



April, 2018 Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings from Mayor Felicity Buckley



April 18, 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This quarterly report marks my last letter to the community as Mayor. It is with mixed emotions that I decided to step down. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the community as Mayor. Shrewsbury is truly a special place. I am a strong advocate for local government, as it keeps local decisions, local. Shrewsbury is the best of what local government has to offer. Our community is safe, vibrant, and active. These attributes serve to keep our property values strong, which helps to maintain our investment in our community. The residents of Shrewsbury, along with our business community, make Shrewsbury a well sought after place to live. I know I leave the City in good hands with Mayor Scherer and with our great Board of Aldermen. I plan to remain involved with the City, serving with the Historical Society, and I look forward to whatever life brings my way.

Thank you to all of the employees of Shrewsbury who work so diligently to make Shrewsbury so successful. To the Department Heads, many thanks for not only your professionalism, but your friendship, and to the Board of Aldermen, many thanks for your unwavering support and your friendship as well. My time in office has been both fun and challenging and I will always treasure the time that I had.

Kindest Regards,

Felicity Buckley
Mayor of the City of Shrewsbury

Finance Department Update - Director Danielle Oettle

The City's Independent Financial Statement Audit for Fiscal Year 2017 is well underway and the final audit will be presented at a Board Meeting in June or July.

The City's 2018 Budget has been submitted for the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the second year in a row. The results should be posted by October,

The 112th National Conference of the Government Finance Officers Association will be held in the City of St. Louis this May, 2018. This annual conference is a great opportunity for public finance officers to learn new skills and share experiences with our peers. As the City's Finance Director, I am looking forward to this unique opportunity to attend this conference for my first time, in my home town.

Administrative Department News - Director Jonathan Greever

Springtime is a busy time in the Administration Department, as contractors, residents and businesses begin to work on a new season's worth of building, plumbing and mechanical projects. Additionally, we are hard at work finalizing the first Comprehensive Plan to be completed for the City in the past 47 years. The Plan Commission and Board of Aldermen, along with the Administration Department, hosted two open houses this spring, during which we received many great comments.

The intent of this version of the plan will be to update and maintain what is already in place in the City of Shrewsbury; that which has not been included in the plan during the past 47 years of development. The City intends for this document to be the first in a number of iterations that will take place down the road. It will be a living document, one that is revised on a 3-5 year basis in order to allow it to be a dynamic product, able to be flexible to adjust to changes in Best Management Practices in the field of Planning. Thank you all for your support shown to us during this long process on this most important document.

Shrewsbury Public Works Update - Director Tony Wagner

Honeysuckle

Public works will continue to remove invasive honeysuckle from city property to allow the growth of native, non-invasive trees and plants.

Street Repairs

Streets to be chip sealed in 2018 are as follows:

Brunswick- 7300 and 7500 block

Nottingham- All

Kenridge Ln- 7800 block

Garden Ave- 7700 and 7800 block

Public works crews will mill out and replace damaged asphalt in preparation for chip seal, which is a layer of tar and rock that resurfaces the street. Notices will be posted before chip seal work begins.

Grass Cutting

Workers will be in the parks cutting grass with tractors and equipment that throws dust and debris. We ask that for your safety please avoid anyone cutting grass in the parks.

Recycling Center

Shrewsbury has a recycling center located at 7309 Melbourne Ave (Near east end of the swimming pool parking lot) at the Public Works Building, recycling center hours are Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:30pm, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm.

Items to be recycled are as follows:

- Glass beverage bottles (all colors)
- Aluminum and Tin Cans
- Plastic container with the number “1” or “2” inside the recycle emblem
- Newspapers and cardboard
- Telephone books
- Cellular phones and cellular batteries **ONLY**

Please no drop-offs after hours

If one of the recycling containers is not on site the container is being emptied and will be back within 30-40 minutes. We would appreciate it if you do not drop off any recyclables when the container is not present.

Home Safety and Smoke Detectors, Fire Department Briefing Chief Chris Amenn

If a fire started in your home, would you know what to do? On average, eight people die each day in the United States as a result of a home fire. Your Shrewsbury Firefighters want residents to know that there are simple steps you can take to reduce the risk of fire and to successfully escape if a fire does occur in your home.

1. **Make a Plan.** Identify two ways out of every room in your house and agree on a family meeting place outside in front of your home. Conduct a home fire drill to ensure everyone knows how to get out and get out quickly.
2. **Install and Test Smoke Alarms.** Place smoke alarms on every floor of your home, in the hallways, and in every sleeping area. Once a month, test each smoke alarm to make sure it is working. Change the batteries twice a year when you change your clocks for daylight savings time.
3. **Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms.** Place CO alarms on every floor of your home and in the hallways outside sleeping areas.
4. **Sleep with Your Door Closed.** A regular bedroom door can keep smoke and flames out of your bedroom for up to 20 minutes. These minutes are critical and will allow you the time you need to escape.
5. **Get Low and Go.** If there is smoke in your house, crawl low under the smoke layer. The air is cleaner and it will be easier to breathe. Get out fast and stay out; never go back inside.
6. **Fire Escape Ladders.** Purchase fire escape ladders for all bedrooms located above the first floor. Teach your children how to use them and practice often.
7. **Watch what you are cooking.** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

8. Keep Matches and Lighters Out of Reach. Store matches and lighters up high out of reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
9. Inspect Electrical Cords. Replace and discard cords that are cracked or damaged, have broken plugs or have loose connections.
10. Take Care of Your Candles. Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep at night. Try battery operated candles for extra safety.

Shrewsbury Fire Department: Contact for Smoke Detectors

If you cannot afford smoke detectors for your residence, Your Shrewsbury Fire Department can provide them for you at no cost. If you cannot install detectors or change batteries due to physical limitations or illness, we will be happy to come to your residence and assist you. Please call our administrative office at 314-645-5077 Monday through Friday 9 AM to 4:30 PM to schedule assistance with your smoke detectors.

Shrewsbury Police Department
East Central Dispatch Center: A Shared Resource
Chief Jeff Keller

The East Central Dispatch Center (ECDC) is a comprehensive, consolidated effort to serve the public safety communication needs of eight municipalities within St. Louis County. An intergovernmental agreement was formalized between the cities of Shrewsbury, Webster Groves, Maplewood, Rock Hill, Brentwood, Richmond Heights, Clayton and Olivette. This agreement serves to designate the ECDC as the multi-jurisdictional center for all emergency communications with regard to police, fire and emergency medical services for the participating cities. Although housed in the Richmond Heights Public Safety Building, ECDC is a separate entity.

The ECDC embodies the vision of the eight cities by sharing resources that will allow them to continue to provide excellence in service while simultaneously striving to maintain the highest level of technology. Cost-sharing made possible through this consolidated approach creates a more efficient level of service.

The staff of the East Central Dispatch Center has many responsibilities including answering all incoming informational, emergency and 911 calls. Each call is evaluated and the appropriate public safety personnel are dispatched to handle the situation. Additionally, they provide emergency medical dispatch to ensure accurate and prompt care to all callers.

ECDC has a strong commitment to proficiency and motivated performance while serving as a vital link between the public and agencies served.

This type of unique consolidated services is but one example of the functional cooperation that exists across the entire metropolitan region. This joint effort allows participating cities to provide efficient and economical dispatching of life and property saving services.

**Shrewsbury Parks Department
Director Chris Buck**

**Updates and Upcoming Events
Summer, 2018**

The parks department has been gearing up for the upcoming summer activities and events, which can be found in our new brochure on the city's website www.cityofshrewsbury.com. We have been very busy with several projects at the Aquatic Center including pipe repair, lazy river pump replacement, and play structure painting. We continue to remove evasive honeysuckle from our parks and plan on replacing our aging park signs this spring. Please take time to look over all of our activities and we hope to see everyone this summer.

**Upcoming Events:
Swim Team**

Swim team registration begins April 19th, there will be a meeting for all new members at 6pm. For more information visit the team's website at www.teamunify.com/rectlss

Fees: Pass holder \$85 first swimmer \$60 each Additional. Non Pass Holder: \$120 first swimmer \$95 each additional swimmer

Park Program

Date: Monday - Friday
June 4th – July 6th
(No Camp July 4th)

Time: 9:00am – 12pm

Ages: 5-12

Fee: \$175/R \$190/NR

AFTER May 18th FEES WILL BE \$195/R \$210/NR.

Camp Dragonfly

Dates: Monday – Friday
June 4th – July 6th
(No camp July 4th)

Times: 9am -11:45am

Ages: 3-5 (must be potty trained on first day of camp)

Fees: \$175/R \$190/NR

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Post Camp Care

Dates: June 4th - 8th

June 11th - 15th

June 18th - 22nd

June 25th - 29th

July 2nd- 6th (No camp July 4th)

Time: 12pm – 3pm

Ages: 5 -12

Fees: \$45/R \$50/NR **PER WEEK**

Pre-School Art Camp

Date: July 9-13

Time: 10am-12pm

Fee: \$40/R \$50/NR (fee includes all supplies)

Lunch Buddies

Date: July 16-20

Time: 11am-12pm

Fee: \$10

Art Camp

Date: July 16-20

Time: 9am-11am

Fee: \$55/R \$65/NR (fee includes all supplies)

Sports Camp

Date: July 16-20

Time 9am-11am

Fee: \$50/R \$60/NR

Ages: 5-12

Aqua Camp

Dates: July 16-20

Time: 12pm-3pm

Fee: \$50/R \$60/NR

Ages: 5-12

Shrewsbury Theater Camp

Date: July 23rd-27th

Time: 9am-3pm

Ages: 6 and up

Fees: \$70/R \$80/NR (includes t-shirt)