



# Community Bulletin

August 15th, 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](#).

## **School Department at Town Hall Summer Hours**

Starting on Tuesday, June 21st, the School Department will follow the Shrewsbury Town Hall's summer hours. The following schedule will be in effect through Friday, August 19th. The School Department will resume regular 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily hours the week of August 22nd.

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to **6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to **12:00 p.m.**

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## **School District Items**

### **1. [Please Note](#) – Employment Opportunities with Shrewsbury Public Schools**

Do you want to make a difference? Do you enjoy working with kids? Want to join an inspiring team of educational professionals? If so, please consider applying for an [Applied Behavioral Analysis Technician](#) or [Child Specific Classroom Assistant](#) position at Shrewsbury Public Schools. Please visit the SchoolSpring links for more information and to apply.

### **2. [Save the Date](#) – Music Drive by the Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association**

Please save the date for the 67th annual SSMA Music Drive, taking place the morning of Saturday, September 10th. All high school theater and music students should plan to participate in this one-time, four-hour event to sell season concert tickets in our neighborhoods and help raise funds for our theater and music departments. This one event alone earns as much as \$16,000 for use by our performing arts directors and teachers, and we need full community support to accomplish this!

We are in great need of adult drivers! Each year we need 40 to 50 parents to help drive the students out on their routes. It is a tremendous task to find enough drivers to help us in this event. Please consider helping this year! Visit [myssma.com](http://myssma.com) to learn more and volunteer to drive!

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## **Community Items**

### **1. [Save the Date](#) – Reliant Foundation 5K Road Race, October 1st **(New)****

On Saturday, October 1st, Reliant Foundation will hold the annual Reliant Foundation 5K Road Race at Shore Park in Worcester. The event attracts hundreds of runners, walkers, and spectators to raise funds in support of the Foundation's Community Grants Program.

The road race begins at 10:00 a.m., with race day registration opening at 8:30 a.m. The event features free, family-friendly entertainment and great raffles.

Early bird registration rates are available until August 31th, and registration remains open through September 29th. There is no cost for spectators to attend. To register or for more information, visit the [Reliant Foundation website](#) or view the [event flier](#).

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

### Healthy Garden Recipes

Fresh is best! Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. to learn to prepare healthy meals with the ingredients from your backyard garden. Presented by Kate Donovan of Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens; sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please register to attend [here](#).

### Find the Love Within. Share the Love with All

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library and Jim Rose on Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. for this meditation workshop. We can tap into the love and peace deep within us through the transforming power of meditation. Once we do, we reap the benefits and can share that love and joy with all we meet, helping make this a kinder, more peaceful world.

Jim Rose, M.Ed., Rutgers University, is a retired executive of a Fortune 100 Company who has been practicing meditation for over 30 years. Jim currently gives workshops and training to groups throughout the world in which he connects meditation and spiritual development to important aspects of our lives. At this workshop, you will have a chance to experience this time-tested, life-changing technique. This program will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register to attend here](#).

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

Fall Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of the fall programs. New programs will be added throughout August/September based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all parks & recreation programs. Space is limited.

Youth Basketball League - Registration starting in September (TBA). Leagues by grade: Boys 3rd & 4th, Girls 3rd & 4th, Boys 5th & 6th, Girls 5th & 6th, Boys 7th & 8th, Girls 7th-9th, and Boy's 9th-12th.

Junior Golf - Starting Tuesday, September 13th.

Fall Archery at Shrewsbury Parks & Rec - starting Thursday 9/1

Crew Rowing - Grades 7th and 8th, starting the week of August 29th.

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. Save the Date – “Bad Guys” Movie Night in the Park, September 17th**

Dean Park Bandstand, Saturday September 17th, "Bad Guys" a great kids movie for the entire family! Fresh Popcorn made on site! Movie time is 7:30pm. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy the movie with family and friends! Sponsored by SELCO and Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation.

#### **5. Please Note – Shrewsbury to Refresh Website and Release a Mobile App**

The Town of Shrewsbury is preparing to refresh the town website - [shrewsburyma.gov](https://shrewsburyma.gov). The new structure is designed to be easier to navigate and provide us with a platform that we can grow into as new content becomes available over time. In addition to this desktop website update, we will also be rolling out a mobile app created to provide residents and community members more accessibility to popular items while on the go!

During the relaunch, you will find some of the newer content pages "under construction" as we build out that content in a phased approach.

Rest assured, throughout this process we will be soliciting your feedback. If you would like any further information on this topic, please contact [tgalusha@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:tgalusha@shrewsburyma.gov) or call the Office of the Town Manager at (508) 841-8508.

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

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

- Mondays, August [15th](#), [22nd](#) - Rubik's Cube Club - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. All ages. Registration required.

- Thursday, [August 18th](#); Wednesday, [August 24th](#) - Walk and Talk Book Club - 9:30 a.m. at Dean Park, Prospect Park, and Lake Street Park. Grades 5-12. Registration required.
- Monday, August 8th-Saturday, August 27th - Teen Adventure Walk - all day at Lake Street Park. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary.
- Tuesday, August 16th - Teen Take & Make: Celebrate Dogs - 9:00 a.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- Monday, [August 22nd](#) - Upcycle Your Cloth Masks - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Registration required.
- Tuesday, [August 23rd](#) - Sustainability Town Hall with Senator Moore - 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. Registration required.
- Friday, August 26th - Flower Smash Art - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary.

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

## **7. Please Note – Spirit of Shrewsbury Event Details & Volunteers Needed**

The Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 24th at Oak Middle School. There will be many different activities for everyone - craft shows, exhibitions, costume competitions, activities for kids, Shrewsbury Got Talent competition, food vendors, and more. A parade will be held on Sunday, September 25th. More details to follow soon!

Spirit of Shrewsbury is looking for volunteers to help with this year's celebration. We will need approximately 50 volunteers on Saturday, September 24th from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. We will also need volunteers on Sunday, September 25th to help with the parade route from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. (approximately 20 volunteers needed) and the senior tea from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (approximately 6 volunteers needed).

Those who volunteer on September 24th will receive a free t-shirt, pizza, and a volunteer certificate. If you are interested in volunteering, please [click here](#) to sign up or email Shyla Ram at [shyla.ram09@gmail.com](mailto:shyla.ram09@gmail.com). Thank you for your help!

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## **Youth Athletics and Activities**

### **1. Please Note – Special Olympics Junior Soccer Coaches Needed (New)**

Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation and Shrewsbury Special Olympics are looking for one or two amazing individuals who would like to volunteer to coach our Special Olympic Junior Unified

Soccer Team. The program is for athletes ages 8-15 and practices are held Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Maple Avenue Recreation Area beginning on Sunday, August 28th. We are looking for individuals ages 21 and older. The season runs until November 6th when a statewide tournament is held in Byfield, MA. To learn more about this opportunity, please email us at [shrewsburyspecialneeds@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburyspecialneeds@gmail.com) or [parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov) and we will provide more information.

## **2. Please Note – Unified Soccer Program Looking for New Partners (New)**

We are currently looking to add new partners to our Special Olympics Unified Soccer program. Partners play alongside our amazing athletes or can step up to coach! We plan on having 3 or 4 soccer teams this fall with the junior's team being ages 8-15 and adult teams being ages 16 and older. Practices are at Maple Ave Soccer Fields on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., August 28th through November 6th. Register at [Shrewsbury Parks & Rec Registration](#).

## **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Colonials AAU 12U Baseball Team**

The Shrewsbury Colonials AAU baseball program is planning to hold the second 12U tryout for the 2023 season. Indoor training will begin in mid-January into early April, incorporating a complete program with pitching and hitting instruction from qualified instructors. There will be double headers either Saturday or Sunday between early April into early June (12U, for a 20-25 game schedule, including two tournaments). This allows the boys to play in a highly competitive environment with little to no interference with the town Little League baseball program.

We are planning to hold final tryouts for the 2023 12U team on Saturday, August 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the upper Dean Park Baseball Field. Players will be evaluated for available roster spots and notified of results shortly thereafter. If interested, please fill out the contact form [here](#). A registration and waiver form will be sent to you with more information on the teams. If you have a conflict with the tryout date, we will schedule an additional day/time for a make-up session.

If you are interested in a 2023 team tryout or have any questions about the program, please contact Kevin Martin at [mphco@verizon.net](mailto:mphco@verizon.net) or Coaches Nick Martin at [nmartind1@gmail.com](mailto:nmartind1@gmail.com) and Casey Boudreau at [casey.boudreau22@gmail.com](mailto:casey.boudreau22@gmail.com).

## **4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Fall Softball Registration**

Now open for a limited time - registration is open for the fall 2022 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 September 11th through October 23rd. Practices and games are on

Saturdays and Sundays. A five week clinic is included in your registration price. Non-Shrewsbury players are welcome if your town does not offer a fall program. If you have any questions, please email us at [shrewsburygsb@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburygsb@gmail.com).

## **5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Fall Programs**

Registration is now open for the fall season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups (pre-kindergarten through grade 12). Our travel games are currently scheduled to start on September 10th and our in-town games on September 19th, with practices starting 1-2 weeks before. Click [here](#) to register.

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 fall.
- 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 travel uniforms. Travel uniforms have to be selected at the top of the registration form.

Shrewsbury Youth Soccer is running additional “Tiny Tykes” weekend training sessions this fall for our younger players with coaches from Challenger Soccer. The 2-5 year old session is on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and the 6-8 year old session is on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. These sessions are separate to our regular program and you can register [here](#).

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