

Community Bulletin

November 15th, 2021

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 <u>School Committee policy</u>.

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1. Please Note - Help Wanted: Day-to-Day Substitute Teachers

The Shrewsbury Public Schools is in search of educators who are invested in the achievement, equity, and access of all learners in and beyond the classroom. We are hiring Day-to-Day Substitute Teachers at all grade levels. We hire many of our regular paraprofessional positions and long-term substitute teachers from our day-to-day substitutes. This is a great entry position to be considered for full-time employment. The day-to-day substitute teaching rate is \$100/day. Please see the fiver for more information.

2. Save the Date – SHS Robotics Farmers Market & Holiday Craft Fair, November 20th

The SHS Robotics Apple Pie Fundraiser is back and so is the Winter Farmers Market and Holiday Craft Fair! This event will be held inside Oak Middle School gym (masks required) on Saturday, November 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Save the date and apply to be a vendor for locally-made foods and handmade crafts and services. Spaces are limited, so don't wait - click here to fill out the vendor application. Proceeds from the \$30 vendor fees will be donated to SHS Robotics Club. We also need volunteers to help vendors set up - click here to sign up and earn community service volunteer hours for clubs or scouts. For more information, see the flyer or contact Missy at 01545farmermarket@qmail.com.

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1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings (New)

<u>Winter Online Registration</u> - Currently accepting registration for some of the Winter programs. New programs will be added throughout November/December based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Youth Basketball League - We are still accepting limited registrations.

<u>Boy's 9th-12th Grade Basketball Pickup League</u> - Practices are Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and games are Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. Program starts on November 30th. Cost is \$135.

<u>Tai Chi</u> - Wednesdays starting January 5th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$48 for 8 classes for residents.

<u>Learn to Spin</u> - A great intro class option to see if you like spinning! One class on Thursday, November 18th from 6:45-7:45 p.m. at Core Connection Spin Studio. Cost is \$15.

Rhythm & Ride Spin - Tuesdays starting November 30th from 5:15-6:05 p.m. at Core Connection Spin Studio. Cost is \$80 for 6 classes.

<u>Strength Training</u> - Thursdays starting December 2nd from 5:30-6:20 p.m. at Core Connection. Cost is \$80 for 6 classes.

<u>Babysitting Course</u> - For grades 6th-8th on Thursday, December 2nd and Tuesday, December 7th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$57.

<u>Dining Etiquette "Prep for the Holidays"</u> - Grades 2nd-7th on Saturday, December 4th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$60.

<u>Indoor Youth Tennis</u> - Indoor lessons at Beal school starting November 30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Grades 1st & 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and 3rd grade at 6:50 p.m. Cost is \$120 for 12 classes.

<u>Visit our new website!</u> <u>shrewsburyma.myrec.com</u> 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 November Events for Tweens & Teens

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in November at the Library!

- Monday, November 15th Teen Advisory Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades
 5-12. Register <u>here</u>.
- Wednesday, November 17th Crafty: Sock Monkeys, Part 2 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12.
- Friday, November 19th Teen Take & Make: Fall Mini Wreaths All day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary grab a kit to take home.
- Friday, November 19th Self Improvement Club 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. Register here.
- Friday, November 26th Self Improvement Club 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. 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 <u>online calendar</u> for more details and registration!

3. Please Note - Shrewsbury Affordable Housing Lottery

SEB Housing is currently working with Edgemere Crossing at Flint Pond, DHCD, and the Town of Shrewsbury to provide affordable housing rental units. Please see the <u>flyer</u> for housing information and important dates. For lottery information and applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to <u>www.sebhousing.com</u> or call (617) 782-6900x1 and leave a message or postal mail to SEB Housing, 257 Hillside Ave, Needham MA 02494.

4. Save the Date - Yuletide Market & Light the Common, December 4th

The Shrewsbury Town Center Association announces the 2021 Yuletide Market and Light the Common, Saturday, December 4th on the Town Common and Chiampa Funeral Home on Church Road. You are invited AND it will be magical!

Events are presented respectively by Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union and Robert "Chief Joseph" Terkanian, and Major Sponsors SELCO and David Chiampa.

The Lights will begin at 4:45 p.m. and the Market will open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Food, beverages and festive treats will be sold, including the Shrewsbury Fire Department's delicious "Fire House Chili." There will be shopping, music, AND entertainment! Admission is free but no pets are allowed.

Parking will be available at Town Hall with free shuttles running from the Senior Center to the Town Common from 4:15 to 8:45 p.m. For more information, please visit the <u>website</u> or see the <u>flyer</u>.

5. Save the Date - Shrewsbury Public Library Events

<u>The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, November 16th</u>

In this virtual discussion on Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m., acclaimed author Richard Rothstein will explain how residential segregation was created in the mid-twentieth century by racially explicit and unconstitutional government policies that openly subsidized whites-only suburbanization in which African Americans were prohibited from participating. His lecture will educate attendees on the history of these policies so they can be prepared to undertake the national conversation necessary to remedy the unconstitutional racial landscape. Click here to see the flyer. Register to attend here.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, the Shrewsbury Rotary Club, A Better Shrewsbury, The Needham Diversity Initiative, the Needham Rotary Club, the Grafton Public Library, the Hopkinton Public Library, the Westborough Public Library, and the Southborough Public Library.

Intermittent Fasting for Beginners at the Shrewsbury Public Library, November 16th

On Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Donald Pelto will introduce the topic of intermittent fasting, a popular weight control technique seen frequently in the media. He will explain why it works, what the health benefits are, who should and should not attempt this type of fasting, and how it works for weight loss and helping to control diabetes. Dr. Pelto will share examples from his patients who have had success with intermittent fasting, as well as typical fasting schedules and tips to make it easier. This is an in-person event at the Shrewsbury Public Library; please register here.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Bear Hunt

Join the Council on Aging's #ShrewsburyBearHunt in November! Find all ten signs around Shrewsbury by November 30th and be entered to win a prize. Seniors, kids, Shrewsbury residents or not, everyone is encouraged to participate!

Prizes Levels:

Level One: Shrewsbury Senior (60+)

Level Two: Shrewsbury Resident (59 and Under) Level Three: Non-Shrewsbury Resident (Any Age)

Signs will be up at 10 locations around town starting on November 1st. Tell the Senior Center what bear you found at each location and be entered to win a prize. Prize drawing will be on December 8th.

Use the QR code on each sign to enter! Every sign has a unique QR code that links to an online form to send us your name and contact info. Each form also has some fun bonus content related to its bear! Let us know what signs you found on social media using #ShrewsburyBearHunt. Click here for more information.

7. Save the Date – Turkey Trot for the Memory, November 25th

GET READY! Lace up your sneakers for the 10th running of the Turkey Trot for the Memory! Preparations are underway and we couldn't be more excited to be back!

On Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 a.m., we will once again gather on the Shrewsbury Town Common to support all those who've been touched by Alzheimer's disease and to raise funds for the MA/NH chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. You are welcome to race, trot, or walk the 2-mile or 5-mile courses. Please <u>register</u> and join us!

Masks will be required during indoor registration and bib pickup at the First Congregational Church, but no masks will be required outdoors. We are following all public health protocols related to COVID-19.

8. Save the Date – SFCU Shred Day, November 20th

The Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union will be hosting a free community shred day for households on Saturday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will take place in the parking lot of the credit union located at 489 Boston Turnpike. We ask that you bring canned and/or dry goods for a donation that we will make to the Worcester County Food Bank during Thanksgiving week.

9. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services - Donations Needed (New)

Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services has received a record number of referrals and has seen a sharp increase in young people experiencing mental health crises in our community since the pandemic began. The agency recently launched their annual appeal and needs your support to continue providing critical services. Click here to learn more.

10. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Meeting, November 17th (New)

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents "Titanic" by John Horrigan on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. Virtual program and taped rebroadcast on Shrewsbury Channels 28 and 328 and available on demand online at www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org.

Award-winning historian John Horrigan talks about an 'unsinkable' ship that sank on its maiden voyage. The RMS Titanic sank in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912 in the North Atlantic Ocean, four days into her voyage from Southampton to New York City. It was the largest ocean liner in service at the time. Titanic had an estimated 2, 224 people on board. John will plot the ship's course and review all distress messages sent by telegraph. Then he will describe the frantic scramble for lifeboats and the subsequent rescue of over seven hundred survivors. Finally, he will review how the failure of rivets helped sink the ship, making it one of the deadliest peacetime disasters in maritime history.

John Horrigan is one of America's leading popular historians and is frequently referred to as a "New England Folklorist." He is a prolific historical researcher and author and his lecture portfolio includes over 100 different titles. John has presented lectures at historical societies and other prominent venues throughout New England over the past twenty years.

NEW: Download the Shrewsbury Media Connection app from the App Store and watch Shrewsbury Historical Society programs live as well as those recently recorded! Questions? Email shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring 2022 Season

The goal of SYS is to create and foster a positive and fun-filled environment for players, coaches, officials and parents. The program strives to maintain the highest standard of skill and sportsmanship, developing and training players, coaches, and referees for all levels of competition and offering a program that encourages and supports the participation of all abilities. The season is scheduled to start in April and run through to early June. Registration is open to all age groups from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Click here to register.

2. Please Note – Central Mass Revolution Hockey

Looking to get your kiddo out on the ice for hockey? If so, visit www.RevsHockey.com for registration for our "Learn to Play Hockey House League" with Central Mass Revolution (Shrewsbury youth hockey and Starhawks youth hockey). See our flyer for all of the details. Go REVS!

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Spring 2022 Registration Open (New)

Registration for the 2022 Spring lacrosse season is now open for Shrewsbury boys in 1st through 8th grades. As always, Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse (SYL) encourages players of any ability to join us for an exciting new season of lacrosse. See <u>flyer</u> for more information and go to our <u>website</u> to find out more about our organization, the game, and how to register to play with us this spring.

Questions? Email us at shrewsburylax@gmail.com or find us on Facebook and lnstagram. Come join us for the fastest game on two feet!