



# Community Bulletin

May 2nd, 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](#).

## **Shrewsbury Annual Town Election, May 3rd**

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, May 3rd. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at all polling locations for all 10 precincts. Voters were notified if their precinct or polling location has changed. To verify your precinct or polling location, or for more information on this election, visit <https://shrewsburyma.gov/1079/2022-Annual-Town-Election>.

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### **1. Please Note – 2022-2023 Bus Registration Open**

We are pleased to announce the official opening of the 2022-2023 bus registration process. The bus registration process will be open from now until June 30th. It will be closed from July 1st until early August and will re-open on approximately August 8th. We have 3 important messages to highlight here:

1. Bus registration and payment must be done via the PowerSchool Parent Portal for students attending Shrewsbury Public Schools and via the Google Form for students attending Assabet Valley Reg. Technical High School and all private schools. There is no “processing charge/convenience fee” for online payment of the bus fee and both credit cards and debit cards are accepted.
2. All of the regulations and rules pertaining to bus ridership eligibility and the requirement to pay a fee are posted on our website under the Transportation link. Please read them carefully and access the FAQ if you have questions.
3. If your child has a negative food service account balance or owes a fee for some other additional service, then you will be blocked from bus registration until all overdue payments are made.

The bus fee for the 2022-2023 school year is \$320/student with a \$960 family cap. For all in-district students, please register now by clicking [here](#). If your child will be attending Assabet or a private school located in Shrewsbury for the 2022-2023 school year, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please email [transportation@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:transportation@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

### **2. Please Note – 2022-2023 Extended Day Program Registration**

The Extended School Care program is now accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year. We offer before-school and after-school programs for students in grades K-4 at all elementary schools (Beal, Coolidge, Floral, Paton, and Spring), as well as an after-school program at Sherwood Middle School for students in grades 5 and 6.

Enrollment is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Information about the program, including hours of operation, tuition fees, and registration instructions can be found on our [website](#). If you have questions, please contact Karen

Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, at (508) 841-8727 or [kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

### **3. Please Note – Cafeteria Help Needed**

The Shrewsbury Food Service is looking for full, part-time, and substitutes to work in the school cafeterias. Duties include: Prepping food, setting up serving lines, serving students, and breakdown and clean up. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Please click [here](#) to obtain an employment application.

Please forward this application to the Food Service Department c/o Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury MA 01545 or email it to [hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us). Questions? Please call Heidi Doyle, Monday-Wednesday, at (508) 841-8855.

### **4. Save the Date – SHS Athletic Boosters Annual Mattress Fundraiser Sale, June 4th**

Need a new mattress? According to a leading research journal for the mattress and furniture business, 1 in 10 people buy a mattress every single year. If this is you in 2022, we have the perfect solution! Purchase the new mattress you need while at the same time supporting the student athletes of Shrewsbury High School and Oak Middle School. Our 2nd Annual SHS Athletic Boosters Mattress Fundraiser is being held in the Fieldhouse at Shrewsbury High School on Saturday, June 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See the [flyer](#) for additional details. Thank you in advance for your anticipated support!

### **5. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Education Foundation Trivia Night, May 13th**

After a 2 year hiatus, the Shrewsbury Education Foundation is bringing back its annual Trivia Night. The 2022 SEF Trivia Night is sponsored by Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union and will be held virtually on Friday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Create a team of 4 to 5 people and compete for the SEF Trivia Night championship. The cost to participate is \$20 per person and all proceeds benefit the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, an all-volunteer organization that raises money to fund grants which put resources and programs directly into the classroom.

Click [here](#) to register your team today and click [here](#) to see the flyer. For more information about SEF Trivia Night, please contact James Dealy at [jamesdealy@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesdealy@hotmail.com). To learn more about the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, visit [SEFgrants.org](http://SEFgrants.org).

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## Community Items

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

#### Ornery Teenagers: How to Compassionately and Effectively Manage Their Problem Behaviors

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library and presenter Ryan Dowd on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. for this virtual workshop on teenage behavior. If you work with teenagers, you need to understand how their brains are different from adults' or childrens'. For example, the "nucleus accumbens" and "frontal cortex" explain a lot of the goofy things that teens do. Their "bidirectional" view of respect explains much of the rest. This workshop teaches you how to adapt your style for teenagers, focusing on practical skills for: 1) Pre-conflict, 2) During conflict, and 3) Post-conflict. 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, with additional funding provided by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. The program will take place on Zoom; please register to attend [here](#).

#### New Leaves Concert

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Saturday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m. for a concert by Americana duo New Leaves. The group consists of Cameron Sutphin and Mary Hastings, who met in high school and became friends, starting the band Wing & A Prayer with two other classmates before venturing out on their own and becoming a duo. Cameron & Mary perform original material and classic country and folk cover songs such as The Times They Are A-Changin' (Bob Dylan), Take Me Home, Country Roads (John Denver), Jackson (Johnny Cash), Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen), and Wake-Up Little Susie (Everly Brothers) as an acoustic act. They have performed at multiple venues in 30 states and Washington D.C. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please register to attend [here](#).

#### Songs and Stories - The Highwaymen

On Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library with longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York, who will perform the songs of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, and Waylon Jennings and tell stories of their careers. The four songwriting legends joined forces in the 1980s to form the country supergroup "The Highwaymen." However, they'd each previously established themselves as stars and their careers intersected many times since the 1960s. York has twice been nominated as Best Male Artist by the New England Music Awards and his latest release was named one of the Boston Globe's best albums of 2019. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Shrewsbury Local Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. The program will be held in person at the library; please register to attend [here](#).

#### SpeakOUT Boston

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of learning more about the LGBTQ+ community as members of SpeakOUT Boston share their

personal stories. SpeakOUT has been telling the stories of LGBTQ+ lives for 50 years. Since 1972, volunteer speakers have shared stories in an engaging way and fostered dialogues within middle and high schools, colleges, businesses, faith communities, nonprofit organizations, and more. SpeakOUT's motto is "Ask Us Anything" and the speakers create a safe and supportive atmosphere to ask questions. 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. The program will be held in person at the library; please register to attend [here](#).

### The Journey

On Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library and presenter Diane Lewis, psychic medium, for a unique workshop. Diane will put you in an altered state and then transport you to another realm. During the journey, you will have an individual and group experience in this multi-layered workshop, so whatever your needs, spirit will show you the way. Because we'll be together for a couple hours, comfortable clothing is recommended; have a pen and paper handy and water and a snack for after (for grounding). All attendees must be on time. No one will be admitted after the program has begun. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will be held virtually on Zoom; please register to attend [here](#).

## **2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings (New)**

Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for programs listed. New programs will be added throughout May based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all of the parks & recreation programs. Space is limited.

Crew Rowing (Learn to Row) - For grades 8th-12th, four days each session. There are four sessions offered during the weeks of 6/21-6/24 and 7/18-7/22. Choose between the 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. class. This program is being offered through a partnership with the Regatta Point Community Sailing and Parks & Recreation! Cost is \$225.

Youth Flag Football - Wednesday evenings starting June 22nd at Sherwood field. Cost is \$65.

Youth Summer Tennis Sessions - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules. Classes start the week of June 20th.

Youth Summer Basketball League - Tuesday evenings starting June 21st at Shrewsbury High School Gym. Cost is \$74.

Preschool/Toddlers lil Dragons Karate - Ages 2.9-5 on Mondays starting May 2nd from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$175.

Preschool/Toddler All Sports - Ages 2-5 on Saturdays starting May 7th from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$150.

Preschool/Toddler Bitty Basketball - Ages 2-5 on Saturdays starting May 7th from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$150.

Preschool/Toddler Tiny Soccer - Ages 2-4 on Sundays starting May 8th from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$150.

Preschool/Toddler Baseball - Ages 2-4 on Mondays starting May 9th from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$132.

Home Safety - Ages 9 and up, Saturday, June 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Dean Park South Pavilion. Cost is \$37.

Babysitting Course - For grades 6th-8th on Thursdays, May 25th and June 1st from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak MS Cafe. Cost is \$57.

Junior Golf Summer - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Teen Interview Prep Workshop - Grades 8-12th on Tuesday, May 10th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Cost is \$65.

Restaurant Ready Workshop - Tuesday, May 17th for grades 2nd-7th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$45.

Archery Spring & Summer Sessions - Visit our website for fees, dates, and schedules.

Teen Archery Summer Sessions - Thursdays for grades 6th and up starting June 2nd from 5:40 to 6:40 p.m. Cost is \$145.

Adult Summer Tennis Sessions - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Adult Bodyweight Boot Camp - Tuesdays starting May 3rd from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. at Dean Park. Cost is \$60.

Adult Golf Summer Sessions - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Adult Rhythm & Ride Spin Classes - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

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

### **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation “Chalk It Up” Event (New)**

Flowers, balloons, trees, or the sun! So many options for families to create designs for everyone to see at the Paton School playground area on May 7th. We supply the chalk, you create the designs! Bring some painters tape, cutouts, or predesigned ideas/plans to build your works of art. Please [sign up](#) each family member that is participating in this free event!

### **4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Summer Playground**

We are currently accepting registration for all 6 weeks of Summer Playground this summer, starting on June 27th. Parents have weekly options and AM/PM add-ons to each week! Please make sure you have an active account in our new system. Click [here](#) for our website. Contact us with any issues at [parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov).

### **5. Please Note – India Society of Worcester April/May Programs**

The India Society of Worcester is starting a series of different classes by our volunteers this April and May. Subjects range from 3D Printing Workshop for grades 1 and up (adults are welcome as well), SAT Math classes for grades 7-9, AP Physics tutoring, and LEGO Mindstorms classes. We are also hosting a free Sanskrit family workshop. Classes will be held in-person at India Center, 152 Main Street, Shrewsbury. Visit our [website](#) or email [tutoring@iswonline.org](mailto:tutoring@iswonline.org) for more information.

### **6. Save the Date – Shrewsbury’s Town Takeover WooSox Game, May 22nd**

Join in the fun at Shrewsbury’s Town Takeover Game at the WooSox on Sunday, May 22nd, at 1:05 p.m.! \$5 from each ticket purchased will be donated to Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Throughout the season, the WooSox will host different towns in Central and Western Massachusetts at Polar Park for “town takeover” nights. Tickets purchased for each “town takeover” night will benefit a non-profit from that town. At the end of the season, the town with the largest turnout will be rewarded with a trophy and special recognition!

### **7. Save the Date – Girl Scout Recruitment Event, May 12th**

We are having a blast! Launch into Girl Scouts. Join us on Thursday, May 12th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Shrewsbury Public Library, Room B (609 Main St). Your girl is invited to learn about



rockets, build and launch her own rocket, and earn her first official Girl Scout patch. This program is for girls currently in PreK and K who are not currently Girl Scouts. Click [here](#) to register by Sunday, May 8th. If you have any questions, please email [lbrochu@gscwm.org](mailto:lbrochu@gscwm.org).

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## **Youth Athletics and Activities**

### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Volleyball Clinic (New)**

The Shrewsbury High School Volleyball team invites all middle school girls going into grades 5th through 9th to join them in learning and playing volleyball at a clinic on June 8th, 9th, and 10th. Come join the team in hitting, passing, and playing this great sport. All levels are welcome! Please print and complete the [application](#) and mail it with payment to Shannon Michalowski at 34 Edgewood Road, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. If you have any questions, please call (508) 320-0795 or email [michalowskifamily@gmail.com](mailto:michalowskifamily@gmail.com).

### **2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Football & Cheer**

Shrewsbury Youth Football & Cheer registration is now open. As a member of AYF and Central Mass Youth Football and Cheer Conference (CMYFCC), Shrewsbury American Youth Football and Cheer Organization (SAYFCO) provides an opportunity for all children to participate in a safe, competitively balanced, and organized setting. The lessons and values being instilled through football and cheer will last a lifetime – lessons like hard work, discipline, commitment, and teamwork. These are the vital character traits we are trying to engrain in the participants that come through our program while making sure each participant is having fun. Click [here](#) for football season details and [here](#) for cheer season details. Please register by May 31st for Shrewsbury American Youth Football & Cheer at [www.SAYFCO.org](http://www.SAYFCO.org) to receive the early registration discount. Contact us at [marketing@sayfco.org](mailto:marketing@sayfco.org) if you have additional questions.

New Flex Flag Football Program for Grades K-1: Flex Flag Football is a growing alternative to full contact football and teaches basic skills and concepts of the game. SAYFCO Flex Flag Football provides boys and girls in grades K-1 a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in light contact (blocking is allowed) and continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. Flex Football is a variation of flag football that provides young players a "bridge" to tackle football. The SAYFCO program is designed to educate young people about the techniques and skills of youth football while emphasizing participation and sportsmanship. Our team will be competing with towns across Central Mass. Click [here](#) for an overview of the flex program.

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