



# Community Bulletin

December 6th, 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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## Community Items

1. **[Please Note](#) – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings**

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

Boy's 9th-12th Grade Basketball Pickup League - 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.

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

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

Indoor Youth Tennis - Indoor lessons at Beal School starting December 7th on Tuesdays, and another class offering starting December 9th on Thursdays. Grades 1st and 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and 3rd grade at 6:50 p.m. Cost is \$96 for 8 classes (choose which night).

Visit our new website! [shrewsburyma.myrec.com](https://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 December Events for Tweens & Teens (New)**

We have tons of great events for tweens and teens happening in December at the Library!

- Fridays, December 10th and 17th - Self Improvement Club - 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. Register [here](#) (December 10th) and [here](#) (December 17th).
- Saturday, December 11th - ASL Signing Rocks! - 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Ages 5+. Register [here](#).
- Wednesday, December 15th - Peeps Winter Scenes. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Friday, December 17th - Teen Take & Make: Hand-Poured Candles - all day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- Monday, December 20th - Teen Advisory meeting - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Monday, December 27th - Escape from the Ice Fortress - 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#) (1:30 p.m.) and [here](#) (2:45 p.m.)
- Tuesday, December 28th - Escape from the Ice Fortress - 11:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#) (11:00 a.m.), [here](#) (12:15 p.m.) and [here](#) (2:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, December 29th - Animal Crossing Regifting Party - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A and virtually. Ages 5+. 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](#) or [flyer](#) for more details and registration!

### **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library December Events**

#### Celebrate the Holidays concert with P.E. James

On Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m., enjoy favorite holiday songs at the Shrewsbury Public Library as beloved local musician P. E. James returns for another year of wholesome winter fun with joy-inspiring, foot-tapping tunes. The concert will be in person at the Library.

P.E. James has been entertaining audiences by singing and playing acoustic guitar for over four decades. He is an interpreter of well known songs, having a large repertoire that stretches from the sing-along classics of the 20s, 30s, and 40s, to standards and show tunes, early 50s rock and roll, 60s folk songs, and acoustic rock songs of the 70s.

Please register to attend [here](#). This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

#### The History of Christmas

In this virtual presentation on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m., Sean Murphy, a teacher of Irish history, music, and dance, will share the history of what is now known as Christmas. The presentation will also include some information on the celebration of Christmas in Ireland and will incorporate recorded music and video to create a holiday atmosphere.

Please register to attend [here](#). This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, the Bigelow Free Public Library, the Thayer Memorial Library, the Bacon Free Library, the Parker Memorial Library, and the David & Joyce Milne Public Library.

#### The History of Race and Politics in the Northeast

In this virtual discussion hosted by the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m., Professor Jason Sokol will trace the modern history of race and politics in the Northeast, from Brooklyn to Boston, from World War II to the present. For example, why did white fans support Jackie Robinson as he broke baseball's color barrier in 1947, even as Brooklyn's blacks were shunted into segregated neighborhoods? How was African-American politician Ed Brooke, who won a Massachusetts Senate seat in 1966, undone by the resistance to desegregation busing in Boston? Is the Northeast's history a microcosm of America as a whole: outwardly democratic, but inwardly conflicted over race?

Please register to attend [here](#). This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

#### Hit the Bus Concert

Join the party at the Shrewsbury Public Library on December 11th at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon with New England's rock and dance band, Hit the Bus. The band's acoustic trio will be playing hits from the 50's through today, putting their own unique twist on your favorite melodies.

Formed in 2008 by founding members David Garden and Eric Yanaway, Hit the Bus has played throughout New England at local clubs and restaurants.

For more on the band, visit their website [here](#); register to attend the concert [here](#). This event is in person at the Library and sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

#### **4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Rotary Club’s Holiday Online Silent Auction**

Looking for an easy way to do some holiday shopping? The Shrewsbury Rotary Club has an online auction with something for everyone, including an Xbox with all of the accessories. Offerings are on display at Central One Federal Credit Union and can be viewed [online](#).

Bidding starts at midnight on November 25th and continues through December 10th. Easy pick-up is available at Central One, or local delivery, if needed, by a member of the Rotary Club. Contact [Bethcasavant@gmail.com](mailto:Bethcasavant@gmail.com) with questions.

Proceeds from this online auction will allow our club to continue to do service work in the community. Each year the Rotary Club makes financial donations to support St. Anne's Human Services and Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services. Rotary also awards \$2,000 scholarships to three high school seniors at the end of the academic year.

#### **5. Save the Date – Boy Scouts Troop 4 Movie Night, December 9th**

If you would like to learn about Troop 4 Boy Scouts and all of the exciting activities, events, and adventures that we have to offer, please join us for our Movie Night on Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Ray Stone Post. We will be watching “Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog,” a heartwarming story of adventure, friendship, and courage. This is a free event. Pizza and snacks will be served. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and RSVP to [recruiting@troop4shrewsbury.org](mailto:recruiting@troop4shrewsbury.org).

#### **6. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Program, December 15th (New)**

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents "The History of Christmas Carols" by Sari Bitticks on Wednesday, December 15th 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](http://www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org).

About the program: Everyone loves the old, familiar Christmas carols. But some of them do not mean what you think they do. Some are actually calls to rebellion and more. Find out who wrote some of your favorite carols, and why others were dangerous to sing.

About the presenter: Sari is President of the Auburn Historical Society and Chair of the Auburn Historical Commission. She enjoys conducting research for accurate, yet entertaining presentations.

Special bonus feature: As a special holiday treat, this program will also include an uninterrupted musical presentation of the carols performed on piano by Mark Mummert. Mark is Cantor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester and Associate Conductor of the Worcester Chorus. He is on the faculty of the Hanover Theater and Conservatory in Worcester and performs regularly with the Worcester Chamber Music Society.

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](mailto:shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com).

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### **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](http://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**

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 [flyer](#) for more information and go to

our [website](#) 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](mailto:shrewsburylax@gmail.com) or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Come join us for the fastest game on two feet!

#### **4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Baseball**

Registration is now open for the Spring 2022 Shrewsbury Little League baseball season! Join the tradition and sign up now! Players 5-years-old to 12-years-old can register [here](#). Team assignments for all divisions will be sent out in the spring. Registered ball players in AAA (9- and 10-year-olds) and Majors (11- and 12-year-olds) will be invited to an indoor player evaluation this February - please be on the lookout for more information.

#### **5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Softball**

Register now for the Spring 2022 Shrewsbury Little League softball season! Join the tradition of learning the game of softball in a competitive and fun program. Players preschool through high school age can register [here](#). No prior playing experience is necessary. The season runs from April–June and team assignments will be sent out in the spring. Players will be invited to an indoor evaluation on January 29th at The Bancroft School. The Pitching Clinic registration is also now open.

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