



Times of Shrewsbury



March 2024

MUSINGS ON OUR BORDERS

Shrewsbury, at one time, was sandwiched between two gores, defined in old English law as “a small, narrow strip of land” and, in the modern dictionary, as “a small usually triangular piece of land”. In surveying terms, a gore was the result of conflicting surveys resulting in an area between two towns which supposedly were abutting.



When Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire issued 129 town charters west of the Connecticut River between 1749 and 1764, an attempt was made to draw boundaries approximately square and about the same size, starting along the river on the east and the assumed New York border to the west, working towards the middle. New York was also doing the same since it believed the New York border was the Connecticut River.

One can see the problem on this 1780 map. Vermont

is not a rectangle. Surveys and maps at that time were inaccurate and the mountainous area was ill defined. The result was some land being “left out”, generally in the less accessible rugged areas. Thus, gores were found to exist. These were

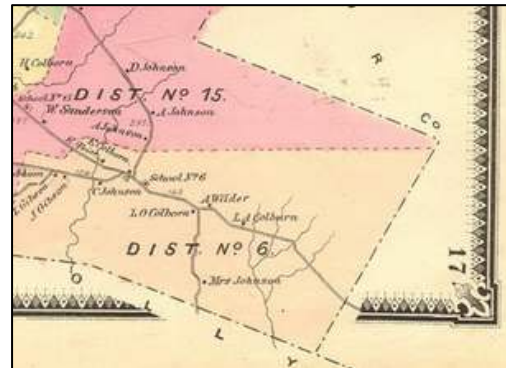


typically sold off by the Legislature to speculators, but the land was often not very useful for farming or permanent settlement.

Vermont had a total of 60 gores at one time. Most were later incorporated into adjoining towns, but three gores in Vermont still exist, with the following current populations, Avery's Gore (0),

Buell's Gore (29), Warren's Gore (2). These are unincorporated lands which have no local government.

Now back to Shrewsbury. ...Along Shrewsbury's southern border was Jackson's Gore, settled in 1782 by Abraham Jackson, a revolutionary war soldier and land speculator who petitioned the State in 1780 for the unchartered land (see the unlabeled triangular parcel south of Shrewsbury on the map). Jackson and 29 others paid 270 English pounds (just \$26,000 today) for 9,700 acres. Just 10 years later, the Town of Mount Holly was created, incorporating Jackson's Gore. Our Shrewsbury history book has a specific reference to Jackson's Gore, stating that Lottery Road (funded by a State authorized lottery in 1791), ‘began near John Randall's in Jackson Gore, about one mile west of the southeast corner of this town’



On Shrewsbury's north border was Parker's Gore. In 1796, Jonathan Parker purchased 3,000 acres of land which was “found” to exist between the newly

incorporated

Towns of Killington, Bridgewater, Medway and Shrewsbury. Medway and one portion of Parker's Gore merged in 1804 and became Parkerstown, later renamed as Mendon in 1827. Killington and Stockbridge later absorbed the other portion of Parker's Gore.

And what about that funny piece of land extending into Plymouth on Shrewsbury's southeast

corner called the “Mile Square”. Well, that wasn't a gore, but it certainly was an isolated part of the Town of Plymouth for the



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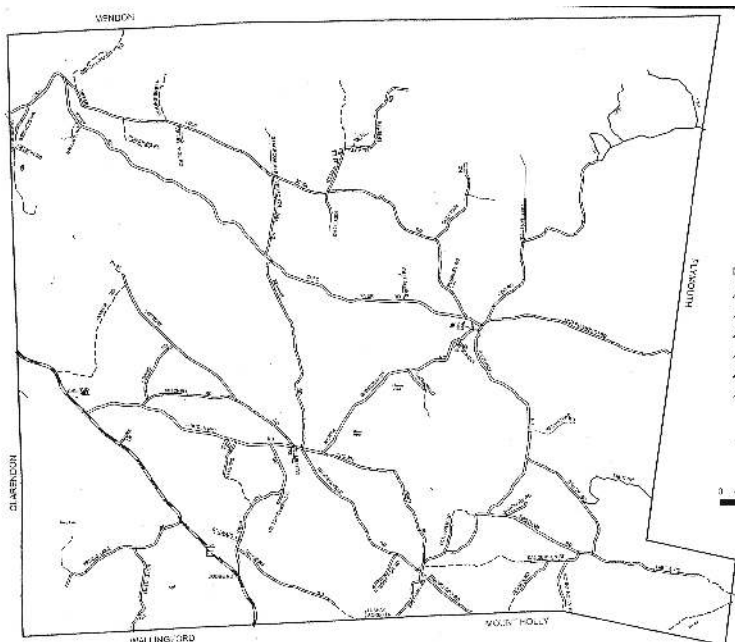
few families who lived there. In 1823, four of those Plymouth residents petitioned the Legislature to have that area of Plymouth join Shrewsbury because "they have to Travil to attend Town and Freeman's Meetings Seven Miles over a Road that is almost Impassable....that they have no advantage of Schooling in Said Plymouth....(and) That they do all their Business of Every Description with Merchants, Mechannicks, & obtaining milling in Town of Shrewsbury....". The Mile Square (sometimes locally referred to as "Taborville") became part of Shrewsbury later that year.



Although Shrewsbury has a 6-mile common border with Mendon, "you can't get there from here". But there were two chances, in the past, when now sleepy Northam might have had direct access to the busy ski towns to the north. In 1935, the Green Mountain Parkway was contemplated, a proposed Roosevelt-era, 260-mile highway along the entire spine of the Green Mountains (as shown on this map produced at the time).

It would have directly linked North Shrewsbury with Mendon, Killington, and Route 4. Similarly, in 1936, after the CCC Road was built (along with the Shrewsbury Ski Area), it is reported there were plans for the CCC troops to build a road from the CCC Road to Killington. That idea apparently died when the Shrewsbury CCC camp was closed in 1937.

Both difficult topography and happenstance have contributed to our town being a quiet place to live and be off the beaten path. Of Shrewsbury's 32 miles of border, 16 miles or 50%, are on lands under State or Federal Forest management. I have often thought about gathering a group of folks to walk the borders of our town (not all in one day). With GPS in hand this would be easy in concept but, I suspect a bit challenging in some areas on foot. Any takers? ~Article by Mark Youngstrom



Current map of SHREWSBURY with names of adjoining towns indicated.

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	\$100	(7.5"w x 9.5"h)
Half page	\$60	(7.5"w x 4.5" h or 3.5"w x 9.5"h)
Quarter page	\$12	(7.5"w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5"wx 4.5"h)
Business card	\$6	(3.5"w x 2"h)
Classified ad	\$3	(15 words or less)

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

5/1/2023

Chryl Martin

~ Rich Biziak

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Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org and

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb 26	1-3pm	*Green Mountain Neighbors Gaming Afternoon at Shrewsbury Library
Mar 2	10:30am	*Brunch fundraiser prior to Information Meeting, Shrewsbury Meeting House
Mar 2	11am	Informational Meeting, Shrewsbury Meeting House 88 Lottery Road
Mar 3	9-10:20am	*Shrewsbury Singers Rehearsal, Sundays through May 19, Community Church, 88 Lottery Rd.
Mar 5	10am-7pm	Election Day (Annual Town Meeting & Presidential Primary) Shrewsbury Meeting House 88 Lottery Road
Mar 6	6:30-8pm	*Shrewsbury Singers Rehearsal, Wednesdays through May 15, Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd.
Mar 8	5:30pm	*Pierce's Store Pot Luck Dinner (5:30pm) and Annual Meeting (6:30pm) at the Meeting House
Mar 9	10:30am	*Story Hour at the Library
Mar 9	7pm	*Music Jam at the Russellville Schoolhouse
Mar 10	3:30pm	*Writer's Group meets at the Library
Mar 17	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club discussion group at the Library
Mar 22	7pm	*Amphibian Expert presents program at Library sponsored by the Conservation Commission
Mar 22	7pm	*Art Group at the Russellville Schoolhouse
Mar 23-24		*Vermont Spring Maple Open House Weekend
Mar 23	8am-12noon	*Family Pancake Breakfast at the Meeting House sponsored by the Community Church
Mar 23	10:30am	*Story Hour at the Library
Mar 23	1-2:30pm	*Seed starting for strong transplants at the Russellville Schoolhouse
Mar 24	4pm	*Science Book Club discussion group at the Library
Mar 30	10am	*Easer Egg Hunt at Pierce's Store

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

and

www.shrewsburyvt.org



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Selectboard Meeting	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays – Winter hours: 10 am at Meeting House
Development Review Board	4 th Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda
Library Trustees Meeting	2 nd Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg	1 st Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 rd Wed. 7pm at MRHS unless otherwise warned
Planning Commission	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office
Prayer Shawl Group	4 th Tuesday at 12noon upstairs at the Meeting House
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays – 10am via Zoom; contact wildernessfriends@gmail.com
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	No meetings until February 6, 2024 at 5:15pm, location TBD.
Shrewsbury Historical Society	No meetings until Spring 2024
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Closed for Winter. Appointments only
Shrewsbury Singers	Sundays 9-10:20am and Wed 7-8:30pm @ Meeting House
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 nd Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

Clerk's Office	492-3511	Mondays & Thursdays 8:30am-1pm; Wednesdays 1pm-6pm (Fax 802-492-3383)
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	492-3867	Sunday 8am-4pm ~ Wednesdays 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:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net an email list for Urgent and reminder news information]	
Cuttingsville Post Office	492-3585	<u>Window Hours</u> Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30am and 11:30am-2:30pm; Sat 8am-11am
		<u>Lobby Hours</u> Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm and Sat 7:30am-11am
Burn Permit:	Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or, Deputy Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr. 802-282-3642	
Animal Control Officer:	Adrienne Raymond 802-492-3578	
1 st Constable:	Aaron Haupt 558-9980	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

[Updated 1/31/24]

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

The Selectboard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7pm at the Town Office.

January 29, 2024 : Minutes Of Selectboard Meeting

Present at Meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with no following additions: Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Budget 2024: Discussed and reviewed budget. Discussed and reviewed the 2024 Warning and Selectboard Narrative for the Annual Town Report. The Selectboard is pulling forward a total general fund expenditure of \$1,401,732 of which \$971,027 shall be raised by taxes and \$430,705 by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds and reserve funds.

Aaron Korzun makes a motion to accept the warning for the 2024 town meeting. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marc Cimonetti

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

February 7, 2024: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Administrative Assistant Megan White; Planning Commissioners Laura Black; and Melissa Reichert. Transportation planner for the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Ethan Pepien; Delinquent Tax Collector Steven Nicholson; Town Clerk Rebecca Rice; Planning commission Spring Lake Ranch Nathan Hewitt.

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Work in the Row Permit for Allard Lumber. Four excess weight permits for Veilleux & Son Trucking, Demag Riggers & Crane services, Markowski Excavating, and Velco.

A. Korzun makes a motion to accept the changes to the agenda. F. Wyatt Seconded. Approved.

Regional Plan Update: Ethan Pepien from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission announces the undertaking of a big survey effort that is taking place. This survey will be posted online and for towns to take part in. Towns/individuals input on what they value the strengths and assets are. Rutland Regional Planning Commission will be fully updating the document for the first time in several years the new document is a big undertaking and is planned to be completed in 2026. Not just for the towns but for the entire Rutland County region area. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Planning Commission: Community Values Mapping Event set for April 27th 3-5 pm. This event is to gather data by allowing individuals to mark up and input special town landmarks, historical properties, events like the concert series, or even land they feel passionate about to see protected. This event will be a wonderful way for the planning Commission to get individual town members input not to mention the rather exciting

visualization as each of the Ten maps fill up with markings. Shrewsbury's Planning Commission says a town event like this has not taken place since 2012. Marked up maps many for different topics will be laid out on tables to help visualize. This info will then need to be digitized into GIS.

The Planning Commission's 2024 budget already reflects the expenses related to this project.

A. Korzun makes a motion to support the Community Values Mapping Event F. Wyatt seconds. Approved

Digitize Land Records Project Update: Images will be up and running soon. Next step is to send out the older bound books #1-17. Our bound books are fully insured along with having a microfiche copy as a backup for added security.

Glebe Lots: The Town of Shrewsbury in 1984 signed a lease with the state of Vermont for two 100 acre lots located near the top of Shrewsbury peak at \$15 a parcel per year. There was one year Shrewsbury did not receive payment.

A vote took place to terminate this lease with the State. The only way for Shrewsbury to terminate the lease is for the State to first fail to make payment which did happen. The Selectboard is interested in looking into this matter further. Tonight, we started this discussion and mentioned looking into the legal logistics of this lease agreement. The Selectboard does not want to give the State the land and wants what is best for the Town.

Town Meeting 2024: Shrewsbury Town Clerk Rebecca Rice informs us all is rolling along right on schedule. Ballots are scheduled to be in as of February 14.

New Business/ Open to the public: Nathan Hewitt the logistics manager for The Spring Lake Ranch joins us to discuss the Ranch's plans to expand, update older buildings to code, and add a few additional small buildings. The Spring Lake Ranch needs to file an Act 250 permit for these several projects. The Shrewsbury Selectboard sees no reason not to support the Spring Lake Ranch as they begin to move forward with their planning and preparations.

Work in Row Permit for Allard Lumber: 50-acre lot located on Gainer Road will be most likely to be completed in two winters. The Gaynor Road currently has a temporary skidder bridge put in place by landowner Mr. Lucien. Being a town road the Selectboard members bring up the need for a more permanent bridge. The thought is to investigate the possibility of installing a waste block bridge combined with timbers laid across. Gaynor Road would be left in the same or better condition that it was found in. Project would start on February 8th, 2024, and needs to end by March 31st, 2024. Jamie Carrara advises Selectboard to be sure the logging permit ends no later than March 31st, 2024. Each Spring is different, and we will not know if roads will be posted come April 1st or April 15th. The Selectboard also states in the permit that if the roads should thaw and soften on any day between February 8th and March 31st, due to warm temperatures work is to cease until roads are firm. Any work for next winter will require another request for a work permit.

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(continued)

A. Korzun makes a motion to accept the work for the right of way for Allard Lumber. M. Cimonetti seconds. Approved

Four Excess Trucking Permits: Veilleux & Sons trucking, Demag Riggers & Crane Services, Markowski Excavating, and Velco.

A. Korzun makes a motion to accept the trucking permits. M. Cimonetti seconds. Approved.

A. Korzun makes a motion to authorize the treasurer to borrow from the line of credit as needed. F. Wyatt Seconded. Approved.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept 1/17/2024 and 1/29/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #2 for \$8742.51 and Road Orders #2 for \$29,422.27 Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved
Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Megan White

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Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

We have a terrific road crew!!!

All one has to do is drive on gravel roads outside of Shrewsbury to realize the outstanding work of our small road crew. Thanks to their work topdressing, grading, and assuring good drainage our winter roads are in great condition, and not like a ride at an amusement park.

Thank you, Jamie, Dan, Mason, Fran, and Gary.

~Submitted by Mark Youngstrom

Vote "Uncommitted" in March 5 Primary

Many Americans are deeply troubled by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Democrats who are displeased with the current Administration's continued supplying of arms to Israel face a difficult decision in the March 5 Presidential Primary.

But Vermonters can send a message to the Democratic Party that the policy of its frontrunner is unacceptable and must be changed. To express disapproval of the current US policy, check the box on your ballot for "Other" and write in "Uncommitted".

Regardless of your party affiliation (or if you are an independent), if you cannot at this point support your Party's leading candidate, or alternative candidates, on this or other issues, you can still take a ballot on March 5 and cast your vote of conscience for "Other - Uncommitted".

~Submitted by Jonathan Gibson

Dog & Wolf-Hybrid Licenses

Animal Licenses are due on APRIL 1. License your dog/wolf-hybrid to avoid late fees. Be sure your dog wears the license tag to help with identification if the dog is found wandering.

Fees are as follows:

Spayed or neutered dogs \$9;

Intact dogs \$13

After April 1 fees are: spayed or neutered dogs \$13; intact dogs \$17. Licenses may be obtained by mail (9823 Cold River Rd), e-mail (shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net), or at the town office during regular business hours. Be sure to provide a copy of any new rabies certificate

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NEWS

The recording of documents has been caught up and ballots have been ordered and are now available at the Town Office. Absentee ballots already requested have been sent out. The tabulator will be tested this week. Preparations for Town Meeting are on track.

The index for the electronic document system for land records which was started last fall is now online. It is anticipated that the electronic documents will be online within the next few weeks.

My next project is updating the index for the land records on the town's computer.

Marriage licenses, certified copies and dog licenses are being issued. The Notary Stamp which I had to order is now in and has been used.

Please feel free to call or stop in for an absentee ballot, dog license, to have documents notarized or ask any questions you may have. If I do not have an answer, I should be able to send you to the person who can answer your questions.

~Rebecca A. Rice, Interim Town Clerk

Phone: 492-3511, email: shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net

Shrewsbury Mountain School PTO sponsored fundraiser!

Please come support the
SMS 6th Graders as they sell **brunch** at the
annual Town Informational Meeting!

Shrewsbury Meeting House
Saturday March 2nd
Beginning at 10:30am
(town meeting begins at 11:00am)

We look forward to seeing you there!!

SHREWSBURY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: 8:30am to 1pm
Wednesdays: 1pm to 6pm
Thursdays 8:30am to 1pm

Town Clerk contact info:
(802) 492-3511
shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net



Informational Meeting:
Saturday, March 2, 2024 11am
Shrewsbury Meeting House
88 Lottery Road

Election Day (Annual Town Meeting & Presidential Primary):
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
10am to 7pm
Shrewsbury Meeting House
88 Lottery Road

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SHREWSBURY, VERMONT MARCH 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- If you are unable to fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person, write the name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the name.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the name.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN # for an office."
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

MODERATOR	LISTER	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER
One Year Term Vote for not more than ONE ELDRED FRENCH	Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE CLARA KRUEGER	Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
SELECTBOARD MEMBER	LISTER	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER
Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE AARON KORZON	One Year of a Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	Two Year of a Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE CEMETERY COMMISSIONER
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
TOWN CLERK	DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR
Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE REBECCA A. RICE	Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE STEVEN NICHOLSON	Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE STEPHEN ABATIELL
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
TOWN TREASURER	1st CONSTABLE	
Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE LINDA MCGUIRE	One Year Term Vote for not more than ONE AARON HAUPT	
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	
AUDITOR	2nd CONSTABLE	
Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE SANFORD (SANDY) BRAGG	One Year Term Vote for not more than ONE (Write-in)	
(Write-in)		

ARTICLES

1. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of \$1,401,732 of which \$971,027 shall be raised by taxes and \$430,705 by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds and reserve funds?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
2. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$85,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$17,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>

ARTICLES CONTINUED

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,200 for the Shrewsbury Library?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,500 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,528 to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,192 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support NewStory (formerly the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$400 to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Vermont Family Network?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$170 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$400 to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the American Red Cross of NHVT?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support Vermont Adult Learning?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
28. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support Vermont Farmers Food Center?	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
29. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., Friday, October 4, 2024.	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>

Dear Shrewsbury Voters,

I am writing to ask for your vote this year for Town Treasurer.

Tax billing and school assessments will be a transition this year, and I feel my experience can be beneficial for the town.

Please consider me when you vote your ballot either in early voting or on March 5th.

If you have questions or concerns about my experience to support the role, please give me a call. I'll be happy to chat about Town stuff.

Thank you,
Linda McGuire 802-492-3487

Paid Political Advertisement

*Town of
Shrewsbury, Vermont*



2023 Annual Report

2023 Annual Report

The Town Annual Report is delivered to each mailbox in Shrewsbury. It contains the financial reports of the town as well as reports from town organizations.

*Prepared by the
Shrewsbury Auditors:
Rich Biziak, Sandy Bragg,
and Michelle Greene*

Martha Sirjane for Town Clerk

I have known Martha Sirjane for more than 40 years. She was one of the first people to welcome me to Shrewsbury and educate me in the ways of Vermont country life. She was my role model in all things Vermont - how to plant a vegetable garden, how to arrange a perfect flower bouquet, how to cook a meal from all fresh local ingredients, how to "put up" the bounty of the harvest, how to find free flowers for wedding arrangements (both hers and mine), how to gather easily and joyously for potluck suppers night after night, how to build a wood shed, how to reach out to those less fortunate, and how to sew a quilt!

Martha is a true Vermont treasure. She has always done her best for the community of Shrewsbury, and I know she will continue to do so as our Town Clerk. Martha gets more done in a day than anyone else I know, and yet still manages to connect with others as she works. It is not unusual for her to be advocating with state legislators for a slower speed limit in Cuttingsville in the morning, doing an array of farm chores in the afternoon (planting, harvesting, feeding animals, delivering eggs, cleaning pens, etc.), and then canning vegetables well into the night. In between these "work" activities she fits in the "heart" activities - serving food to the homeless in Rutland, cooking for Dismiss House, or volunteering to teach homeschoolers and difficult youth at their farm in Cuttingsville. I know very few people who can accomplish what Martha does every single day.

Martha is dedicated, hard-working, congenial, welcoming, and a fast learner. She never shies away from a challenge. She will put her head down and figure out what needs to be done, and then get it done. She is passionate about issues that affect the people of Shrewsbury and she will advocate for us whenever and wherever needed. Martha is smart and caring. These are the qualities that I want in a Town Clerk. Please join me in voting for Martha on March 5th!

Lily French (and Eldred!)

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Stephen Abatiell for School Board

Greetings neighbors,

I'm Stephen Abatiell and I would like to represent Shrewsbury on the Mill River Unified Union board. I was appointed to fill the open school board position last December, and have spent the past 2 months getting up to speed while serving on the contract negotiations and community outreach committees.

For the past few years, I have been working closely with SAGE and the staff at Shrewsbury Mountain School to create educational opportunities for students. I would be happy to have a larger impact, district wide. In my experience as an education manager in Yosemite and Yellowstone, I developed and evaluated curriculum, managed program budgets, as well as hired and evaluated education staff.

The school board has worked hard this budget season at the local district level to create a budget that supports our students, staff, and facilities, while being fiscally conservative. We'd appreciate your support for the budget items on the March ballot, and I'd appreciate your vote to serve a full term on the board! My email address is sabatiell@millriverschools.org if you have questions or concerns about School district business.

~Stephen Abatiell

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Shrewsbury Singers

Winter – Spring Session

Rehearsals: March 3 - May 19

Concert: May 19, 2024

Rehearsal Schedule

(Please feel free to attend either or both rehearsals.)

Sunday Mornings, 9:00AM – 10:20AM

&/OR

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Where?

Shrewsbury Meeting House

(Sundays - Upstairs Sanctuary/Wednesdays – Main Hall)
88 Lottery Rd., Shrewsbury, VT 05738

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Family Pancake Breakfast

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**Saturday, March 23
8am-Noon**

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88 Lottery Rd Shrewsbury VT**

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SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This winter with little snow has been rather nasty with flurries, rain, and cold snaps that have caused challenging conditions to navigate when driving our vehicles on the town's roads. Our gratitude goes out to Jamie Carrara and his crew for keeping us plowed and sanded, plus providing that "nifty" sand pile for the public to access next to the transfer station. Shrewsbury roads have been safe to travel with drivers being extra cautious in the hills and valleys of our town. This is welcome news to members of the SVFD who fortunately have had to respond to only one accident, which was on Route 103.

The department had four responses during January. The calls were as follows: January 9, the department responded to the CCC Road for a report of a carbon monoxide detector going off. The family had wisely evacuated the house until the department arrived and dealt with the issue.

On January 6, after a mix of snow, rain, falling temperatures and ice buildup, the department was called to a power line down on Wilmouth Hill Road with a pole on fire. The area was cordoned off until Green Mountain Power crews arrived to take care of the situation.

Shortly thereafter, on the same date, the department was toned out for an accident on Route 103 just south of Cuttingsville village. This accident was a challenge with four vehicles involved. A car going south hit black ice and spun out of control hitting three other vehicles coming north. All four vehicles received extensive damage, and the lady driving the initial vehicle sustained non-life-threatening injuries. She was transported by Regional Ambulance to Rutland Regional Medical Center for treatment... The other drivers were fortunately not injured. The SVFD and state police had to close the highway for about two hours until wrecker services could remove the damaged vehicles and clear the road once again.

The final call was on January 29 when the SVFD responded with mutual aid to a structure fire on the Bowlsville Road in Mount Holly. Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, East Wallingford, and Ludlow all responded to the incident. The structure was a total loss. Fortunately, there were no injuries to the occupants or responders.

In addition to calls, department members have been taking care of the maintenance of stations and vehicles. On maintenance evenings, members respond to both stations to check and run small equipment, wash and clean trucks, and check and recharge batteries on air packs, portable lights, radios, and other equipment to ensure that everything is ready to go.

Members of the building committee also met to discuss the plans and steps to be taken in order to address upgrading the Cuttingsville Station which is badly outdated and small. It has served our community for the past 72 years. Modern firetrucks are currently too big to enter and exit through the small bay doors, so when replacement time comes about it is going to be an immense issue to address. Even with the current engine and tanker, clearance above and to the sides of the trucks is

mere inches. It will be necessary to move, redesign or entirely replace the current station to meet future needs. The committee is currently studying the various options. The SVFD will keep the public apprised of progress and plans as they come to fruition.

Finally, with Punxsutawney Phil and Shrewsbury Sue both not seeing their shadows, the early spring will surely bring with it "brush fire season". Once the snow is gone, the dry grasses and forest floors become tinder and can easily catch fire and spread. We urge everyone to be very careful once the snow is gone, and if you are going to burn brush, be sure to contact the fire wardens for burn permits. The Forest Fire Warden contacts are explained in our adjoining article in the Times.

Remember as we come to the end of winter and the beginning of spring to drive slowly. Shrewsbury speed limits are 35 MPH for a reason. Also, be very careful with any outside burning... and always
STAY FIRE SAFE!

~Submitted by Bob Snarski



BURN PERMITS

If you are plan to burn brush you **MUST** call for a burning permit. **Contact Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr 802-282-3642.** The landowner is responsible to control a brush fire, ensure you have proper tools, water supply, and people to assist in containing the fire.

MAKE YOUR MARK IN SHREWSBURY!

What places in Shrewsbury do you love?

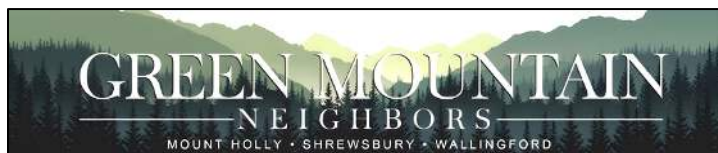
What do you value about these places?

On Saturday April 27th from 3-5 PM, we invite all townspeople to the Community Meeting House to identify your most valued places in Shrewsbury. We will provide large paper maps, color markers, and sticky dots. We need you to make your marks on the Shrewsbury map!

The results from the information gathered will be compiled digitally. The resulting maps will present a visual picture of what areas in Town are valued and why. When we overlap the digital images, the maps can show us where our most important places coincide and are complimentary and where they coincide and are conflicting. The information gathered will allow the priorities of the community to inform our future Town Plan.

This event is hosted by the Shrewsbury Planning Commission. The process is called 'Community Values Mapping.' It was originally developed by the Community Wildlife Program, a division of Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, and many of these events have been held in Vermont towns over the past few years.

For more information or if you'd like to volunteer at this event, please email - shrewsburyvtpc@gmail.com.



The latest news from Green Mountain Neighbors is that at the time of writing there are 18 full-fledged members and 24 people who have volunteered to drive, pick up groceries and make check-in calls. We are so excited!

There are a couple of remaining "bugs" that we're working out in the process, and we expect that by early to mid-March we will be fully operational. Currently, we are accepting member and volunteer applications and hosting social events that are open to all.

Also, we are hosting a series of game days where you can meet new people or long-time friends and play old or new games. The recent game day in Wallingford brought 18 people together for a very chatty couple of hours! So even if you're not 'into' games, you can still have lots of fun.

You can go to our website <https://greenmountainneighbors.org> to our Home Page. In addition to a calendar of events, there's plenty to learn when you click through some of the tabs, even though you won't have full access to the site until you are a member or volunteer. Give it a try.

Signing up to be a volunteer and/or a member is easy. Once you're on the Home Page, you'll see tab you're interested, then select Volunteer Opportunities or Membership Benefits. You might want to view the short video that's included in the Volunteer section and if you want, fill out the Application – you can either print it out and use pen and ink or you can do it online. We encourage you to fill one or both out now and join the others who have already done so.

You can also make a donation to help ensure that GMN will be there when you need it! You can send a check made payable to Green Mountain Neighbors, Inc. at PO Box 366, Wallingford, VT 05773. There is also a "Donate Now" button in the upper right-hand corner on our Home Page. Clicking on that button will take you right to the donation page.

Please let Linda Fontana or me know if you have any questions.

Linda Fontana at Lafhaha_2000@yahoo.com

Sally Deinzer at sjdad3@gmail.com

~Submitted by Sally Deinzer

LAUREL GLEN ASSOCIATION REPORT



Laurel Glen is gearing up for work on the Mansion and its grounds. The Board of Trustees will meet on April 29 at 6:00pm. At that meeting we will discuss our opening day, Monday, May 27, Memorial Day. Stop by the Mansion on Memorial Day and take a tour with our volunteer docents. Enjoy Victorian lawn games that day, weather permitting.

Looking ahead to June, we will soon be announcing the dates of a joint presentation with the historian from Stony Creek, NY, Cindy Cameron. John P. Bowman ran a large tannery and lived in Stony Creek where we made leather goods supplied to the Union Army during the Civil War. In June, we also plan to schedule some workdays at the Mansion. There are a lot of small jobs to be done to straighten up the interior, so larger tasks can be begun. We plan to tackle one room at a time and get the Mansion back to its beautiful state.

If you are interested in becoming a docent, helping with clean-up days, or want to be added to the Friends list, contact Pam (Freddie) Monder at freddie.monder@gmail.com. Docent training will take place in May.

DID YOU KNOW??? Bowman's tanneries were famous for their high-quality leather which was made into reins and horse tack, machine parts, and boots. In one year, his factory processed 40,000 sides of leather! ~Submitted by Pam Monder

Please save the date and join us in a community fundraiser to...

"Help Sierra Through Her Kidney Transplant!"

All proceeds to benefit Sierra & her family.

For more information:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-sierra-through-her-kidney-transplant>

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**The Shrewsbury Jug-or-not
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with caller – Licia Gambino

This is a family-friendly contra dance. All dances are taught, and no experience is necessary.

Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, APRIL 7th, 3:00 – 5:00pm

Shrewsbury Meeting House

(88 Lottery Road, Shrewsbury, VT)

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II. TELL SCHOOL
STORIES AT OUR
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[date TBA]



Photo of dragon created by SMS students in 1976

III. Shrewsbury Day PARADE honors SMS SEPT. 15, 2024

IV. PLANNING HAS BEGUN FOR A CELEBRATION AT THE SCHOOL
IN OCTOBER 2024..

MORE INFO NEXT MONTH!

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS

Monday 10 am to 12 pm

Tuesday 7 pm to 9 pm

Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm

Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm

Friday 10 am to 12 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12 pm

Thank you for staying away if you're not feeling well, and for wearing a mask if you need to protect yourself and others!

To search the Library Catalog, put a hold on a book or DVD in our collection, and get the latest Library news, please go to our website: www.shrewsburylibrary.org.

WEATHER ADVISORY: SNOWY OR ICY or otherwise inclement? Please call to see if we're open, before setting out to visit the Library: 802 492-3410.

MANY THANKS to SALLY DEINZER for sharing her father's films of his trip to Antarctica with Admiral Byrd in the 1930's. After several postponements, two large audiences came to be informed and delighted by these remarkable images and Sally's father's narration.

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, February 25 @ 4 pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: Best Science & Nature Writing 2023, edited by Carl Zimmer & Jaime Green. Please tell Margery Salmon if you want a print copy or an e-book: salmonm@vermontel.net.

Sunday, March 10 @ 3:30pm: WRITERS' GROUP: Poets, playwrights, short story writers, memoirists, if you would like to share your work, contact Penelope Weiss: pw9@earthlink.com or Joan Aleshire: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, March 17 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin. Copies of this marvelous short novel will be available at the Library. Please let Joan know (joanaleshire@vermontel.net) if copies have run out, and you want one.

Sunday, March 24 @ 4 pm: Second Discussion of Best Science & Nature Writing 2023.

Saturday, March 9 & Saturday, March 23: STORY HOURS with Pam Grace. Please see our ad in this issue of The Times!

New Books include:

- *The General and Julia* by Jon Clinch. A new novel by a Vermont author, about Ulysses S. Grant writing his memoir of the Civil War.

- *Skeletons in the Closet* by Jean-Patrick Manchette, translated by Alyson Waters: A funny, moving, and French detective novel.
- *The Children's Bach* by Helen Garner: A novel set in the turbulent 1970's in Melbourne, Australia.
- *Klan War: Ulysses S. Grant and the Battle to Save Reconstruction* by Fergus M. Bordewich: Background reading for The General and Julia.

New DVDs include:

- **The Holdovers*, starring Paul Giamatti.
- **Barbie*, directed by Greta Gerwig and starring Margot Robbie.
- **Oppenheimer*, directed by Christopher Nolan.
- **Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret*: The movie version of the beloved book.

ROKUs are available on trial for the next 2 months



STORY HOURS at the LIBRARY!

Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers, and Kids
(babies and up)

Saturday, March 9 and 23

10:30am-11:30am

If you would enjoy coming to a Story Hour
at the Library on Saturday mornings, starting in March or
April, please contact Pam Grace: (802) 492-3529 or
pamgrace@vermontel.net.

Roku

Now available for checkout at the
Shrewsbury Library

The library is offering two Roku devices loaded with Netflix and DisneyPlus for week long checkouts.

Roku can be used on any "smart" TV. Instructions included with the Roku. We will not be providing any further technical help than the instruction sheets included with the checkout, and volunteers will not be providing technical support.

We are doing a 3-month trial (2 months remain), so check them out if you would like to see this continue!



BOOK REVIEWS

***** *Fantastic*
***** *Compelling page turner*
*** *Enjoyable*
** *Just O.K.*
* *Not recommended*

Showdown

Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America
by Wil Haygood

★★★★★

I picked this book off the upstairs shelves at the library (that's where the 0-300 Dewey Decimal books are located), along with one other book. In the past, I have enjoyed reading about the Supreme Court because it's something I have not known much about, and it plays such an important role in our lives. Once I started reading Showdown, I returned the other book unread.

From the very beginning, I was pulled into the story of the challenges Marshall faced in his life and in becoming the first black person on the SCOTUS bench. The book uses the 5 days of the hearings into his nomination to tell the history of racial discrimination in the United States, and the role Marshall played in bringing about nominal equality.

Though I lived through many of the periods of public demonstrations and legal maneuverings around the topic, this book lays forth the chronology going back to the 1800s, Civil War and Reconstruction periods, and provides backgrounds to the many key players. The Constitution itself is a key player.

The book was published in 2015, and from its condition, I sense that not many people have read this copy. I highly recommend Showdown if you have interest in learning how Marshall's ascension to the highest court in the US came about. Odd bedfellows, underhandedness, heavy-duty politicking, deep-held beliefs rooted in personal experience – all played a role.

~Review by Sally Deinzer



A Nature Story


Since I retired, I haven't been driving my car every day. As a result of this, the mice have decided that my car is their new clubhouse! More than once, I have paid Alderman's Toyota to clean out my car's air filter where the mice had built a nest, and the interior of my car didn't smell too pleasant, either.

I used all the recommended mice deterrents—dryer sheets and mint spray, to name two. I was cautioned that they also like to gnaw on wires, so I was forced to start baiting traps and putting them on the floor of my parked vehicle as another precaution.

Well, this soon bore "fruit"—actually, mice, so now I had to get rid of the daily dead bodies. I put them, sometimes two a day, on top of an antique milk jug that is just outside my cellar door (where the car is parked) while I thought of a disposal plan. The first time, I placed the mice there, they disappeared in less than 10 minutes! Wow! It became a game every day—seeing how long it would take for the mice to disappear.

I thought perhaps it might be a raven, or a raccoon...but there were no tracks anywhere to be found. Well, the mystery was finally solved! My "partner in crime" is pictured here. I was photographing the fog one day and was fortunate to capture this magnificent creature keeping watch in a nearby tree. I could barely see it. Our partnership is still going strong, and it makes me feel better about trapping the mice because I have been providing an easy meal for this experienced hunter, making its winter a little easier.

~Photo & Story by Marilyn Dalick
(P.S. An owl is in the tree on the left!)



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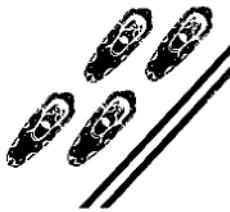
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Shrewsbury Historical Society

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March already

Time is going fast. From holiday decorations to Town Meeting Day. The Shrewsbury Historical Society respectfully requests Shrewsbury residents to vote yes for \$2500 needed to maintain one of the treasured historical buildings in town, the Museum in the old church building in Cuttingsville. This year we will be having repair work done on the roof and hopefully the beautiful stained-glass windows as they need attention. We are an all-volunteer organization who work on keeping our past history alive and the present to entertain those of all ages who are interested in the history of our town.

Plans for 2024

The Liaison Committee between the Society and Mountain School are planning on celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mountain School. Elsewhere in this issue you can read all about it. On September 15, the theme of Shrewsbury Day will be this 50th anniversary. A call for essays dedicated to memories of this school, past and present, will be encouraged and saluted. Start thinking and check out full page announcements as to deadline for submission.

With this in mind, I can remember when a young lad who attended the school suggested that the school invite the then Governor Madeleine Kunin to visit the school. I believe he was asked to follow up on his suggestion and the Governor kindly

agreed to do so. Plans were made, excitement grew and dignitaries and students alike awaited the day. One member of the Historical Society, Conrad Winkler, armed with a video camera, stood outside by the front entrance of the school to film her arrival. Inside the Principal and other dignitaries gathered. At the appointed hour, a car drove up and out came our Governor, Winkler started to film her and she walked up to him and said "Am I at the right school?" He followed her in and also filmed her standing and delivering her talk and answers to questions to the awaiting students, and she graciously thanked the boy who invited her. The filmed event is part of the collection the Society has amassed during the 53 years as a historical society.

More plans

The first meeting of the year will be announced in a forthcoming issue of The Shrewsbury Times. All are welcome. Opening day of the museum is the first Sunday in July, which is July 7th this year. Same time, from 1 to 3pm. If you would like to become an annual voting member, the dues remain the same as always: \$10 Single, \$15 Family, \$30 Contributing and \$125 Life Member (either for single or couple). Send check payable to SHS marked for dues to: Julianne Sharrow, 1368 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

To newcomers, we have copies of our town's history book. It costs \$20 and can be purchased at our museum when open or at Pierce's Co-op store in Northam. If you want it mailed, add \$10 more for handling and mailing costs. If you need to use museum for research, call Brian Winkler at 802-492-3324. Happy Spring! ~Submitted by Ruth Winkle



SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ANTHOLOGY!

Submit an original essay, story, or poem, (max. 200 words), photo, drawing, song... about happy memories, positive impressions, or hopes related to the Mountain School.

A graphic design will be chosen as the cover of the anthology. celebrate the school we love! The top 3 works created by current SMS students will be read at a storytelling event in the fall (date to be determined) & published in the July issue of the Times of Shrewsbury.

PRIZES AWARDED.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MAY 15, 2024! SEND ALL WORK AS PDF FILE TO:
freddie.monder@gmail.com

OR MAIL A HARD COPY TO: Grace Brigham, 262 Shunpike Rd, Cuttingsville, VT 05738

ANTHOLOGIES TO BE SOLD AS A FUNDRAISER FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROOF REPAIR.
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8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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- *Maple Cotton Candy*
- *Refreshments*

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- Enjoy our VT Maple Syrup on a stack of their pancakes from 8:00AM - 12:00PM at the Shrewsbury Meeting House
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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Exciting things are happening at the Shrewsbury Community Church!

We have officially been recognized as an Open and Affirming Church! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!



We are extremely pleased to announce we have Karen Braeutigam, MSW, Licensed Minister, preaching regularly at the Shrewsbury Community Church! Pastor Karen had recently been working as the bridge pastor at the Fair Haven Congregational Church. Karen is a retired social worker. She has worked in the mental health field, served as a hospice social worker, and a bereavement coordinator.

Pastor Karen brings kindness and a tremendous amount of positive energy and commitment to working with our Shrewsbury Church and Community. Stop by and meet Pastor Karen at the Shrewsbury Community Church!

Sunday Fun Day: We are a group for young people age 2 years and up. We meet at the Shrewsbury Community Church Sunday's at 10:30. We do activities, work with the Heifer Project, learn about our community and how to be good people. We plan and learn inside and out! We participate in the Christmas Eve Service and Community Dinners. Parents and community members work with us. Projects are nature based and many with recycled items. All are welcome and we would love your attendance.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ANY SUNDAY! Call with questions:

Cortney 683-7852, Anissa 779-2248 or Lynette 683-0631

Community Church Calendar

- Tuesday Feb 27, 12 noon. Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs at the Meeting House
- Sunday March 3, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service and Holy Communion lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam
- Sunday March 10, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service lead by Pastor John Hill.
- Sunday March 10, 12 noon. Annual Congregational Meeting
- Sunday March 17, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam
- Saturday March 23, 8am-12 noon. Community Pancake Breakfast at the Shrewsbury Meeting House.
- Sunday, 10:30 March 24, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Palm Sunday Worship Service lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam
- Tuesday, March 26, 12 noon. Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs at the Meeting House. Call Roxanne for information 802- 492-3675 or 802-770-3938
- Sunday, 10:30 March 31, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Easter Worship Service lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam

Community Food Shelf

Free Community Food Shelf at the Library in the front entry way. Those in need are welcome to help themselves any time the Library entryway is open. Limited hours are:

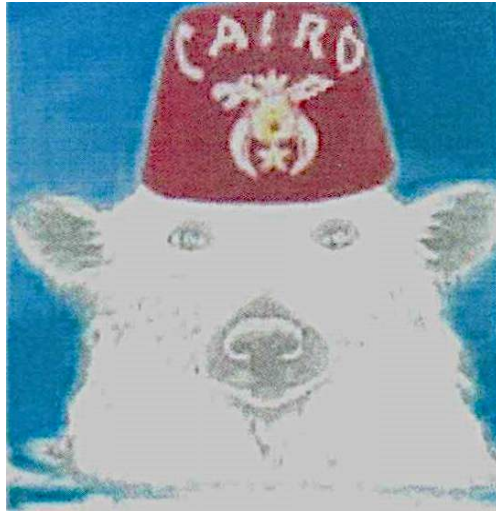
Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm and 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10am-12noon; and, Sat 10am-12noon.

We have our additional Summer Food Shelf on the side porch at Pierces Store in North Shrewsbury. Those in need are welcome to help themselves.

Food Delivery and Assistance: If you are unable to get to the Food Shelf at the library in Shrewsbury, we will deliver groceries to you. If you need items which are not available on the shelf, we can provide grocery gift cards. Call Karen at 802-558-5991 or Sue at 802-779-4825 or 802-492-3738.

Community Needs

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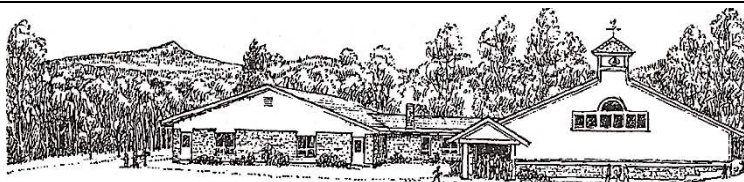
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Important Dates:

2/19-2/23: Winter Break!

3/2: Town Informational Meeting and SMS PTO fundraiser with Grade 6

3/6: Music In Our Schools Event at MRU Auditorium

3/25: 6th Grade Transition Activity

Updates and information:

1. Winter Sports! Our K-2nd grade students went ice skating with Tinmouth Elementary on Mondays at the Spartan Arena and our 3-6th graders went skiing and snowboarding on Thursdays at OKEMO. I want to extend special thanks to our anonymous donor who sponsors our Okemo program. Our students had an outstanding experience building their winter sports skills, developing relationships with peers and interacting with our AMAZING volunteers. We are super grateful for this beautiful time together as a school community!

2. Shrewsbury Informational Meeting (March 2) at the Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road! Our Grade 6 students, with the support of the SMS PTO, will be selling brunch as a fundraiser! Brunch starts at 10:30am and the meeting at 11am.

3. Music In Our Schools Event! The SMS Band and Chorus students will be joining together with all of our district elementary students, musicians and the 7th grade student musicians from MRU and putting on two concerts for all of their peers and the community. K-6th grade students from Clarendon, Tinmouth, Shrewsbury and Wallingford will be transported to the MRU auditorium on March 6 to hear one of the two identical concerts at 10:30am and 12:30pm. These concerts are also open to our community members. This is a wonderful celebration of music education in our school district.

4. 6th grade transition program! March 25 the 6th grade students from Mt Holly Elementary School will be joining our SMS 6th graders in a panel discussion with Ms. Thompson, Principal of MRU, the guidance counselors and MRU students. There will be a presentation of the academic and extracurricular programming at MRU and students will be able to ask questions.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 802-786-3995 or at kcimonetti@millriverschools.org.

~Submitted by Kristin Cimonetti, Principal



Valentine's Day at Pierce's Store

Mill River high school students came to Pierce's Store on Valentine's Day to serenade customers with a rousing rendition of *Can't Help Falling In Love With You*. Singers from Shrewsbury were Allison Bilodeau, Alaina Cimonetti, Miguel Levy, Claire Morris, and Micah Patton. ~Photo by Chryl Martin

Tales from the Mountain School

"There be Dragons!"

by Grace Brigham

Here we are once again in the Year of the Dragon. Who remembers the Shrewsbury Mountain Schools' Chinese Dragon of 1976?

Kathy Staley, incredibly imaginative sculptor, was our art teacher. She set up the Dragon Project so that every student K – 6 had a hand (both hands!) in its creation

This photo shows Charlie Barker among the dragon builders. His grandchildren, Emmett and Harper, are students here now!

In 2004, Shrewsbury's 6th graders joined the 6th graders from Clarendon and Wallingford after school to create another spectacular Dragon. Art teacher, Julie Fredette, had travelled to China and brought back some cultural treasures, costumes, lanterns, etc. This lucky Dragon was accompanied by an entourage of authentically costumed kids as dragon animators, dancers, and performers.

The dragons participated in Ruland's 1976 and 2004 Halloween Parade, to the delight and amazement of the crowd, each winning an award. More stories next month.



Charlie Barker painting the head of the dragon in 1976!

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Second Sunday in March: Spring Forward,
The U.S. begins daylight savings at 2am

First Sunday in November: Fall Back--
The U.S. ends daylight savings at 2am



Jockey Hill Farm: Enhancing Bird Habitat and Controlling Invasives Plants

In the June 2023 issue of the Times of Shrewsbury, I published an article entitled "Climate Resilient Trees Planted in Shrewsbury" with a chart depicting the "Landowner's Dilemma". The dilemma at issue is how landowners should evaluate, prioritize, and pay for multiple land management objectives within the constraints of time, funding and other factors. The rapid progression of climate change has only complicated this balancing act. Fortunately, in Vermont we have an abundance of remarkable talent across Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont Land Trust, Vermont Coverts, Vermont Woodlands Association, Audubon Vermont, local Conservation Commissions, and other entities we as landowners can tap into.

In addition to the value of planting climate resilient trees at Jockey Hill Farm, we are addressing enhancing our bird habitat and controlling invasive plant species. Last May Audubon Vermont conducted a bird habitat assessment of Jockey Hill Farm and made specific recommendations to improve the habitat. (We currently have 67 bird species based on Linda Shelvey's ongoing inventory.) Audubon's recommendations include mowing our fields ever two to three years in the fall rather than mowing every year, building buffer zones between fields and forests to provide additional habitat for birds that thrive in the understory and mid-story, and fostering more understory/midstory growth in our sugarbush. We also have installed four bluebird boxes with more planned. We are currently working with Audubon Vermont to define the specifics for implementing each of the recommendations in 2024.

We hired Redstart Natural Resource Management in Bradford, Vermont to conduct an inventory of invasive plants across our

property. The inventory Redstart issued in December shows a few invasives in the northern part of the property and a relatively dense concentration in the southeast corner where two small patch cuts were completed in 2015. It's a boggy area where regeneration has been slow to take place allowing time for the invasives to spread. Currently, there are six species of invasives including glossy buckthorn, goutweed, knotweed, giant hogweed, honeysuckle and multiflora rose. These invasives grow quickly shading out early successional trees that we hope will dominate that area and will expand into other parts of our property, our neighbor's land, and the adjacent land in the Calvin Coolidge State Forest. While I had hoped my family and I could address the invasives ourselves, I quickly learned that this work is far more complicated than I originally thought. This spring, we plan to apply for funding from the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to eradicate these invasives and to establish an ongoing treatment plan.

As my family and I continue to review our land management strategies, we strive to assemble a comprehensive list, identify specific tasks, assess the costs, and decide over several years what the top priorities are. This summer's shocking impact from climate change resulted in us deciding to shift certain priorities such controlling water flow on our roads and in our forests and tackling invasives now rather than later before they get too out of control. We're always learning new information about land management to help us preserve our land for future generations. We're in a rapid learning phase and appreciate the expertise that other landowners in Shrewsbury and across Vermont have shared with us. ~Article by Tim Stout



Moose Cruise

Bushwhacking after an early February thaw, I stumbled on some monstrous tracks. What on earth did that?

Ah, looks like moose sliding through the slush.

Three different prints, one slightly larger than the other. Maybe a cow with two yearlings? Perhaps they came down from the highlands on a warm day to browse. They wandered up to ski tracks, seemingly curious, then quickly veered away, maybe scenting a nasty human. Sometimes they would divert for a quick snack.

They ambled through the woods, going single file through the brushier spots then spreading out where the trees thinned.

They left the woods, entering an old field and crossed some snowmobile tracks.

Goodbye moose! Time for me to head home. ~Photos & Article by Sandy Bragg





Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Trail Camera Picture of the month



Thanks to everyone for the reports of turkey sightings around town. Wilmouth Hill Rd., CCC Rd., Crown Point Rd. and Upper Cold River Rd. all reported good sized flocks. I'm happy the birds finally decided to parade past my cameras! I captured some fun videos of large numbers of hens moving past the camera, clucking away! The photo above is one of Ronnie Bower's sightings in her yard recently.



White-tailed deer seem to be having an easy winter.

Bluebirds! We had many sightings of bluebirds checking out nesting boxes during the early warm week in February. Don't forget to clean out your box before nesting season! ~Submitted by Linda Shelvey



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The start of sugaring season



Gardens Crew gets to felting

Photos by Ben DeFlorio

SNO-BIRD NEWS



We are working very hard to keep our trails in good condition and we are receiving a lot of good comments on our Facebook page and when we are grooming or working on repairing dangerous trail issues. We are surprisingly happy with how our trails have held up with what mother nature has given us.



Volunteer time for last week was close to 30 hours to groom 148 miles. We have lately been out 2 to 3 times doing different sections to keep the trails smooth. I did find out that I could get the drag hooked back up by myself after I broke a shear pin on the drag on Saltash. Just a slight delay in the grooming efforts. It made the trip about 45 minutes longer. This year with the lack of snow and in trying to fill water bars we are hitting rocks and maybe a stump that in normal years would not be a problem and it has been hard on the equipment. John Hogan has been grooming once a week when the weather permits and Scott Ryan has been out learning the grooming techniques to make the best trails that we can.

I thought that the last two weeks in February and the first in March were going to be cold and snowy but it is not really looking like that. As reported last month, we still have not seen the new tracks for our groomer and we are very thankful that our old tracks are holding up. Oh, by the way, the new tracks are over \$ 10,000,00 per track at this time and probably still going up!



If you want to keep up with what is going on with the Shrewsbury Sno-Birds subscribe to our website blog @ the Shrewsburysnobirds.org our Facebook page. One more thing, no matter what people tell you the CCC Road is NOT PASSABLE and will cost a lot to get out if you get stuck! Just trying to save you money as one person almost needed our services to get out.

Hope to see the rest of you out there enjoying our trails!

~Submitted by Roy Arthur



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Visit our website for more info about Advance Directives:

<https://www.chcrr.org/patient-education/advance-directive-a-guide-to-your-healthcare-decisions/>

Speak with your Community Health primary care provider or contact us at 802-779-9169.



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLAN 2026 COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Every eight years, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission updates its visionary plan for the future of the region. The strategies outlined in this plan guide decisions on how communities will grow and develop.

Shape Our Future Together

WHAT IS THE RUTLAND REGIONAL PLAN?

A guide to shape a healthy, equitable and resilient region. It outlines strategies for achieving our collective goals as they relate to community economic development.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE?

Attend one or all of our events to help shape the future of our region. You have the answers to what is valued and what changes are needed to ensure our community remains a wonderful place to live, work, and play!

Need special accommodation or assistance per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)? Email us at plan2026@rutlandrpc.org at least 72 hours prior to the open house date.

Visit rutlandrpc.org/plan2026 for more information about how you can help shape the future of the region.



Brandon

Saturday, February 10, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Brandon Inn @ 20 Park Street

Castleton

Saturday, March 2, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Village School @ 47 Mechanic Street

Middletown

Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Town Office @ 5 South Street

Wallingford

Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Gilbert Hart Library @ 14 S Main Street

Rutland City

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Paramount Theatre @ 30 Center Street



Join the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

**Spend an Evening with an
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**March 22 @7pm
at the Shrewsbury Library**



Luke Groff, with Vermont Fish and Wildlife, is responsible for reptile and amphibian conservation statewide, as well as state lands management in Rutland and Bennington Counties. He will talk about the ecology, status, and threats of Vermont's 21 native amphibian species. He will also share pictures and talk about the importance of "big nights", which are amphibian mass migration events that occur every spring across northeastern US. Luke will provide tips on how to find amphibian road crossings and what to do when you find one.

Not only can you learn about amphibians with Luke Groff, but you can participate in a nighttime adventure. On rainy spring evenings, amphibians migrate back to their birth area, often navigating across dangerous roads to do so. You can help carry them across the roads and record data on the various species found.

We never know just when the conditions will be perfect for this nighttime migration, so email Connie Youngstrom at cjyoungstrom55@gmail.com and add your name to the list of people wanting to be notified when this will occur! Connie will email all who sign up to join in the adventure that night. All ages welcome!



We have a new Root Words podcast episode out! This marks number four of a five-part mini-series from SAGE and VFFC. In the latest episode we dive into the history of 251 West St. in Rutland and the importance of reclaiming aging infrastructure. The episode features five different guests and is worth the listen! Please find "Root Words" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts.

Scott Courcelle of Alchemy Gardens and SAGE, is offering workshops to help folks get moving on their home gardens.

Winter Planning for a Successful Growing Season is February 24, 1-2:30pm. Seed Starting, Get an Edge on the Season with Strong Transplants will be March 23, 1-2:30pm, and Nutrient Dense Growing Techniques 101/ Weed, Pest and Disease Management will be April 20 from 1-3:00pm. All programs will be at the Russellville Schoolhouse.

Finally, we hope to see you at the Schoolhouse for our music and art groups. We will have music on March 9 and our art group meeting on March 22. Both at 7pm. Feel free to bring an instrument to music and some examples of art projects you're working on to the art group. Our intention is to help folks find more community and more creativity and inspiration. We plan to assemble a community group art show this April. Please join us!

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, has a mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. 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 ShrewsburySAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos at www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation.

~Submitted by Stephen Abatiell



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Where they look toward each weekend pumped
Thursday the fourth of the workweek's five
Getting this far along we know we'll survive
Friday then ends the five working days
Starts the duo where many will play
Saturday, for most, a day of fun
To start back around to near workday one

Someday is one that may or may not come
If you wait too long you might become undone
One day could be used as a threat
That so far hasn't quite happened yet
All day might be considered too long
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Submitted by Thomas Hartigan

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Hello friends,

As I hand the reins of Pierce's to a new manager, I wanted to express a heartfelt thank you to all of the employees, volunteers, members, and customers who support the store through thick and thin to help keep it alive after all of these years. I first joined the store a couple of years ago as a way to meet people in my community while contributing in a way that benefits us all. In those two and half years, I have made some incredible friends who have been extremely helpful to me and my family as we welcomed our new son into the world, as well as helping us to start our own business. When we needed help with these things, it was our friends and neighbors from Pierce's who helped by throwing us a baby shower to obtain the things we needed, and when our gift shop was flooded it was our Pierce's community who led the charge in helping clean up and get back on track.

If you think Pierce's is just a country store, you are missing a big part of what makes it special. It is a community asset that brings people together to help celebrate, to make connections, and to overcome adversity. But even if it were just a business, it is an important part of Shrewsbury, having generated millions of dollars of economic activity since reopening as a co-op a decade and a half ago, including tens of thousands of dollars for workers in our town and tax revenue to help support our public programs.

If you haven't been by in a while, take this opportunity to stop by and see what's new, as well as what's old. And if you are not a current member, you really should consider becoming one. The reason that Pierce's has survived and outlived so many other similar stores is that it is community supported first and foremost in a way that most are not. I am confident that the new management will be able to build on the foundation that my predecessors have laid out in the way that I was, but also by adding his own unique talents and skills. *-Bob Knudsen*

Pierce's Events Calendar 2024

March 8: Annual meeting with potluck 5:30pm, meeting 6:30pm at the Meeting House.

March 30: Easter egg hunt, 10am. Prizes and free hot cocoa

April 26: Wine Tasting with Sandy), 4-6pm

May 25: First monthly Saturday Sales on the Pierce's green, 10am-2pm. 802 Bars and beverages for sale. Vendors will pay \$10 for a vendor space. Bring your own tent and table. Please register and pay in person at the store.

May 25: Mt Holly Beer festival with Victoria's Authentic Mexican, 5-7pm

June: Wine tasting with Sandy, 4-6p, Date TBD. Chamber music & food by Heather

June 14: Meeting House Concert selling 802 Bars

June 28: Meeting House Concert selling 802 Bars

June 29: Sales on the Pierce's green, 10am-2pm. 802 Bars and beverages for sale. Vendors will pay \$10 for a vendor space. Bring your own tent and table. Please register and pay in person at the store.

July 12: Meeting House Concert selling 802 Bars

July 26: Meeting House Concert selling 802 Bars

July 27: Blueberry Fest and Sales on the green. Bars and beverages for sale, 10am-2pm

August 9: Meeting House Concert selling 802 Bars

August 17: Lepidoptera Hour with Thomas Hartigan, 5-7pm. Food and beverages for sale

August 23: Meeting House Concert selling 802 Bars

August 31: Sales on the Pierce's green, 10am-2pm. 802 Bars and beverages for sale. Vendors will pay \$10 for a vendor space. Bring your own tent and table. Please register and pay in person at the store.

September: Wine tasting with Sandy, 4-6pm. Date TBD

September 28: Sales on the Pierce's green, 10am-2pm. 802 Bars and beverages for sale. Vendors will pay \$10 for a vendor space. Bring your own tent and table. Please register and pay in person at the store.

September 28: Poetry with Thomas, 5-7pm. Food and beverages for sale

October 5: 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff with Jeff, 5-9p

October 26: Sales on the Pierce's green, 10am-2pm. 802 Bars and beverages for sale. Vendors will pay \$10 for a vendor space. Bring your own tent and table. Please register and pay in person at the store.

November: Thanksgiving wine tasting with Sandy, 4-6pm. Date TBD

December: Holiday wine tasting with Sandy, 4-6pm. Date TBD.

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NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE 802-492-3326

Rob Jaimes, Manager

Howdy Folks!

What a fantastic first month it's been at Pierce's! I would like to thank the Board, our Members, Customers, Volunteers and Staff for making me feel so welcome in my first month as General Manager.

When I moved to Shrewsbury two years ago, I immediately fell in love with Pierce's Store. The atmosphere, the history, the sense of community, and the convenience are all things that make Pierce's a very special place. I'm honored to see Pierce's into the future and bring back the things we love.

Prices have been high everywhere lately and I will do my best to offer top quality items at a reasonable price. With nearly a decade of retail management experience under my belt, I am not afraid to negotiate with vendors, seek out new sources, or say "No" to a pushy sales rep. High prices are a serious concern of mine as we wait for the economy to recover from record inflation rates. Rural communities like Shrewsbury are feeling the pinch right now and I will do my best to bring prices down.

As GM, my first goal is the return of prepared and to-go foods: Soups, Sandwiches, Salads, Breakfast Burritos, and Fresh Baked Cookies. Every Tuesday I will be emailing the week's selections. If you have not signed up for our store emails, please email Pierces.Store@gmail.com to be added to our list. Fresh produce is also a priority, as well as customer favorites and more special events at Pierce's.

Beer Tastings, Wine Tastings, The Blueberry Festival, A Poetry Event, and our insanely popular Lepidoptera Hour are all in the works for this year. Also, a new monthly event this Summer: *Sales On The Pierce's Green*, half neighborhood yard sale-half block party, featuring live music, great deals, local vendors and more! Details to come!

Please join us Saturday, March 30 for an Easter Egg Hunt at the store. Prizes, Hot Cocoa, and Fun! All ages are welcome, please pre-register at the store.

Plastics at Pierce's: You might notice a lot of our prepared foods being sold in single use plastic containers. Upon hiring, I discovered several cases of single use plastic containers that previous managers have purchased. Rather than taking these straight to the landfill, I am using up what we have. I will be attending a food trade show in April, showcasing the newest and best compostable/environmentally friendly packaging available. Once the back stock of single use plastic containers is exhausted, we will be transitioning to 100% Eco friendly containers that will keep food fresh without adding more plastic waste to the environment.

We are still looking for an Assistant Manager. If you are interested in this part-time position or know someone who is, please stop by the store to see me. Volunteers are also greatly appreciated. Just one hour a week can make a world of difference. Again, I would like to thank the community for your trust, your faith, and confidence in me. I will not let you down.
~ Rob Jaimes, Manager

Pierce's 15th Annual Meeting

Friday, March 8, 2024

5:30pm Potluck Supper

6:30pm Annual Meeting

at the Shrewsbury Meeting House

The Directors of the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store will meet with the membership on Friday, March 8, 2024 at the Shrewsbury Meeting House to report on the status of the cooperative. The meeting will commence at 6:30 PM and will be preceded by a potluck supper at 5:30. Members must be current with their dues in order to vote. The membership will elect three Board members to terms of three years. Candidates running for these three positions are: Mark Youngstrom, Lana Vanucchi, and Adrienne Raymond. The membership will also elect one candidate to a term of one year. Lily French is running for this position. Ballots will be available at the store for members who are unable to attend the meeting.

Please come join us to break bread together and conduct the annual business of our community treasure, Pierce's Store! ~Lily French, SCPS Board President



EASTER EGG HUNT

~~~For Children Ages 1 to 100~~~

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

at Pierce's Store

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