



# Community Bulletin

November 7th, 2022

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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](#).

**Tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day.** All registered voters are encouraged to cast a ballot if you haven't yet done so. Exercising your right and responsibility to vote is an important way to show our students that as a community we demonstrate "an appreciation of our democratic tradition," as stated in our school district's mission. For information on how and where to vote, click [here](#) for a link to the Town Clerk's office.

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## School District Items

### 1. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Public Schools Strategic Planning Public Forum, November 16 at 6:30pm at SHS [\(New\)](#)

Our school district has begun the work to create an updated strategic plan as our current [plan](#) comes to a conclusion. We are partnering with [Focused Schools](#), an organization who will assist us in identifying our strengths and needs and ensuring that we have robust input from all of our stakeholders. As part of that process, **you are invited to attend an interactive public forum to provide feedback for our next strategic plan on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm at Shrewsbury High School.** We are hopeful that many SPS parents and caretakers, staff members, older students, and community members will join us for this important discussion; **if you plan to attend, please complete the RSVP form [here](#) so we can effectively plan for the number attending** (to translate this form, see the short video [here](#)).

### 2. [Save the Date](#) – Robotics Holiday Market and Craft Fair, November 19th [\(New\)](#)

Kick off the holidays with the Shrewsbury High School Robotics Winter Farmer Market and Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 19th from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Oak Middle School gymnasium. Grab a delicious apple pie to support Shrewsbury Robotics and start holiday shopping with amazing local vendors! There will be handmade crafts, jewelry, candles, soaps, stocking stuffers, and other treats for sale. Want a table? There are some vendor spots still available! Email [Diana.Karas@gmail.com](mailto:Diana.Karas@gmail.com) to apply.

### 3. [Please Note](#) – Jobs for Students [\(New\)](#)

Do you have a high school student looking for a job? Shrewsbury Public Schools has published a [list of available jobs](#) in our community. Every job listing contains a brief job description, instructions for how to apply for the job, and the contact person. It is the student's responsibility to connect with the employer and to apply for the job personally. This list will be kept up-to-date as much as possible. Please note that if your student is under 18, they must [apply for a work permit](#). Instructions are also on the Jobs for Students page.

#### **4. Please Note – SHS Students are Seeking Employment! Do you have jobs to offer?**

Are you a local business looking for seasonal or part-time help? Students are looking for jobs! On November 17th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Shrewsbury High School will be hosting a Job Fair for students. If you or someone you know has a business looking for student employees, please complete this [form](#). If you cannot attend the Job Fair on November 17th but you need employees, please complete this [form](#) so we can post your job description and information to our [Jobs for Students](#) webpage. Thank you for supporting our students.

#### **5. Save the Date – SPS Visual Arts Department Art Exhibitions**

Students in grades K-12 have exhibitions at Shrewsbury Credit Union, Shrewsbury Town Hall, and the Worcester Center for Crafts through the month of November. Please [click here](#) for more information about when and where to see the exhibitions!

#### **6. Save the Date – SEPAC Workshop, November 9th**

Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will welcome the Federation for Children with Special Needs for a virtual workshop, "Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP," on Wednesday, November 9th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This presentation will delve into the Individualized Education Program (IEP) document, its development, the breakdown of each section, and understanding how the document supports students. All are welcome; [registration](#) is required.

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### **Community Items**

#### **1. Save the Date – Yuletide Market and Light the Common, December 3rd (New)**

The Shrewsbury Town Center Association announces the 2022 Yuletide Market and Light the Common on Saturday, December 3rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the Town Common and Chiampa Funeral Home on Church Road. You are invited AND it will be magical! There will be shopping, music, and entertainment.

The Market will open at 4:00 p.m. and the Light the Common will dazzle at 4:45 p.m. Food, beverages, and festive treats will be sold, including the Shrewsbury Fire Department's delicious "Fire House Chili" and a variety of other food trucks.

Admission is free. Pets are not allowed. Please [click here](#) to see the flier. For more information, including parking locations, visit [www.shrewsburytca.com](http://www.shrewsburytca.com).

## **2. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Meeting, November 16th (New)**

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents “The Best Ever! Parades in New England, 1788-1940” by Jane Nylander on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

### About the Presentation:

For centuries, Americans have celebrated their public identity with parades. Marching politicians and soldiers, stirring music, colorful flags and banners, ornamented fire engines, costumed school children, and colorful floats set forth on the stage of town after town to symbolize traditions and values that Americans hold dear. This talk will explore both story and significance, focusing on parades in New England from the time of those celebrating the ratification of the Constitution in 1788 to the Tercentenary celebrations of the 1920s and 1930s.

### About the Presenter:

Jane Nylander, President Emerita of Historic New England and a well-known author and speaker, will offer the audience an illustrated review of her most recent book, *The Best Ever, Parades in New England, 1788 to 1940*. Other publications include *Our Own Snug Fireside: Images of the New England Home, 1750-1860*, *Windows on the Past*, and more than one hundred articles.

The meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Historical Society at 17 Church Road. The program will be available afterwards on Shrewsbury Media Connection. Questions? Email [shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com](mailto:shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com)

## **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Fall Programs (New)**

Fall Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for fall programs listed below. Additional programs will be added throughout November/December. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Kids Test Kitchen! - For kids ages 7 and up. Each virtual class presents students with an opportunity to explore new or familiar foods in their raw, unmanipulated state. Then, with adult supervision and occasional assistance (as needed), we'll work together virtually to slice, dice, peel, measure, and cook until we have each prepared the finished dish. This virtual experience gives students the unique opportunity to immediately share their work with family! Six Tuesdays starting November 15th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$82.

Home Safety - Ages 9 and up on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$37.

Babysitting Course - For grades 6-8 on Thursdays, December 1st and December 8th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$57.

Teen Yoga - Grades 6-12 on Mondays starting November 14th from 5:45 to 6:35 p.m. at Core Connection Fitness Studio. Cost is \$80.

Visit our website! [shrewsburyma.myrec.com](https://shrewsburyma.myrec.com) Create a new account if you have not done so within the past year.

#### **4. Please Note – Unified Basketball Program Looking for New Partners! (New)**

Shrewsbury Parks and Recreation are currently looking to add new partners to their Special Olympics Unified Basketball program. Partners play alongside our amazing athletes or those who may step up to coach! We plan on having two basketball teams this winter, with the junior team being ages 8-15 and the adult team being ages 16 and older. Practices are at Sherwood Middle School on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. starting November 29th through March 14th. We also have qualifiers for division play, which is determined at a later time. Register at [Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation](#).

#### **5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)**

##### Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space where you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join the Spanish Conversation Club every Tuesday in November and December at the Shrewsbury Public Library (6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the second floor). No registration required.

¿Buscas un espacio informal en el que puedas practicar tu Español y aprender más de las múltiples culturas que hablan este idioma? Únete a nuestro club de conversación todos los martes de noviembre y diciembre en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio. No es necesario registrarse.

##### 50+ Job Seekers Virtual Networking Group

The Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. If you are unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, or re-entering the job market after a gap, this networking group program is perfect for you! Each meeting features a new topic and includes activities such as presentations, hands-on workshops, guest speakers,

access to hiring managers, small group breakout rooms to network, and 1-on-1 coaching guidance. The November 16th meeting will focus on interview practice.

Find the full list of topics and registration [here](#). This group is sponsored by a partnership between the public libraries in Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford, Danvers, North Andover, Shrewsbury, Tewksbury, Westford, and Wilmington.

#### Tech Tuesday: Microsoft Word

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the library's Learning Lab for Tech Tuesdays! Once a month from November through April, we will cover the fundamentals of a technology topic. At the November 8th class, we will be discussing Microsoft Word Basics. Attendees will learn how to open new and existing documents; copy and paste text; format font, paragraphs, and margins; as well as save and print documents. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required.

#### Upstander Project Short Films Screening

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with Learning Director, Mishy Lesser, on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. for a virtual screening and discussion of three short films from [Upstander Project](#). Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This event will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register](#) to attend.

Dear Georgina follows the journey of Georgina Sappier-Richardson, who was removed from her home and Passamaquoddy community by child protection services and never saw her parents again. Bounty reveals the story of scalp-bounties used to exterminate Native people in order to take the land and demonstrates the continued resistance and survival of the Penobscot people. First Light documents the historic actions of the Maine Wabanaki Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) as it seeks healing and hope for Native Americans affected by the state's abuse of power through the child welfare system.

#### SPL Distinguished Lecture: Stephen Puleo

In this Distinguished Lecture sponsored by the SPL Foundation, author, historian, teacher, and public speaker Stephen Puleo will be discussing his most recent book: *Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission*.

"Puleo has found a new way to tell the story [of the Irish famine] with this well-researched and splendidly written chronicle...Mr. Puleo's tale, despite the hardship to come, surely is a tribute to the better angels of America's nature, and in that sense, it couldn't be more timely" (Wall Street Journal).

This will be a hybrid event hosted in person at the library and virtually on Zoom as well as livestreamed on Facebook and recorded by Shrewsbury Media Connection on Sunday,

November 13th. Mr. Puleo's books will be available for sale in person for cash or credit card payment. [Registration](#) is required for in-person attendance and Zoom.

## **6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Tweens & Teens**

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

- Tuesdays, November 1st-22nd - Make a Sock Monkey - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. Make a classic stuffed toy: the sock monkey! Fun to keep or give as a gift. In this four-part series, we'll cover basic sewing skills such as threading needles, the running stitch, and the whip stitch, then use those skills to make a unique new friend. Socks will be provided.
- Monday, November 7th - Marvel Trivia Night - 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. [Registration](#) required. Do you know every twist and turn of the Marvel universe? Can you list all the Infinity Stones, all of Captain America's nicknames, and all the Spiders of the Spider-verse? Or are you still confused about the difference between Namor and Aquaman? Either way, join us for Marvel Trivia - there will be free pizza! Play as an individual or make a team.
- Friday, October 18th - Friday Afternoon Videogames - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. School is over - work off a little steam with videogames! We'll have some of the most popular multiplayer games for the Nintendo Switch, like Super Smash Bros, Mario Party, and Overcooked. Show up ready to play or just watch your friends!
- Monday, November 21st - Teen Advisory Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. Join us to meet some new people, eat snacks, and help us make our Teen Room (and library) THE BEST! Earn volunteer hours for attending and participating.

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

## **7. Save the Date – Turkey Trot for the Memory, November 24th**

Preparations are underway for the 11th running of the Turkey Trot for the Memory and we can't wait to see you! On Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 a.m., we will gather with friends and family on the Shrewsbury Town Common to show support for those who've been impacted by Alzheimer's disease and to raise funds to support patient care, caregiver support, and research. Please join us for the 2-mile or 5-mile race, fun run, or walk.

We are grateful to our presenting sponsor, Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union, and to the First Congregational Church for generously welcoming us back year after year despite the fact that



we've grown exponentially! This event would not be possible without the Church, our sponsors, volunteers, and you!

Registration is live - [click here](#) to sign up early and get a t-shirt. See you at the starting line on Thanksgiving morning!

#### **8. Please Note – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee for the Town of Shrewsbury**

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee was established by the Select Board on August 23, 2022 alongside their issuance of a commitment statement to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. The Board is seeking one (1) high school-aged Shrewsbury resident junior or senior student to serve on the committee for a one year term set to expire June 30, 2023. The Committee shall be comprised of an intentionally diverse group of seven (7) members appointed by the Select Board.

The mission of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee (DEIBC) is to support and foster an inclusive and equitable community that enhances belonging for all residents. The committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Select Board and Town Manager and provide feedback to local governing bodies, boards, and committees on related topics.

The Charge and Duties of the Shrewsbury Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee are as follows:

- Facilitate discussions, forums, and events for town residents on topics of interest.
- Organize community events, programs, and activities that promote and celebrate diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.
- Recommend strategies to improve access to local resources, programs, and opportunities.
- Foster civic engagement with the goal of increasing diverse participation in Town Boards, Committees, and Town Meeting.
- The committee shall make reports to the Select Board of its activities semi-annually.

Interested applicants must be residents of the Town and are asked to submit a letter of interest and resume to the Office of the Select Board, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 or by email to [selectboard@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:selectboard@shrewsburyma.gov) no later than **November 8th at 4:30 p.m.** Please contact the Office of the Town Manager at (508) 841-8508 with any questions.



### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring Season**

Registration is now open for the Spring season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups (pre-kindergarten through grade 12). Our season is scheduled to start in early April 2023 and will run to the end of the school year. [Click here](#) to register.

If you did not register in fall 2022, we have migrated our registration system to Sports Connect. Some important points for registration:

- If you do not currently have a Sports Connect account, you will have to create one and add each of the players you would like to register for the spring.
- You do not have to upload a birth certificate.
- If you are ordering a travel uniform, please be sure to select the corresponding fee buttons under “Additional Registration Information.”
- The Fan Wear Clothing Store that Sports Connect forces you into at the end of the registration process, much like an amusement park where you are dropped into the souvenir shop at the end of the ride, does not offer the travel uniforms; they have to be selected at the top of the registration form.

### **2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Registration**

Registration is now open for the spring 2023 season for all Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse age groups (girls and boys in grades 1-8). The girls' and boys' lacrosse programs recently combined, so you can easily register your athletes in one easy location. [Click here](#) to register! We migrated our registration system to a new platform. Some important points for registration:

- If you do not currently have a Demosphere account, you will have to create one and add each of the players you would like to register for the fall.
- You do not have to upload a birth certificate.
- Uniform ordering will come in a few weeks. We appreciate your patience as we manage the growing pains of switching platforms and combining programs.

Please reach out to Alison Smith [alison.smith@shrewsburylacrosse.org](mailto:alison.smith@shrewsburylacrosse.org) if you have questions!

### **3. Please Note – Worcester Volleyball Club**

Worcester Volleyball Club is collaborating with Open Sky Community Services to offer 8-week volleyball programs starting in November. No experience is required to participate! Kids receive an introduction to volleyball, learn from trained coaches, develop skills, and build a passion for the game. Our inclusive club brings kids and young adults (up to age 24) with and without disabilities together providing enriching experiences for all. Our programs provide our community with the opportunity to increase physical activity, create new friendships, develop

new skills, increase independence, and experience success. Please see the [flier](#) for more information or visit our [website](#).

#### **4. Please Note – Take Charge Hoops One Day Fall Basketball Clinic**

The Shrewsbury High School boys varsity basketball coaches Adrian Machado and Gerry Nowosacki will be sponsoring one Saturday morning basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-12. The focus will be on individual skills to be incorporated within the game/scrimmage process. The daily routine will consist of warm up techniques and conditioning, drill stations for skill development, and group instruction and demonstrations for individual and team strategies.

Where: Shrewsbury High School Field House

When: Saturday, November 12th

Time: Sign-in at 8:30 a.m. and program from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75 (\$10 discount for siblings)

Please [click here](#) for the complete flier and application. Please see our [website](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Nowosacki at (508) 842-6014 or [gym21rat@aol.com](mailto:gym21rat@aol.com).

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