



# Times of Shrewsbury



August 2022



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

## SVFD TRAINING TURNS INTO ACTUAL RESCUE

A huge part of being a first responder is being prepared in many ways. The SVFD trains not only for fires but for other calls as well. These include traffic accidents, CPR incidents, search and rescue and many others.

One of the situations that Shrewsbury first responders train for annually is the possibility of lost or injured hikers on any of the many trails which weave their way throughout our beautiful rural town. Two main trails which are used by thousands of hikers are the Appalachian and Long Trails.

The SVFD is very fortunate to have a resident trail expert, Barry Griffith, who provides an annual training to the department. Barry usually covers where the trails run through town, places where the trail crosses main routes, and possible staging areas where the department could meet. He also discusses access locations where a victim might be easily moved to if necessary.

This year, on July 7 Barry met with several SVFD members to take a road trip and actually go to some of the access sites. The purpose of this training was to refresh memories or provide orientation for those who had never actually been to the locations. During this training, members traveled to the Keiffer Road to visit the Long Trail crossing; then it was on to the Upper Cold River Road to Moonshine Lane where they walked an ATV trail to get the lay of the land where a fatal accident took place only a couple of years ago. Then they went to the Gilman Road to see the access to the Long Trail approach to the Governor Clement Shelter. Some members walked beyond the gate and toward the shelter.

As we walked the trail, a lone hiker carrying two backpacks met us. Cordial hellos were exchanged, and the hiker informed SVFD members that his wife and daughter were behind him. However, his daughter was terribly ill, most likely from drinking some untreated water. They were from Connecticut and

were hiking the Long Trail from Bromley Mountain to Killington. There is no cell service in the area, and the hiker was trying to reach some help. He could not have been more fortunate. The SVFD just happened to be there on its training trip! Members quickly helped him with his pack, and very shortly, his wife and daughter arrived... Unfortunately, they were several miles from cell service. The family was loaded into a department member's pickup truck and driven from Gilman Road to a spot that new firefighter, Mark Goodwin, called "telephone rock" ... a large rock on Upper Cold River Road where there is a bit of cell service.

The hiker was able to call his family in Connecticut, and they headed toward Shrewsbury to retrieve the family. The daughter had stabilized a bit, but it would be a few hours before their family arrived. Chief Phil Severy cordially offered the hospitality of the Cuttingsville Station where they would have phone service, clean water, and a place to rest until their family arrived. A very grateful family took advantage of this, and what started out as a training for SVFD members actually became a non-toned emergency which ended well. Thus ended another non-typical day for the SVFD.

In other incidents, the department responded to a non-permitted burn pile on Gaynor Road and a traffic incident in East Wallingford where the SVFD was called for mutual aid. In training/maintenance, the department has been pumping dry hydrants around town for both their annual flushing and for pump training purposes.

The SVFD would like to express their condolences to the family of James "Ace" Leonard who recently passed away. It was requested by the family that contributions in "Ace's" memory be donated to the SVFD. This was a very kind and appreciated gesture.

As the summer moves on, the SVFD hopes that everyone enjoys our beautiful community and remembers to **STAY FIRE SAFE.**

~Article and photos by Bob Snarski



SVFD members assisting hikers on trail from Governor Clement Shelter



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### THE SVFD NEEDS YOU!

We need new and younger members. The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) can provide equipment, training, and support. Whether you've had prior experience as a first responder or have no experience at all! We need volunteers. Men or women who would like further information may call Bob Snarski at 492-3505, Barry Griffith at 492-3573, or Jack Perry at 773-3278. No commitment necessary.

### Times of Shrewsbury ONLINE NOTICE:

The Shrewsbury Town website has indicated that at the current time they do not have space to include the Times of Shrewsbury on the website. However, all issues of the Times of Shrewsbury since February 2011 and including the most recent issue can be found on the Shrewsbury Historical Society website:

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety>.

### Vermont State Senators:

Brian Collamore: [bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us)  
Cheryl Hooker: [chooker@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:chooker@leg.state.vt.us)  
Josh Terenzini: [jterenzini@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:jterenzini@leg.state.vt.us)

### Vermont State House of Representative:

Logan Nicoll: [lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us)

The Vermont General Assembly is in session January thru June. To view committee member-ships, bills that have been introduced, track each bill's progress, and review committee agendas go to [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us). During the week you can contact your legislator by leaving a message at the State House by calling 1-800-322-5616 or 828-2228 (the Sergeant-At-Arms' Office).

### United States Senators:

#### Senator Patrick Leahy

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Washington office: (202) 224-4242

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Vermont Office: (800) 339-9834

Washington D. C. Office:

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### United States House of Representative:

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Washington, D.C. Office: (202) 225-4115

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### *The Times of Shrewsbury*

The *Times of Shrewsbury* is published monthly from February through December, and compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal of informing townspeople of what is happening in Shrewsbury. The views and opinions expressed in articles are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the editors.

All submissions must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person and are printed at the editors' discretion subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any information piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to the guidelines previously described.

A writer of a letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to the resident or organization, and to the *Times* by the 10th of the month prior to publication or it will not run. If the named person or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the *Times* that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

There is no charge for: jokes, poems, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are not commercial.

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is 5pm on the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's *Times*.

Ads in the *Times* are for area businesses, local non-profit events, and local ballot election advertisements.

Best Formats: Articles: Word or as an email message with no formatting. Photos: jpeg. Ads: jpeg or Word document.

Monthly advertising fees and relative sizes:

Full page	\$90	(7.5"w x 9.5"h)
Half page	\$50	(7.5"w x 4.5"h or 3.5"w x 9.5"h)
Quarter page	\$10	(7.5"w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5"wx 4.5"h)
Business card	\$5	(3.5"w x 2"h)
Classified ad	\$3	(15 words or less)

Payment due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

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## SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 30	11am-2pm	*Blueberry Festival at Pierce's Store
July 30	5pm	*Outdoor Concert at the Meeting House: Hermit Hollow (rain date July 31)
Aug 5	7pm	*Screening of VT filmmaker's documentary at Shrewsbury Library (reservations required)
Aug 6	9am-12noon	*Work party and Open House at Laurel Glen cemetery and Laurel Hall
Aug 13	5pm	*Outdoor Concert at the Meeting House: Foundry Jazz Trio w/ Bear Irwin (rain date Aug 14)
Aug 18	10:30am	*Shrewsbury Library Children's Committee meeting at the library
Aug 19	7pm	*Penelope Weiss and Martha Izzi read from book of poems by Joan Sibley at the Library
Aug 21	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club discussion group
Aug 26	5pm	*Outdoor Concert at the Meeting House: Rick Redington and the Luv (rain date Aug 28)
Aug 27	5:30pm	*Haystack Dinner and Dance sponsored by Shrewsbury Library
Aug 28	7pm	*Science Book Club discussion group
Sept 2	5pm	*Outdoor Concert at the Meeting House: Will Patton Ensemble (no rain date)
Sept 3	TBA	*Celebrate Music program at the Meeting House
Sept 17	11am	*SHREWSBURY DAY

\*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at  
[www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)



**Deadline for submission to *Times of Shrewsbury* is by 5:00pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

### REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectman Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10am at Meeting House
Development Review Board	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda
Library Trustees Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 7pm location TBA
Planning Commission	2n & 4th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays – 10am via Zoom; contact wildernessfriends@gmail.com
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service – Shrewsbury Center Church
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Kids Funday Program - Shrewsbury Center Church
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road until further notice.
Shrewsbury Historical Society	TBA
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open Sundays 1-3pm until October 30
Shrewsbury Singers	Currently taking a break
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station

Shrewsbury Town Website: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

Clerk's Office	492-3511 Mon – Thurs 9am – 3pm; Closed Friday
Town Garage	492-3656 (Follow prompts to report roadway blockage on non-work days)
Listers	492-2009 available by appointment
Treasurer's Office	492-3558 Monday 9am-11am
Transfer Station	Sunday 8am-4pm ~- Wednesday 12noon-6pm
Library	492-3410 Hours: Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm & 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10-12noon; Sat 10am-12noon
Meeting House	492-6050 Reservations: 492-3361 or julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email List:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net [Urgent and reminder news info]

Cuttingsville Post Office 492-3585 Window Hours Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30am & 11:30am-2:30pm; Sat 8am-11am.  
Lobby Hours Mon- Fri 7:00am-7:00pm and Sat 7:00am-4pm

Animal Control Officer: Vacant (Contact a Selectboard member)	1 <sup>st</sup> Constable: TBA	Game Warden: Tim Carey 793-2776
Emergency Management Aaron Korzun 492-3362	Green Mountain Power outage 1-800-451-2877	
Medical-Police-Fire Emergency Dial 911	Ambulance 773-1700	Rutland Hospital 775-7111

## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

*The Selectboard meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm at the Town Office.*

### July 6, 2022: Selectboard Meeting Minutes

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara. Auditor: Rich Biziak. Town Clerk: Megan LaChance. Fire Dept.: Barry Griffith. Treasurer: Linda McGuire.

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was convened at 6:30pm

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: 2 liquor licenses for 802 Cocktails and an executive session. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Temporary Liquor Licenses:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve a temporary liquor license for 802 Cocktails at 1204 Bailey Rd, on 7/9/22 and 9/17/22. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

**Road Commissioner's Report:** Need a box culvert by Connolley Pond. Also one on Russellville Rd. The US govt is offering to pay for it. This is in conjunction with removing the dam.

Also looking at the dam at the road to the Mountain School.

Looking at other drainage sites with the State. Marge Benini brought up the idea of putting a stop sign at the intersection of Bailey and Tabor Rds. Agreed that it would be a good idea.

Jamie reported that he has installed speed limit signs at entry points into Town.

**Speed Cart:** F. Wyatt made a motion to purchase the EZ Stat Onsite 300MX Decatur speed trailer from MSM Public Safety for \$11,910. Chose this particular speed trailer because it is a known entity, being the same company that the Sheriff Dept. uses and recommended and it had a considerably shorter turnaround for delivery. It also provides training and technical support. Other options considered: SAM Stalker (\$9,371), Traffic Safety Warehouse (\$9,655), SolarTech (\$12,143). Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

**Kinsman Hill Repeater:** Megan will reach out to the new landowners about renewing the lease for the Kinsman Hill Repeater.

**ARPA Funds:** The Fire Dept. presented evidence of diminished fund-raising opportunities due to COVID. Indicated \$7,691 reduced fund raising.

**Town Statement Audit - RFP:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve the Town Statement Audit RFP drafted by Rich Biziak. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved. Sandy Bragg will be the contact person for answering questions regarding proposals.

**Town Website:** Megan attended a webinar by a company that specializes in municipal websites. No issues with file size. We would own the data. They have their own portal. They have an elevated level of Wordpress. Hosting and maintenance would be \$951/yr. Initial setup fee is \$1,299. If we sign for 3 yr contract would get \$400 discount. Would need to reply by Sept. 30th.

**New Business:** Linda McGuire reported that we might not be collecting enough revenue from the residents for the transfer station to meet State requirements (25% of transfer station expenses). May need to consider increasing the rates.

### Executive Session

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 6/15/2022 Selectboard meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

**Review Orders:** F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #7 for \$19,822.26 and Road Orders #7 for \$12,140.55. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:15pm

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*

*These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

*Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)*

### July 20, 2022: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Steven Nicholson. Treasurer: Linda McGuire. Conservation Commissioners: Louise Duda, Cynthia Biziak. Listers: Sharon Winnicki, Susan Kennedy. Planning Commissioners: Laura Black, Melissa Reichert. Auditor: Rich Biziak. Development Review Board: Alan Shelvey

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Paving bids. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Tax Rate:** Linda McGuire provided tax rate details. Discussed whether to show appropriations line item. Discussed whether to waive the homestead exemption late fee.

Aaron Korzun made the motion to approve the Town tax rate of 0.425, Appropriations rate of 0.1127, Local agreement rate of 0.0009. S. Nicholson seconded. Approved.

Homestead education rate is 1.5066, Non-Homestead rate 1.5969.

Sharon Winnicki asked that we quickly pay a consultant's fees because he was so responsive. Take consultant fees from Listers budget.

**Conservation Commission Report** – Class 4 Roads: Louise Duda provided a report on Class 4 roads. Discussion ensued involving everyone in attendance. What policies do we want to develop regarding Class 4 roads?

## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(continued)

**Kinsman Hill Repeater:** S. Nicholson has contacted CV Communications, but hasn't heard back from them as of yet. Megan LaChance has nothing new to report regarding updating the lease agreement.

**ARPA Funds:** The town is considering 2 culverts on Northham Road that are in great need of replacing -- Johnson's pond and just below the Town Garage.

The Selectboard does not want to decide on allocating ARPA funds for particular projects until we have more clarity about Town projects that the money could be used for.

**Center Garage Solar** – Structural Engineering Report: The Center Garage would need some substantial work before solar panels could be added to the roof. A. Korzun will try to get an estimate for what the improvements will cost.

**Town Website:** No new information to report.

**New Business:** Two paving bids for portion of Northam Road. Pike Industries bid for \$97.95/ton. Fuller Sand and Gravel bid for \$96.70/ton. A. Korzun made a motion to award the bid to Fuller Sand and Gravel. S. Nicholson seconded the motion. Approved.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 7/6/2022 Selectboard meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

**Review Orders:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #7a for \$4,816.45 and Road Orders #7a for \$11,748.63 and revised Selectboard Orders #7 for \$19,069.76. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:25 PM

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*

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## SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM NOW OPEN

After two years of having to close the Museum doors due to the pandemic, the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum is once again open to the public on Sundays only from 1 to 3pm until closing on October 30th.

The Acquisitions exhibit has recent additions i.e., a little boy's winter coat and hat once worn by Leonard Korzun, a beautiful 1920s wedding gown and a collection by Dan Korngiebel of Rutland State Fair first day covers of stamped envelopes from the 1950s to the 1990s. The museum is on Route 103 in Cuttingsville with parking in front and side and is wheelchair accessible. ~Ruth Winkler

## ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Vermont State Primary **Tuesday August 9, 2022**

Voting will be at the  
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road  
Polls open at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00pm

Did you know you can vote early at the Shrewsbury Town Office, 9823 Cold River Rd., during regular business hours? No need to let your summer vacation plans get in the way of exercising your right to vote!

Still feeling uneasy about being around other people because of the pandemic, or otherwise can't get out to vote on election day? You can request an Absentee Ballot be sent to you by contacting the Town Clerk: 492-3511, [shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net) OR by visiting the My Voter Page: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

### Justices of the Peace

The last day to file a petition and consent of candidate form with the Town Clerk in order to run for Justice of the Peace is August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. If you have any questions about how to file, or about the very important roles Justices of the Peace take on in our community, contact the Town Clerk, Megan LaChance for more info. (492-3511 OR [shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net))

~Submitted by Megan LaChance~~~~~

### **News from Town Treasurer**

Tax bills will be mailed this month. Residents file a Homestead Declaration annually. The state website has all requirements and forms at [www.tax.vermont.gov/property-owners](http://www.tax.vermont.gov/property-owners).

The Property Tax Adjustment form, if you qualify, should also be completed. Those are also available in paper forms for mailing. Final deadline to file these is October 17, 2022.

Vermont State phone is (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll free in VT) for information or help.

Payments can be mailed, placed in the drop box at the town office (to the left of the front door), made by credit card at [www.officialpayment.com](http://www.officialpayment.com), or delivered to the town office. If you plan to pay in cash, please deliver directly to the treasurer.

Town Treasurer regular hours are every Monday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Additional days/times will be made available in the September issue of the *Times of Shrewsbury*.

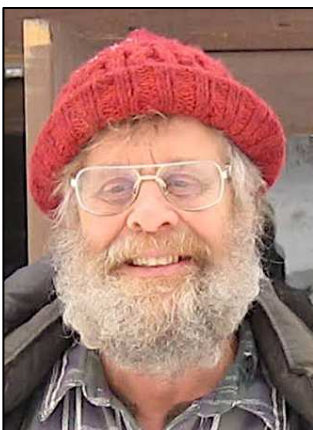
Thank you, and please call if you have questions.

**Linda McGuire, Treasurer**  
**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**9823 Cold River Rd**  
**Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738**  
**Town Office 492-3558**

## Arthur Gustav Krueger

Arthur Gustav Krueger, 78, was born in 1943 and died June 29, 2022 at the home he built with his wife in Shrewsbury, Vermont. He was surrounded by his family. Loyal readers of the Rutland Herald will recognize Art as a frequent writer of letters to the editor. Naturally, he wanted to write his own obituary. Here are his words.

Art was born in Waterbury, CT while his father was fighting overseas during World War II. He came from a family of immigrants. All his grandparents having been born in Europe, he was of the second generation here.



His maternal grandfather was a skillful farmer, and farming was a strongly implanted impetus in his life. Notwithstanding, he went off to college to get some engineering degrees, and practiced this trade for about 55 years. He was always very interested in preserving the environment, and his engineering career mainly involved pollution control. He wrote the first Vermont rules on septic system installation and designed waste water systems for most of his career.

A flatlander, he came to Vermont in 1970. He considered himself very lucky to have spent his life among the mountains and waterways of Vermont. He was able to catch, dine on, and share many wondrous fish, and climbed many mountains. He climbed Mt. Washington three times, once in winter and the last time at age 76 (by accident - an interesting story we will skip).

He built three houses, and many other buildings in the post and beam style. He liked to drive square pegs into round holes. When he could, he put slate roofs on his buildings. He also had some skill as a stone mason, having made the serious mistake of building his first house out of stone. In the 1970's he lived in an early 19th century house in Marshfield, VT. Impressed by the frame design and the sound engineering of it, he applied the techniques he observed to all his subsequent buildings.

Since 1985, his partner and wife has been Trish Norton. She has been a blessing and has made much possible. He raised six children, Margarete, Katie, Christopher, Rosie, Stephen and Clara, who were all very dear to his heart. Margarete died in a

car accident in 1984. He longed to be reunited with her. He also had 4 grandchildren, Noah, Levi, Bella, and Gabe.

Art was a sugarmaker for almost 50 years. Most recently, he was involved in a project using 3/16 inch gravity induced vacuum tubing systems, and made a substantial study of techniques to sanitize these systems to preserve capacity.

The forest was a very important part of his life, giving him material to build with to shelter his family, wood to heat with to warm his family, and maple syrup to sell to feed his family. He loved working with small horses and ponies and found

that with a cart or sledge they are a very efficient way to move firewood over very rough land. Over the last 11 years, he and Trish taught many young people farming, carpentry, forestry and sugaring skills through the WWOOF program.

He was on a long spiritual journey. He was brought up Catholic and his father was Lutheran. This gave him lots of perspective when he looked back at history and saw what these groups did to each other during the 30 Years War. He believed that religious divisions have far more to do with the Devil than with God. In his life he attended Episcopal, Quaker and Baptist services. The Quakers were very important to him during the Vietnam War and he was a member of a Quaker Meeting for a while. He found friends in all these groups, but felt more comfortable in reverting to his Catholic roots in his later years. He was a lector and member of St. Patrick's Parish in Wallingford, VT.

Moved by the suffering of the people of Haiti, he joined with friends from St. John Viani in South Burlington to help. He made two trips to Haiti to try to find a solution for clean drinking water in a very rural place called Boc Banic. He requested that in lieu of flowers, donations to continue this work be made to the Haitian Partnership % Lucie Holcomb, 24 Adirondack St., So. Burlington, VT 05403.

He was against the Vietnam War. He wanted a world where people are kinder to each other. His life has been interesting.

*Submitted by the family of Art Krueger*



# Happy Summer!

we are excited to announce  
our new summer hours!

**Thursday - Saturday 11-5**  
**Sunday 11-4**

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cheese, pottery & more!*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Gratitude for our Shrewsbury Invasive Plants Team!

Having just come back from several outings around our beautiful state and nearby NY state, I've been struck by the view of seas of poison parsnip on the roadsides and embankments, sneaking into lawns and gardens. Coming back into Shrewsbury, I'm equally struck by the lack of this plant in our town. Kudos go to the magnificent work of our Shrewsbury Conservation Committee's Invasives crew who has diligently eradicated this species on our roadsides here. It's pretty scary to think of my grandson or my dog wandering through it, and suffering because of it.

I now know the difference between the Wild Parsnip and Golden Alexander, (which on first glance can appear very similar), thanks to one of the crew, and have learned how to carefully use their method to pull plants out by their roots, and dispose of them successfully.

Don't think it can't come onto your land! We figured the seeds came in with some fill during driveway work we had done a few years ago. I was told by an Invasives team member to keep watch over the area as the seeds can stay dormant for something like 4 years before sprouting. And sure enough, it's true, but we're on top of it, thanks to the SCC's Invasives team!

Submitted by Vicky Arthur

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### New Ballot Box at Town Office

The office of the Vermont Secretary of State provides a ballot box at no charge for Vermont towns. They must be installed 45 days prior to an election. That criteria was met when the Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority (Selectboard members, Justices of the Peace, and the Town Clerk) approved the installation. Located at the bottom of the access ramp to the Town Office, the box is about 150 lbs, anchored into the ground, and is exclusively for election ballots in any election. ~C.Martin

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## VOTE FOR BECCA BALINT



We are writing to urge our neighbors to vote for Becca Balint for U.S. Representative. Becca will be an effective voice for us in Washington. She has demonstrated her commitment to our children's future, to improving the lives of working people, and to protecting our fundamental rights. Becca has the experience needed to deliver results for Vermonters, and the integrity, courage, and grit we need in Washington.

Becca is the only candidate in this race who has the legislative experience and a proven record of enacting legislation that benefits all Vermonters. As Senate President and Majority Leader, Becca passed legislation to address climate change, the first and strongest gun safety laws in Vermont history, delivered the largest investment in affordable housing in a generation, and has given Vermonters the opportunity to uphold the strongest reproductive rights in the nation.

Becca is running for Congress to bring her fight for all of us to Washington. After her years working with children as a teacher and at Farm and Wilderness, she served eight years in the Vermont State Senate and its leadership positions. Becca has shown her ability to listen to different points of view, to respect and be respected by colleagues and constituents, and to craft compromises to achieve legislative results. She is ready to step on the bigger stage of Capitol Hill, and she will represent us with competence, confidence, and common sense.

Early and Absentee ballots for the Primary Election on August 9 are now available from the Town Clerk. Cast your ballot early or in person to send the most qualified candidate - Becca Balint - as our Representative to Washington.

*Scott Garren, Heather Shay, Jonathan Gibson, Eliza Mabry, Ann Vanneman, Linda Berryhill, John Berryhill, Phyllis Wells, Michael Wells, Nora Rubenstein, Nan Dubin, Francis "Jolly" Wyatt*

**Paid Political Advertisement**

# SHREWSBURY DAY

## Saturday-September 17, 2022 @ 11am

The Shrewsbury Day Committee is busily meeting to ready ourselves for Shrewsbury Day 2022. Many things have changed since we cancelled last year's celebration. We now have many mitigation practices as well as vaccines, medication and masking. Shrewsbury Day is an outdoor event and we feel confident that with everybody's cooperation we will have a wonderful day. There will be no judgement in the way one chooses to attend Shrewsbury Day, masked or unmasked. We respect people's comfort levels.

### Animals

We ask that you do not bring any live animals to our Shrewsbury Day event, leashed or loose. Please abide by parking signs and on one side of the road only.

### Parking:

Do not block resident driveways or obstruct vision of oncoming traffic.

### Shrewsbury Day Parade

Shrewsbury Day is September 17 at 11am with the Parade as our opening event.

### DJ Entertainment Before Parade

DJ Brett Myhre will be set up by Maple Crest Farm and will entertain early arrivals.

### Barbecue

Following the Parade we will host a \$3 per person barbecue with salad greens, veggies, baked beans, burgers and dogs. For dessert we will have several flavors from Stewart's Ice Cream Shop and Stewart Maple's popcorn for some crunch. If the money is tight that week, you will eat anyway. This event is for everyone to enjoy. There will be a money jar for the \$3. fee. Give what or if you can, no judgement.

### Games and Activities

We are picking up where we left off and we will have lots of free offerings of games and activities for the kids. We have razzle dazzle nails, hair color sticks, tattoos and a crafts table area with beading and chalking. There will be a variety of games including everyone's favorite pizza box shuffle. We will have corn hole, giant ring toss, jenga and the famous pummel pipes.

### Tee Shirts

We are selling our Covid Memorial 2021 Tee shirts. We got cut short last year and we are returning with a new twist of a free Iron on Memorial Patch, which is still in its infancy stage of wording.

### Band Entertainment

Ray DiPrinzio and his band will be entertaining at noon. Bring a chair or blanket if you need seating or just gather as you wish.

### Rain Date

Rain date will be Sunday September 18th. We are excited to be adding to the event this year and to be providing you with some Shrewsbury Style Loving.

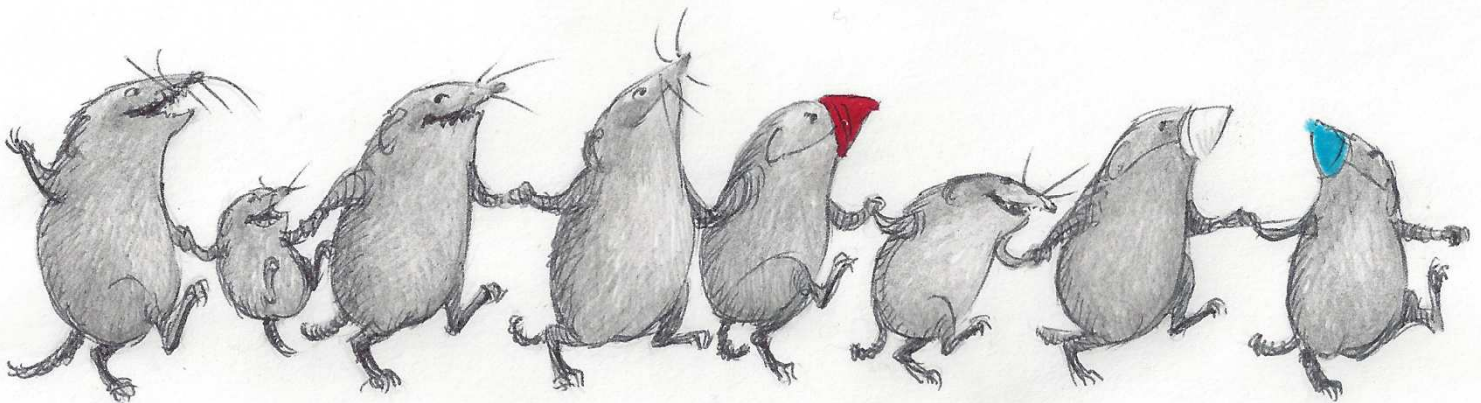
### Red, White or Blue

Shrewsburies Unite.. Our event theme is **Red, White and Blue-  
-Wear or Wave !** Please join us in making Shrewsbury Day a sea of color and unity.



*Submitted by Grace Brigham and Betsy Jesser*

*[Committee Members: Grace Brigham, Catherine Carrara, Tracy Crelin, Linda Fontana, Stacey Harshman, Betsy Jesser, Hallie and Bob Knudsen, Chryl Martin, Lavinia Seide, Liesbeth van der Heijden, Ann Vanneman, Penelope Weiss, Brian Winkler, Sharon Winnicki and the Shrewsbury Fire Fighters.]*





JOHN H. BOWMAN ESTATE  
**LAUREL HALL**

**!Laurel Glen Cemetery Work Party  
 and Open House August 6**



On Saturday, August 6, the Trustees of the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association will be hosting a work party at the cemetery in Cuttingsville, in conjunction with the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) and Shrewsbury Historical Society (SHS). Local friends and neighbors are invited and solicited to

help with the cleanup, to be held between 8am and 12noon that day. The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish that morning.

Wear old clothes. Bring work gloves and a shovel if you can, and something to eat and drink. No experience is necessary -- knowledgeable VOCA members will provide instructions and assistance. Broken headstones will be repaired. Markers will be straightened and cleaned. Overgrown shrubs will be trimmed. There will be something for everyone to do.

The adjacent Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum and John Bowman's Laurel Hall will be holding open houses from Noon until 2pm that afternoon in honor of the event and to reward the cemetery work party. Light refreshments will be served at the Museum by SHS. Volunteer docents will be at Laurel Hall to provide visitors with information about John Bowman and his unique Mansion. Our thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who will be offering their time and efforts.

We hope this day will be both productive and enjoyable. For more information, contact Association Trustee Barry Griffith 802 492 3573 [bgriffithvt@gmail.com](mailto:bgriffithvt@gmail.com) or Trustee and VOCA President Tom Giffin 802 773 3253 [tgifvt@msn.com](mailto:tgifvt@msn.com)

**SHREWSBURY OUTDOOR CONCERTS**



**Thanks, Vicky**

**SHREWSBURY MEETINGHOUSE  
 OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES**

Please bring a \$ contribution of any amount and your own seat, or listen from your car. Your contributions benefit the musicians and the historic Shrewsbury Meeting House.

For more info, please call Vicky or Paul at 492-3649



**FOUNDRY JAZZ TRIO with Bear Irwin  
 Saturday, August 13 @ 5pm**

*(Raindate August 14 @ 5pm)*

Featuring 3 Vermont musicians with an extensive professional performing history, their repertoire is selected from hundreds of jazz standards. Bear Irwin on trombone, (former music teacher and band director at Mill River HS), Glendon Ingalls on bass & trumpet, and Kent Baker on keyboards. Marble Valley Kitchen returns with delectable BBQ platters with all the fixings!



**RICK REDINGTON AND THE LUV**

**Friday, August 26 @ 5pm**

*(Raindate August 28 @ 5pm)*

One of Vermont's best kept secrets, Rick, Heather and Blake return to Shrewsbury. They have been "Spreadin' The Luv" all over Vermont and the region for many years and audiences feel it! Spring Lake Ranch pairs with the Vermont Farmer's Food Center to bring us delicious dishes to benefit the VFFC.



**WILL PATTON ENSEMBLE**

**Friday, September 2 @ 5pm**

Will Patton, David Gusakov, Clyde Stats and Dono Schabner have been playing their spirited stew of world music around the Northeast for over twenty years. Drawing from Gypsy jazz and Brazilian choro styles among others, they'll create an audience experience like no other. World music, from Paris to Rio...and back to the front porch. And a big hit last time they were here....Gamebird of Ludlow returns with their yummy concoctions!

# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

## LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS

Monday 10am - 12pm  
Tuesday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 10am - 5pm and 7pm - 9pm  
Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Friday 10am - 12pm  
Saturday 10am - 12pm

\*\*\* MASKS: We're keeping them on, with thanks for your continuing cooperation and patience!

\*\*\* FEELING THE HEAT? The Library is one of the coolest places in town, in every sense. Stop in!

\*\*\* We're very sorry to announce that CHUCK & LUISA FINBERG have resigned from their shared position on the Board of Trustees to pursue long-deferred post-retirement, pre-pandemic plans. We're very glad that they will continue to help with occasional staffing and work on the Program Committee. Chuck will also be available to consult on rare and unusual books donated to the Book Sale. Many thanks, Luisa and Chuck!

\*\*\* With the Finbergs' resignation, we have an OPENING on the Board of Trustees. If you love books and libraries; would enjoy working with a small community organization; can attend Board meetings the second Tuesday of every month; staff twice a month during library hours; and serve on a committee to further the library's work, we would love to have you join us. Please contact a member of our Nominating Committee: Gail Hartigan: scgthartigan@vermontel.net; Trish Norton: knsh@vermontel.net; or Lisa Sharrow: cutsvil@vermontel.net.

## Coming Events:

Friday, August 5 @ 7pm VT filmmaker NORA JACOBSON brings her acclaimed documentary, "The Vast Library of the Female Mind: The Poetry and Life of Ruth Stone," to the Library Meeting Room. Admission is free, but seating is limited; please call 802 492-3550 to reserve a place.

Friday, August 19 @ 7pm: PENELOPE WEISS & MARTHA IZZI read from the book of poems by the late JOAN SIBLEY, which they edited and saw through publication. Books will be for sale at the reading. Space is limited; admission is free but reservations are required. Please e-mail for reservations: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Saturday, August 27 @ 6pm: ANNUAL STREET DANCE with MARCOS LEVY and the COMMUNITY BLUES BAND @ THE TOWN HALL/MEETING HOUSE. Hope for good weather; we don't have a rain date! Hot dogs will be for sale beforehand! See our poster in this issue of The Times.

Saturday, September 24 @ 9am: ANNUAL BOOK SALE begins, and continues for 2 weeks. Please SAVE YOUR DONATIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2nd!

## Continuing Programs:

Sunday, August 21 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Copies of this delightful comedy will be available at the Library. Please contact Joan with questions or requests for more copies: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, August 28 @ 7pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: Best Science & Nature Writing 2021, edited by Ed Yong. First discussion of this annual anthology with something for everyone. Print and e-book copies are available at the library; please let Margery Salmon know your preference: salmonm@vermontel.net.

## New Books include:

•*Horse*: A captivating new novel by Geraldine Brooks about a legendary thoroughbred raised by a young black trainer: horse-racing history, race, and love mix in an irresistible narrative spanning two centuries.

•*A Brief History of Equality* by Thomas Piketty. A clear, concise, brilliant analysis by the world-famous French economist: must reading for everyone looking for equitable ways to transform lives.

•*Grey Bees* by Dmitri Kurkov: A fable-like novel by the wonderful Ukrainian writer who heads the PEN Freedom to Write initiative.

•*An Immense World* by Ed Yong, author of *I Contain Multitudes* and editor of the current Science Book Club selection: A beautiful exploration of the ways animals use their senses to read the world.

•*Sparring Partners*: A new Jake Brigance novel by the indefatigable John Grisham.

•*On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon-Reid: A short book by the noted historian on the date marking the emancipation of enslaved people after the Civil War.



## Shrewsbury Library Children's Committee

After a long hiatus, the Library's Children's Committee is in full swing. We are in the midst of planning a number of events including a Halloween Party so stay tuned!

There are several new books on the shelf. Red Clover and Vermont Dome books have been ordered, and the librarian has made sure that all of the Kindergarten Summer Reading List is available.

If you'd like certain books ordered or are interested in helping out with upcoming children's activities please email Sarah Titterton at sarahjane@titterton.net or Donna Swartz at donnaswartz44@aol.com. The next committee meeting is August 18 at 10:30am at the library. Stop by if you can.

# *Shrewsbury Library's*

## **Dog-Gone Dinner**

*Choose a Mexican, California, Seattle, Coney Island, New York, Chicago, or Chili Dog*

and

## **Street Dance**

featuring

*The Shrewsbury Community Blues Band*

At the

**Shrewsbury Meeting House/Town Hall**

**Sat. August 27th**

**5:30pm-Dinner**

**6:30pm-Dance**

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**Dinner & Dance age 13 & up \$10**

**Children 5-12 \$5**

**Just the Dance \$5**

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**Bring your dancing shoes and chair**

**Dinner and Dance outside**

# Shrewsbury Historical Society



Main Street, Cuttingsville, 2020

## Flags flying in Cuttingsville

At the first meeting of the Society in two years held in May, member Gloria Korngiebel Benson suggested that the SHS help to raise the American flags through the hamlet of Cuttingsville on Route 103, in honor of BJ and Joan Stewart who did just that years back with help of local contributions. Member Liesbeth van der Heijden volunteered to look into it and through donations and cooperation with Gina and Mark Stewart and their two sons, Elliott and Tanner, the flags were put up on the telephone poles and now our little village is all dressed up in red, white and blue in honor of BJ and Joan. I tend to believe that BJ has that smile that we all know. And miss.



Lunch with Jennifer Nicoll on my deck. That's Jennifer on left and Nancy Spencer and Fran Patten at right. ca. 2000. ~Ruth Winkler

## Another time past remembered

The year was 2000 and the museum was open into its 2nd year in the church building. Through the auspices of the Vermont Museum & Gallery Alliance, the Shrewsbury Historical Society was happy to meet Jennifer Nicoll, a young woman, who was sent to our museum as an intern, and at the same time, dividing her work time with the Coolidge Museum. Jennifer helped catalogue the contents of our museum, taught us how to build our own archivaly- correct safe boxes, and helped us organize the storage area. We three "mothers", Nancy Spencer, Fran Patten and I made sure her summer's visit was fun, too. We plied her with snacks and various magazines to enjoy in her room at night over at the Coolidge area. One afternoon we four enjoyed lunch out on my deck.

The following year, we three surprised Jennifer at her next job at the Shelburne Museum where we found her refurbishing vintage dolls for their exhibit. We brought lunch and caught up with each other. We kept in touch through the years and as it

sometimes happens, time flies by and we lose touch. Twenty-two years later I still remember Jennifer Nicoll and what a wonderful talented girl she was.

## Dues are due

As always, our dues remain the same from year to year. Even this year.

Single \$10

Family \$15

Contributing \$30

Life (single or couple) \$125.

If you would like to join, please mail check payable to the SHS and send to treasurer Catherine Carrara at 2544 Northam Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738

## If you are new in town, welcome!

The museum is open on Sundays only, from 1 to 3pm. and will close for the season on October 30th. Please come to enjoy the artifacts displayed about the history of our town. Our Society also has for sale a wonderful history book, "Shrewsbury, VT - Our Town As It Was" by Dawn Hance. It sells for \$20. and covers the history of our town from 1761 until the early 1900s. Any questions? Please call me at 802-492-3324.

~submitted by Ruth Winkler

## Remembering

### Peter Jack Carrara

of Shrewsbury, Vermont

November 2, 1952 - August 20, 1998



24 years you have been gone;  
yet in our hearts you still carry on.  
If you see this photo and it makes  
you smile, Peter was part of your  
life even for a little while!

Loving you and missing you!  
Larry & Lila Carrara and Family



## DEAR MOTHER EARTH

*An Advice Column*

**Dear Mother Earth,**

I read that July has become Plastic-Free July across the world! This is a global movement to reduce the amount of plastics we consume. This may be the only way to effectively reduce plastics in our environment. Our purchasing choices have power! Real power. Manufacturers are certainly not responding to the alarming amounts of plastic washing up on our beaches and filling our limited landfill space. Since the pandemic, plastic waste has increased dramatically, as manufacturers saw an opportunity to capitalize on our fear of germs. This has to stop, and only we can do it! Politicians also seem unwilling to aggressively pass laws to stop the pollution of our planet. I encourage all of your readers to join the movement at: [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org)

For your July article, will you please list some ideas for reducing plastic waste in our homes? We need this NOW!

Thank You, ~**Excited to Participate in the USA**

**Dear Excited To Participate,**

I'm so happy you are participating in Plastic Free July, and I would be happy to re-list suggestions for eliminating plastic in the lives of humans! Here is one for every day:

1. Use bar shampoo and conditioner (just google it)
2. Use chew toothpaste (Bite or Etee)
3. Buy sunscreen in metal tins or cans (Sun Bum has a tall white can, SPF 30)
4. Refill your laundry and dishwashing soap at a bulk dispenser or use plastic-free pods or sheets
5. Use a bamboo toothbrush and silk dental floss in a metal tin (Etee)
6. Make your own cleaning products. It's easy and cheap. Refill an old spray container.
7. Carry a small bag of eating utensils in your glove compartment for take-out, ice cream, etc.
8. Avoid restaurants or food trucks that serve their products in plastic containers
9. Carry your coffee from home in a reusable container. Use that container for refills.
10. NEVER drink water out of a plastic water bottle!
11. Buy all beverages in glass or cans only, never plastic.
12. Ask to have your meat, fish, and deli items wrapped in paper at the grocery store. They will accommodate you! Avoid the pre-packaged items in plastic.
13. Use up everything you have in your home before buying more (think old shampoo)
14. Pressure businesses that you patronize to be more aware and reduce their plastics
15. Skip the plastic garbage bag! This is very important!! Use something else that you have (paper) or use a 100% plant-based bag (If You Care Tall Kitchen Bags - potato starch bags)
16. Skip the plastic produce bags at the grocery store! Buy loose, not packaged fruits and veggies. Bring your own reusable cotton produce bags. This step alone will save millions of single-use plastic bags from making their way into the environment!
17. Give up snack food in plastic bags - think potato chips, corn chips, cheese puffs, etc. These items aren't good for you anyway! Improve your health and save the planet. If you must snack, look for products in cardboard boxes.
18. Store leftovers in glass containers. Use beeswax wraps to cover food instead of plastic wrap.

19. Buy yogurt in glass jars. More options are becoming available. (Oui, White Mountain Bulgarian, LaFerriere)
20. Make your own hummus. It's easy and cheap!
21. Buy dog food in cans or boxes
22. Use plant-based sponges and loofahs for dish washing and general cleaning. Skip the plastic sponges that break down and deposit micro-plastics into your water system
23. Refuse to buy "plastic" clothing - polyester, nylon, acrylic, fleece, etc. buy less and wear natural fibers, such as cotton, wool, and silk
24. Avoid "waterproof" anything (clothes, fast food paper liners, stain-resistant upholstery or carpets, pet food bags, disposable coffee cups, plastic disposable "paper" plates). These contain PFOAS, and are especially dangerous to your health.
25. Use manilla folders, not plastic ones, at work and at home
26. Look for kitchen tools made out of metal with wooden handles, not plastic tools with plastic handles
27. Avoid Memory Foam and polyurethane foam in products. Buy leather, latex (rubber), or cotton in your mattresses and couches.
28. Buy toys for your children that are made of natural materials - wood and cotton. Avoid advertising gimmicks that just encourage excessive consumption of junk!
29. Buy in bulk, whenever possible. Bring your own containers to fill with granola, oats, rice, peanuts, olives, etc. Stores will weigh these containers for you before you fill them.
30. Use deodorant in a paper or metal container
31. Stop buying stuff you don't need! Use what you have or buy it used.

I hope this month's worth of ideas helps! Keep up the good work. We can defeat plastic together if we really put our minds to it! ~**Mother Earth**

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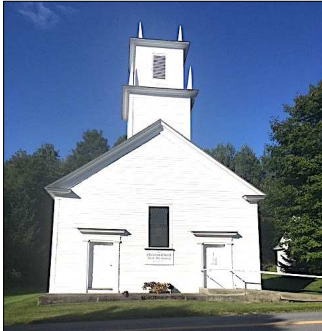
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# The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*

All are welcome to visit the Shrewsbury Community Church any Sunday at 10:30am for services. As is tradition in Shrewsbury, we are holding summer services in the Northam Church. It is such a treat to visit this beautiful 180 year old historic building. The building is maintained in its original condition and its connection to the past is a blessing for all who enter.



Roxanne Ramah has been making that Estey Pump Organ come alive! What a treat to listen to an uplifting message, hear beautiful music, meditate, and visit with our neighbors in this beautiful little white church in North Shrewsbury.

Special Thanks to Connie Cioffi for planting and maintaining the beautiful flower box at the Northam Church! The flower box is in memory of Connie's Mother, Anna M. Francis. The flowers are lovingly cared for to remind Connie of her mother and her special smile! We enjoy this beautiful tribute and the joy they bring to all who pass by!

Special Thanks to the Shrewsbury Community Church for hosting a special surprise retirement luncheon celebration for me in June! As I retire after a 35 year career working for the Vermont Department of Corrections, I am reminded of how blessed I have been to serve Vermonters and have the support of our church community!

Special Thanks to Eliza Mabry and Jonathan Gibson for donations of seed potatoes and vegetable plants for the garden at the Correctional Facility! Their gifts provide food, gardening, and social skills to all who are able to plant, nurture, harvest, and prepare the fruits of their labor.

Condolences to the families and friends of our beloved community members who passed away recently: Ace Leonard and Art Krueger.

### Community Needs

Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367 or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-779-4825

Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367 or Sue Kelley 802-661-8399, 802-492-3738 or Karen Lorentz 802-558-5991. Shrewsbury residents experiencing financial hardship. Assistance can be given for basic needs such as food, heating, gasoline, etc. If you or a neighbor are in need please let us know!

Pastoral Care, Home, Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests: Contact Roxanne Ramah 802-492-3675 or Ruth Kinne 802-775-5318.

### Community Church Calendar

Note Sunday Worship Services are in the Northam Church in North Shrewsbury next to the town office just around the corner from Pierce's Store for the month of August.

- Sunday, August 7 @ 10:30am– Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Wendy Savery
- Sunday, August 14 @ 10:30am – Worship Service led by Steve Longley
- Sunday, August 21 @ 10:30am – Worship Service led by Wendy Savery
- Sunday, August 28@ 6:00pm – Vespers Service led by Wendy Savery (no morning worship service).
- Sunday, September 4 @10:30 Return to Center Church- Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Wendy Savery.



### Biodiversity

Biodiversity is currently a buzz-word, encountered in news stories that we hear and read, but what does it mean ? Simply, biodiversity means abundant Life and many kinds of life. It represents resilience, having many resources to call upon in the face of challenges. It provides the experience of wonder and delight as we move about and explore our world, discovering that everything is not the same.



Biodiversity is the richness of the Creation, treasure we have been given, not to be taken lightly or for granted. One reason that we hear the word often these days is because many kinds of life are threatened and the abundance of life is dwindling.

Here in Shrewsbury, Vermont, all appears well and so we tend to take our natural riches for granted. That is a mistake. The changing climate, changing land uses, less awareness of and engagement with the natural world, pesticide and herbicide use, all are threats that Life faces here, close by, and elsewhere. Not to mention invasive plants and insects. Of course I have to mention invasive plants! Their propensity to form monocultures, fields of parsnip or chervil, woods full of garlic mustard and honeysuckle, is the very negation of biodiversity.

We have learned a great deal by interacting with plants, observing carefully, noticing the differences that distinguish one species from another. If you own a piece of land or visit one regularly, get to know it. Become aware of the inhabitants - insects, birds, mammals large and small, amphibians and snakes, as well as the plants. Learn how they utilize the available resources of space, structure, material composition, food and moisture. Noticing Things is a wonderful practice for your mind !Change can bring opportunity, but usually for those who are paying attention.

*~Submitted by Pam Darrow,  
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission*



## SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Hello SMS Families and Community,  
I hope you are having an August filled with swimming, hiking, beautiful sunsets, campfires and yummy s'mores! I hope your kids are starting to feel that familiar excitement that comes with a return to learning together. The SMS staff is working incredibly hard to make sure this return to school is AWESOME!

### Important Dates:

- 8/29: Back to School Meet and Greet with our Teachers 9-10am
- 8/31: First day of School!
- 8/31: After School Program Begins
- 9/5: Labor Day - No School

### Updates and Information:

Back to School Meet and Greet: Our SMS homeroom teachers would like to welcome their students to their classroom and make a personal connection before the school year begins. The school doors will open at 8:55am. Please make sure to arrive by 9:45am if you would like to participate, so our teachers can get back to their preparations for the first day of school promptly at 10am. Please do not attend if you or anyone in your family is showing any sign of illness or have been in close contact with someone with Covid-19. We can set up a meeting for you once you are well.

First Day Share! One of our favorite parts of the first day of school is seeing the big smiles, favorite outfits and summer growth of each kiddo as they walk into our school. In order to share that joy this year, I am asking any of you who would like to take a first day of school picture of your child(ren) and email it to me. I will put together a slideshow for our email list and facebook page so we can all celebrate together.

Special project with Ms. Cimonetti: (optional!) Hi Students! I am creating a fun bulletin board at school.

If you would like to help me make it colorful and special, please follow these directions:

1. Trace your hand on a piece of white paper.
2. Color your paper hand however you wish.
3. Write your name on the back of your traced hand on the paper.
4. Cut out your paper hand and give it to me.

You can get me your special "handy work" by snail mail or giving it to me at the Back to School Meet and Greet or the first three days of school! Thank you! ~ Ms. Cimonetti

**Coming soon:** School Calendar, Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook, Bus Schedule, Letters from Classroom Teacher with supply lists and After School Program Information.

I hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 802-786-3995 or at [kcimonetti@millriverschools.org](mailto:kcimonetti@millriverschools.org).

*Submitted by Kristin Cimonetti*



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### Employment Opportunity

Town of Shrewsbury is accepting applications for  
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**Benefits include 100% Town paid Medical and Dental insurance**

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Contact Jamie Carrara @ 492-3656

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Dancing to the music at a Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert: Eldred & Lily French (left) and Pete & Diane Newton (right)  
 Photo by Chryl Martin

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STHIL FS110-Z brush cutter with bicycle handle and string trimmer attachment, lightly used: **\$75**

Contact Rich Biziak (802-492-2255) for more information



## A Walk in Jim Jeffords State Forest

On an early Saturday morning, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission organized a wonderful hike at the Jim Jeffords State Forest. The group met at the old Brown Bridge and walked up the hill on old roads (the experts called them Class 4 roads.. which means, they used to be roads but we mostly stopped maintaining them), making various stops at points of interest. We learned about invasive species, erosion, the local flora and fauna and munched on lots of ripe berries (don't worry, we left plenty for the bears).

A diverse group of people of all ages and walks of life participated. Perhaps my favorite part was meeting some of my Shrewsbury neighbors and learning a little bit about them. One thing united us all, our love of the woods and nature. Our path took us up the hill, and on our way we appreciated the forest. Maples, spruces, birches and ash trees dotted the forest, and lots of different species of ferns at our feet. We even learned how to tell them apart, detecting the cuts. Once, twice and thrice cut, who knew there were so many kinds. Atop the hill we came across the remains of an old house and appreciated how small the houses used to be. I couldn't help but wonder about all the stone walls. So many of them crisscross the land, and someone pulled up, carried and placed each one of those boulders.

Eventually we made it to the north branch of Cold River and walked back leisurely on North Branch Rd. The stream was magnificent (see picture) and many stories were told about adventures in the various swimming holes tucked between the stream's curves. It all sounded very refreshing on a warm summer day. We concluded our walk back at the Brown Bridge. Good time was had by all, and the SCC chalked up another successful event. I hear that there are more to come. I can't wait! ~Article and Photo by Oded Benyo



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## Shrewsbury Conservation Commission's Trail Camera Picture of the month

This month we have trail camera captures of a moose cow, a moose cow and calf and a large moose dad from Carol Kimball! Terry Buckley Smith shared her pictures of a coyote, doe with fawn and a beautiful bear.

Do you have a wildlife picture to share? A track for us to identify? Send your trail cam, phone or camera picture to Linda Shelvey, Lpurdyshel@gmail.com . Please include your location in your email, so we can include your data on our Wildlife Map




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## Time is Everything in Forest Restoration

The mortality figures are astonishing amongst the three tree species nearly eliminated from our eastern and Midwestern landscape by either chestnut blight (*Cryphonectria parasitica*), Dutch Elm Disease (*Ophiostoma novo-ulmi*), and now Emerald Ash borer (*Agilus planipennis*). Four billion chestnut trees killed since blight introduction in 1904 (most between 1930's and 50's and continues today).



Seventy seven million American elms killed since the disease appeared in 1920's and continues today. And the most recent, Emerald Ash borer, has killed millions of ash since its introduction in Michigan in 2002 and continues today. All three have killed their way through Vermont destroying trees in both the urban and forest landscape. It was the trees within our urban landscape that most raised tree loss awareness and resulted in the investment of money and science aimed at preventing spread, finding "cures" and/or minimizing possible tree extinction. And thanks to those efforts we now have been able to retain and/or restore in some measure all three to our streets.

The difficult part in restoration efforts as a species however is returning those species back to the forest environment from which they were eliminated. Over time two restoration efforts are making progress (elms and chestnuts). Both the Nature Conservancy (with US Forest Service assistance) and The American Chestnut Foundation have programs evolving for restoring elms and chestnuts to the forested landscape. Elms were once part of an entire forest type (ash, elm, red maple) with elms often being the largest of the three species. The Nature Conservancy is using a three year effort to plant some 7,000 elms (with some immunity to DED) in flood plain forests within the Connecticut and Champlain River Valleys. Likewise chestnut, although at the northern end of its range in Vermont and thus not as common, was a thriving part of the eastern forest growing to huge sizes and numbers. The American Chestnut Foundation, using blight resistant and locally adapted chestnuts, has established chestnut breeding orchards whose progeny will be reintroduced into eastern forests. The Vt/NH chapter of TACF along with Vermont State Parks created a breeding orchard in 2013 at Lake St. Catherine State Park in Poultney and it is thriving with several trees now exceeding 20' in height

Since EAB is a work in progress forest recommendations will change as knowledge about the borer grows. For now don't cut all ash within a forest but do reduce the ash component if it exceeds 20%. Leave scattered ash growing and retain good quality trees of a variety of species. Manage the forest if possible to encourage as much ash regeneration as possible. Time will tell (measured in decades) if any of these three forest species will ever return or stay in their rightful forest environment. But as the Lorax says "unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

~Gary Salmon, Shrewsbury Tree Warden

## Gotcha!!

This is the business end of a purple sticky trap. It is a three sided affair which is suspended from a tree nearly 20 in the air. We have all seen these hanging from "trees of concern" to help determine the presence of Emerald Ash Borer. Even our roads in Shrewsbury had traps scattered throughout the town. They were hung in far greater numbers several years ago when EAB in Vermont was just a theory. It was first detected in Vermont in 2018N and now that it is firmly established fewer traps are necessary and are now used in "high risk" areas (see Vermont



Invasives EAB map) to confirm EAB's presence as this outbreak continues to invade more and more of Vermont and its ash trees.

The traps themselves are built to capture insects. A lure which smells like ash leaves or ash bark is dangled in the space between the three purple sides (even the color purple is attractive to some insects). A sticky surface is applied to the outside of the trap which will capture insects landing on it. They are suspended during the

EAB borer flight season which starts is late June/early July and the traps eventually reach the lab of a dedicated entomologist who sorts through this mass of insects looking for any EAB borers. However most of us only see a purple item hanging in a tree and not the sheer mass of insects that eventually get stuck. These traps will capture ANY insect that comes in contact with it, not just the ones being searched for. So trap location is critical as a strategy to success as well. This trap is hanging in a clump of seriously declining ash trees at Lake St. Catherine State Park in Poultney, a good location to capture EAB if present. So until an area shows the other summer signs of EAB's presence (a combination of crown die back and new clumped branches growing right out of the trunk, suckers at the base of the tree, splitting bark, and/or "D" shaped borer exit holes) traps are a good companion tool in locating EAB and by actually capturing borers confirm that EAB is present.

~Gary Salmon, Shrewsbury Tree Warden

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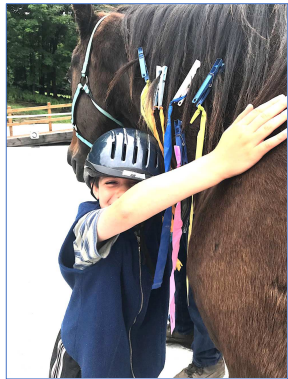
## SNO-BIRD NEWS

The Sno-Birds just finished a very successful fundraiser. We raffled off a 2023 SkiDoo MXZ Sport EFI. We limited the amount of tickets to 200 at \$100.00 per ticket. With some members hustling they were all sold in about 6 weeks. We held a special meeting on July 12th at the Southside Steakhouse and had our server Debbie Lamothe pull the tickets. The first prize ticket for the sled or \$8000.00 went to Willy Arnow, the second prize of \$1000.00 went to Catherine DiPalma and the third prize of \$500.00 went to Scott Briley. The club wants to thank all that helped sell tickets and especially all that purchased the tickets, Without all of you this event would not have been as successful as it was. Congratulations to all of the winners. We had to cancel our work day last month because of peoples time to help issues. We are back on for Sunday, August 14 to start installing posts for our new signs. We have a couple of small trail projects going also plus debrushing the trails. I hope everyone has a great summer. ~Submitted by Roy Arthur



## Reinbow Riding Center

They may not be the pets you think of as huggable, but horses, just like dogs, enjoy a good hug, kindly pat, scratch behind the ears and chin scratches from their human friends. Big people, little people and those in between can't resist the urge to wrap their arms around these big kindly animals. Arrow is a big gentle gent who loves attention and will stand for hours while getting a good brushing. When saddled, he stands quietly while his rider mounts and smoothly carries him during the lesson. He's also a bit of a ham and doesn't mind a bit when riders adorn his mane with ribbons.



QUACK ATTACK!! This year the Ludlow Rotary Club has chosen Reinbow Riding as the beneficiary of the 23rd Annual Ralph D.

Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race on the Black River. The ducks get dumped into the river at Depot Street Bridge at 12 p.m., Saturday, August 20th and float downriver to the finish line at Walker Bridge. The first 3 finishers receive cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$75. The very last duck gets \$25. Tickets for single ducks are \$5, a Quack Pack is \$20 (5 for the price of 4) and corporate ducks are \$50. Tickets are available online at [www.ludlowrotary.com](http://www.ludlowrotary.com), at Benson's Chevrolet, Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow Insurance, People's United Bank, any Rotarian and Reinbow Riding Center through Grace Brigham or emailing Janet Upton (address below).

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~Submitted by Janet Upton

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Work continued this month in Shrewsbury Mountain School's garden. Oana, Stephen, and Scott prepped the garden space and Oana and Stephen finished eight raised beds that will be adopted by SMS classes one day. The tree sites from the orchard project with ReTreeUS have been sheet mulched and composted, awaiting planting next fall.



Our next big project in the school garden will be a compost moving work party to fill the beds, and mulch between them! This will happen in the next few weeks. If you are interested in pitching in on this part of the school garden project please reach out to Scott Courcelle or Stephen Abatiell, and follow updates on our Facebook page! We would love to get a big community lift for this project over time, and this is one of the first onramps!



Oana and Stephen prepping SMS' garden site and building the garden beds.

In other news, we were happy to sit down with Tim Stout of Northam Forest Carbon to learn more about his work to educate Vermonters on how forestry practices can be used by landowners to sequester and store carbon in their forests. Check out our conversation on the latest episode of Root Words, wherever you get your podcasts!

For more information about SAGE: contact Stephen Abatiell at educate.sage@gmail.com, Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit www.sagevt.wordpress.com. Follow us on Facebook for up to date event details at Shrewsbury SAGE.

Submitted by Stephen Abatiell



We welcome tennis players to use and enjoy our tennis court this summer. The court is just west of the home at 7983 Cold River Road. Extra racquets and balls are in the red shed adjacent to the court. Come anytime—no need to call!! ~Taffy Maynard 773-2087

### 2022 Community Leadership Summit

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) is inviting Vermonters of all backgrounds who are working with a goal of improving life in their community to attend the 2022 Community Leadership Summit on Wednesday, August 10, at Vermont Technical College.

Registration is now open for \$50 per person, with options available for partial or no payment to register, if needed, by using promo code "PARTIAL" (for \$25) or "FRIEND" (for no cost) at checkout. This is an event that is meant to be accessible to all without financial barriers. The day includes a BBQ-style lunch and a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Party to close.

The agenda is based in part on feedback over the past two years from thousands of Vermonters about the future of our state and the need to strengthen civic engagement and tackle shared challenges together. It will also offer opportunities to build leadership skills, share success stories, and connect to and learn from community leaders of all backgrounds working to advance projects in towns across Vermont. The Summit will be an opportunity for renewal and rejuvenation as we reengage with fellow Vermonters, make new connections, celebrate community successes, talk through shared challenges, and think proactively about the future.

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## FRIDAY PIE DAY RETURNS

Due to the popularity of the Friday Pie Days in July, they will return in August!

Friday August 5 -Creamy Raspberry Pie  
-Lemon Meringue Pie

Friday August 19 -Mixed Berry Pie  
-Mango Yogurt Tart



## LOCAL SELECTIONS AND GOODS

It's finally blueberry season! The Blueberry Festival is the final day of July, so there is a fair chance you are reading this after the fact. If not, come check out all of the incredible choices we have from our friends and neighbors who are coming to share their bounties!

We now carry more local goods than ever before, whether they are handcrafted goods from our talented friends on the consignment shelf or jams, eggs, beef, and produce from our generous neighbors, we are focusing on going local wherever possible.

Obviously, not everything can be done locally, but even then, we are trying to source from Vermont and the region as available. We are still offering low-cost national brands on things like soda pop and candy as well, and having as much variety as we can fit into our small space is a high priority.

## CONCERTS AND ICE CREAM

We are going to continue selling the ever-popular Wilcox 802 bars at the concerts as well as in the store, as well as a larger selection of other ice creams and frozen treats, including gelato, dairy free, and Strafford. We have also received word that Biggy Iggy and Chewie Louie have finally sorted out their warehouse issues, so we anticipate the return of ice cream sandwiches in August as well! With the big freezer finally repaired and working again, we are also going to expand the other frozen foods we carry, including Vermont Spaetzle, Vermont Fresh Pastas, and perhaps even some additional pizza options.

## HELP WANTED

We are back on the hunt for an assistant manager! Rob will still be helping around the store as a volunteer and will continue baking goodies for us, but he will be stepping down from the assistant manager position. That means an opportunity for you to help out in your community!

The job has a flexible part time schedule, and it is a paid position – ideal for students, parents, or anybody just looking for something to do that would help your community!

If you are unable to commit to the assistant manager position but would still like to help out in the store, we are always looking for help running the register a few hours a week. Just let Bob know and he will get you on right away!

## KITCHEN HELP

We are also looking for somebody to help supplement the Vermont Bliss offerings in the kitchen as Michelle continues to grow her business in other ways. She will still provide some sandwiches and meals for us in the short term, but we do need somebody to help shore up the rest! If you or somebody you know has a talent for making lunch selections and the like, please let us know and we will be certain to get you in!

## SPECIAL ORDERS AND REQUESTS

If you are interested in special orders or have some other items you would like to see us carry, let us know either by filling out the survey or by just telling us! We can't guarantee we will be able to get everything you want, but we can guarantee that we will try.



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