



# Community Bulletin

October 12th, 2021

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Dear Shrewsbury Families,

Please note the following announcements and information related to various events or activities that may be of interest to you and your children. Announcements from non-school sources are passed on as a courtesy if they meet the requirements of the [School Committee policy](#).

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### **School District Items**

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The SHS Athletic Boosters' 12th Annual Bowling for Boosters has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bowlero Bowling, Route 9 West, Shrewsbury. Teams of 4-6 players each are wanted! Adults 21+ only.

The evening will feature a Halloween-themed event, including unlimited bowling, pizza, soda, raffle prizes, cash bar, and awards ceremony for best score, worst score, and best-dressed team in costume! Please see the [flyer](#) or visit the [website](#) for more information and to register. Thank you for your support!

#### **2. [Please Note](#) – SAT Prep Course, Classes Begin November 1st**

The Shrewsbury High School Fall SAT Prep Course will be offered once again through Shrewsbury High School. Classes will begin on Monday, November 1st and run through Monday, December 6th. Classes will meet remotely on Mondays from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a total of six night sessions. Test-taking strategies will be emphasized in this class. Class size will be kept small, allowing for a great deal of individual attention. Enrollment is strictly on a first-come first-served basis. The course is open to juniors and seniors.

Students will also take two full-length SAT exams, which provides reinforcement for skills taught during the course and test-taking experience. The cost of the program is \$220 for Shrewsbury residents and \$250 for non-Shrewsbury residents. This class will run only if there is sufficient demand. Additional information and registration forms are located at SHS in Mrs. Monopoli's office on the third floor, the School Counseling office, or can be downloaded from the SHS School Counseling webpage (under "College Related Testing" on the SHS website). Please contact Jen Williams if you have any questions at [jawilliams@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:jawilliams@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) or (508) 841-8810.

#### **3. [Save the Date](#) – SEPAC Textile Recycling Fundraising Drive, October 23rd [\(New\)](#)**

Shrewsbury SEPAC will be holding a textile recycling fundraising drive on Saturday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School (side entrance). Please click [here](#) to see the flyer.

We will collect the following items:

- Clothes: tops, pants, jeans, shorts, ties/scarves, gowns, suits, sweaters, sweats, vests, tee-shirts, pj's, socks, tights, belts
- Outerwear: coats, jackets, ski pants, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, rain-gear, bathing suits
- Other: Uniforms, costumes/dress-up clothes, towels/washcloths, shower curtains, drapes/curtains, sheets/pillowcases, tablecloths, cloth napkins, pot holders, blankets, comforter/duvet covers, shoes/boots/flip flops/slippers, pocketbooks/backpacks/duffle bags

#### **4. Save the Date – Public Sale of Old Beal School Furniture & Miscellaneous Equipment**

On Saturday, October 16th from 8:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. we will offer for public sale many surplus furniture and equipment items that are now obsolete for our operations but may be something you need or want. Cash only sales -- all prices as marked -- no price negotiating. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

Sample items include: elementary-sized student chairs, desks, tables, filing cabinets, early reader books, plastic bins, and many other items. This is a rain-or-shine event and will be held in the gym of Old Beal School at 1 Maple Avenue. All items must be removed at time of purchase.

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#### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Fall Offerings**

Fall Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of our fall programs. New programs will be added throughout September/October based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Youth Basketball League - Accepting registration starting Tuesday, September 28th for leagues: Boys 3rd & 4th, Girls 3rd & 4th, Boys 5th & 6th, Girls 5th & 6th, Boys 7th & 8th, Girls 7th-9th, and NEW this year Boys 9th-12th league. Games are played at the Oak & Sherwood Middle Schools on Saturdays with one weeknight assigned for a team practice. Cost is \$135.

Tiny Tykes Basketball Program - Thursday evenings starting December 2nd for 1st and 2nd graders at Sherwood Middle School Gym. Cost is \$88.

Chalk it Up Halloween Theme! - Pumpkins, ghosts, black cats, and haunted houses! Families are able to create funny, scary, or sweet designs for everyone to see. We supply the chalk, you

create the designs! Bring some painters tape or cutouts to build your work of art! Sign up the whole family! Sunday, October 17th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Paton School Playground Area. **FREE EVENT!**

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball - Intermediate on Mondays, Advanced on Tuesdays, and Recreational on Thursdays. Program starts in October. Website lists fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Restaurant Ready Workshop - Grades 2-7 on Thursday, October 14th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$42.

Visit our new website! [shrewsburyma.myrec.com](http://shrewsburyma.myrec.com) Old accounts do not work in the new system. Please build a new household and we can approve it for you.

## **2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library October Events for Tweens & Teens (New)**

We have some great SPOOOOOKY (and non-spooky) events for tweens and teens happening in October at the Library!

- Monday, October 18th - Teen Advisory meeting - 8:00 p.m in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Friday, October 22nd - Teen Take & Make: Spooky Terrarium - all day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- Monday, October 25th - Spooky Storytime in the Cemetery - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Wednesday, October 27th - Dr Frankenstein's Toy Lab - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Saturday, October 30th - ASL Signing Rocks! - 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. All ages. Register [here](#).
- Fridays - Each Friday after school we'll have a different game or activity! Drop in for guessing games, puzzles, board games and more.

Check our [online calendar](#) for more details and registration!

## **3. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Public Library Battleground Film Screening (New)**

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, November 9th for a virtual screening of the documentary film Battleground, followed by a live Q&A with the film's creators. The film explores the state of American democracy as seen through the eyes of two opposing grassroots political leaders. Tom Carroll is a Trump delegate, and a Tea Party Chairman. Greg Edwards is a Black pastor, and a progressive leader supported by Bernie Sanders. When their paths collide, we realize that they have much more in common than meets the eye. They come together to

provide a framework for us to begin to heal our divide in America. Battleground is an antidote to the media echo chamber effect, which is marked by passion, but is often devoid of understanding. Register to attend [here](#). Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

#### **4. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Presentation, October 27th (New)**

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents “Doctor Edward Austin Flynt: Physician of the American Revolutionary War” by Donald Pottle on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. This virtual program will also be available as a taped rebroadcast on Shrewsbury Channels 28 and 328 and available on demand online at [www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org](http://www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org). For any questions, please email [shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com](mailto:shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com).

About the Program: Doctor Edward Flint served as a physician in the Continental Army under General Artemas Ward, who was second in command to General George Washington. Edward Flint (1733-1818) apprenticed to Dr. Simon Tufts in the “Art of Physics and Chirurgery” in Grafton, Massachusetts. Most notably, Dr. Flint periodically treated sick and wounded soldiers during the American Revolutionary War from 1775 to 1783. “Dr. Flynt” variously demonstrates 18th century tooth extraction, blood-letting, leeching, cranial trepanning, leg amputation, musket ball removal, cataract couching, snake bite treatment, pain management, pharmacological preparations, smallpox vaccination, and several other medical practices of the period.

About the Presenter: Donald Pottle is a fifty-year veteran of education from Shrewsbury High School and Schepens Eye Research Institute (Boston, MA). He portrays, in the first person, “Dr. Edward Austin Flynt,” a generic physician of the American Revolutionary War. To date, Don, as Dr. Edward Austin Flynt, has presented his first-person generic 18th century colonial medicine re-enactments to more than fifty audiences, including Historical and Medical Societies throughout Worcester County.

#### **5. Save the Date – Fall Town Clean Up Day, October 23rd**

The Fall Town Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 23rd. [Volunteers](#) are needed to help pick up litter and the town will dispose of it. Gather your friends, community group, or neighbors and join in. Help keep Shrewsbury beautiful. Sponsored by Keep Shrewsbury Beautiful, a program organized by Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation.

#### **6. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Public Library Community Read Kickoff, October 20th (New)**

Join us virtually on Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. for the kickoff for our five-month community read of *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*. The book was named one of NPR's best books of the year and longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. Author Eric Klinenberg will deliver an address via Zoom on the book's main topic: the importance of shared community spaces.

Community members can register for the event [here](#) and registered attendees can pick up a free copy of the book at the Library. This event is partially funded by an LSTA grant for Civic Hub from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and by the Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

#### **7. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Girl Scouts Informational Meeting, October 20th (New)**

Do you want to learn more about Girl Scouts? On Wednesday, October 20th, the Shrewsbury Girl Scouts will have an informational meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Children are welcome and a craft will be provided. Troops will be welcoming new girls and new troops will be forming. If you have questions or are unable to attend, please email [Diana.Karas@gmail.com](mailto:Diana.Karas@gmail.com). Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

#### **8. [Save the Date](#) – Scarecrows on the Common, Through October 17th**

For the 17th year, the Shrewsbury Garden Club is sponsoring Scarecrows on the Common. Any Shrewsbury resident, individual, group, family, or business may display their scarecrow creation on the Town Common starting September 20th through October 17th. For more information, please visit [www.ShrewsburyGardenClub.org](http://www.ShrewsburyGardenClub.org).

#### **9. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Rotary Club Recycling Fundraiser, October 17th**

The Shrewsbury Rotary Club is hosting a Community Recycling Fundraiser on Sunday, October 17th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Town Hall (100 Maple Avenue). Please click [here](#) to see the flyer for information about items that will be accepted. Proceeds benefit service projects of The Shrewsbury Rotary Club. Please contact Beth Casavant at (508) 641-8174 or [bethcasavant@gmail.com](mailto:bethcasavant@gmail.com) with questions.

#### **10. [Save the Date](#) – Friends of Shrewsbury Public Library Book & Media Sale, October 14-17th**

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library's Annual Book and Media Sale is back! It will take place from Thursday, October 14th through Sunday, October 17th at the Shrewsbury Public Library (609 Main Street). This time, all bags will be provided, so no need to bring your own. The sale features a \$10 Bargain Bag - ask a cashier for a bag and fill it for \$10. Books can be purchased individually, too!

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL EDUCATORS:** Local educators can fill a bag on the last day of the sale (Sunday, October 17th) for FREE! Just sign in with a cashier with your name and school!

Meeting room capacity limits will be enforced and masks/face coverings are required. Check or cash payments only! Please see the [flyer](#) and [press release](#) for more information.

#### **11. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Trails Committee Volunteers Needed, October 16th** **(New)**

The Shrewsbury Trails Committee is creating a new trail in Camp Wunnegan. The basic route through all new terrain has been laid out and now some energetic volunteers are needed to work with the Trails Committee in clearing loose debris, cutting interfering vegetation, and generally making the way passable.

We will meet on Saturday, October 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Camp entrance on Grafton Street. The work will require only hand tools – pruner, lopper, pruning saw. It's a great way to be out in the woods while benefiting our community. We will give a brief orientation on what to do.

Please dress appropriately - long pants, no flip flops. Insect repellent is always useful. This project would not be appropriate for people under 14 years. Rain date will be Sunday, October 17th. Please email the Trails Committee with any questions at [Trails01545@gmail.com](mailto:Trails01545@gmail.com) or call (508) 523-1621.

#### **12. [Please Note](#) – Shrewsbury Cultural Council Grant Funding, Closes October 15th**

The Shrewsbury Cultural Council announces that proposals to receive funding to support community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are due Friday, October 15th. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Shrewsbury -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Shrewsbury Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 communities in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the



arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state Legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to every community.

This year, the Shrewsbury Cultural Council will distribute \$18,768 in grants, the largest amount in the history of the Shrewsbury Cultural Council. Previously funded projects include: Assabet Valley Mastersingers, Arts on the Green, Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra, and EcoTarium Days.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, contact us at [scc@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:scc@shrewsburyma.gov). Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org).

### **13. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Domestic Violence Vigil, October 13th**

The 2021 Shrewsbury Domestic Violence Vigil, sponsored by ADVISE (Against Domestic Violence in Shrewsbury Education project), is a vigil to remember victims and survivors and to raise awareness about domestic violence. The vigil will be held on Wednesday, October 13th, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Common (Main Street and Route 140). In the event of inclement weather, the vigil will be canceled.

Elected officials and leaders from our community will speak about how they work to prevent domestic violence, assist victims, and hold perpetrators accountable, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic violence affects a broad spectrum of our society, but it is largely unrecognized or, worse, tolerated. The Shrewsbury community is invited to join in the vigil to remember those who have suffered domestic violence and to express a unity of purpose to eliminate domestic violence. Additional details and updates on this event may be found by calling the ADVISE Hotline, (508) 842-0056, or viewing the flyer [here](#).

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### **Youth Athletics and Activities**

#### **1. Please Note – Central Mass Revolution “Bruins Academy Learn to Play Hockey”**

Central Mass Revolution is pleased to once again partner with the Boston Bruins offering the Bruins Academy Learn to Play Hockey. Registration is filling up quickly! Receive over \$500 worth of hockey equipment and 4 on-ice sessions. Registration, dates, cost, and more can be found at [www.revshockey.com](http://www.revshockey.com). Please see the [flyer](#) for more information. Visit us on [Facebook](#), too!



## **2. Please Note – St. Mary's Parish Boys Basketball Registration, Closes October 24th**

St. Mary's Parish Boys Basketball is now accepting registrations for the upcoming 2021-2022 season (click [here](#) for the form). The team is open to boys in grades 5 through 8 with two divisions (5th & 6th grades and 7th & 8th grades). It is first-come first-served, so be sure to get it in soon.

The cost is \$175 which covers gym time for both practices and games as well as a jersey with the player's name on it. Practices will be on Friday nights at either Oak or Sherwood and games on Saturday or Sunday.

It is a no-cut league, but we do have an evaluation process to make sure we build teams evenly. We are targeting evaluations in early November and for games to begin on November 27th and run through February.

We are looking for coaches and new board members, so if anyone is interested in either option, please be sure to check it off on the registration or contact us. The deadline to register is October 24th. Contact [stmarysbball01545@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbball01545@gmail.com) for additional information or check us out on [Facebook](#).

## **3. Please Note – SBA Winter Travel Basketball Tryouts, October 16th & 17th**

The Shrewsbury Basketball Association will have tryouts on October 16th and October 17th for boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 who are interested in playing winter travel basketball. The tryouts will be at Shrewsbury High School. See our [flyer](#) for further details. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, email us at [sba.travelbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:sba.travelbasketball@gmail.com).

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