival)
  - Rick Maksian (marketing promotion for the festival)
- Senior Center:* Sharon Yager (assisting with Over 90 Tribute Tea)
- SPAC:*
- Videographer Kevin Looney
  - MaryEllen O'Loughlin (organizer of video clips)
  - Marc Serra (Interviews at Oak Middle School; videotaping of parade)
  - Nick Todisco and Maria Smith (serving as parade commentators for many years)