

SHREWSBURY SPOTLIGHT

CITY OF SHREWSBURY

WINTER SAFETY REMINDERS

Winter weather brings unique safety challenges. A little preparation can go a long way in keeping you, your family, and our community safe during the colder months. Winter safety is a shared responsibility. Careful driving, fire prevention, and cooperation with snow removal help keep everyone safe.

Winter Driving Tips: When driving in winter, it's important to take several safety precautions. Never leave your vehicle running and unattended while it warms up, as this can make it an easy target for thieves. Keep your gas tank full and make sure your phone is charged. Have an emergency kit in your car that includes flares or LED lights, a first aid kit, a shovel, kitty litter for traction, a blanket, water, and snacks in case you get stuck in the snow. Let someone know where you're going, slow down, maintain a safe distance from other cars, and take your time to arrive safely, or if possible, postpone your travel until winter weather emergencies end.

Fire Safety: Winter is the peak season for home fires, with heating equipment causing many fires and deaths. Residents should keep flammable items three feet from heat sources, use heaters, extension cords and outlets safely, and operate generators outdoors. Annual chimney inspections, proper ash disposal, and regularly tested smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are key steps to keeping homes safe. For more info on preventing winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter or nfsa.org/winter.

Snow Routes & Plowing: Snow removal crews rely on community cooperation. When snow is in the forecast, move cars off the road and onto driveways if possible. Avoid parking close to dead ends and in cul-de-sacs. Parked cars slow plowing and limit proper salting, creating unsafe road conditions.

DISPATCH NUMBER REMINDER

Please call or text 911 for all emergencies. As of July 1, 2023, our dispatch non-emergency numbers have changed. If you have a burglar, fire, or medical alarm, provide these numbers to your monitoring company. For Police (636) 529-8210. For Fire or EMS (636) 207-7911.

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2025 STAFF MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

5 Years: Justin Colombo, Tim Kirchoff, Brian Koenig
10 Years: Tyler Koenig
20 Years: Lisa Vargas, Michael Land, Skip Zaiger
25 Years: Tim Broeker

Congratulations and thank you for your service.



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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

More and more people, especially seniors, are becoming victims of scams. As technology advances, so do the opportunities for criminals to exploit it. Scammers often target seniors because they may have retirement savings, good credit, and a trusting nature. Common scams arrive by phone, email, text message, social media, or even traditional mail, and frequently create a sense of urgency, fear, or secrecy to pressure victims into acting quickly. Here are just a few of the scams Shrewsbury Police have seen recently:

- **Gift Card Payments:** NO ONE will ask you to pay for traffic fines, warrants, or any other payment with gift cards. Don't fall for this! Your money will be gone, with no way of recovering it.
- **Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency:** If someone contacts you saying you can make thousands of dollars by depositing money into an account first, IT'S A SCAM. Even if they show a Bitcoin account with funds, it's likely you've just given them money with no way to get it back. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it is.
- **Relative in Trouble:** You may get a call claiming a relative has been arrested or involved in an accident and needs money wired immediately. IT'S A SCAM. Always check with other family members before sending money. Modern computer AI can even mimic a relative's voice, making these calls seem real.

Seniors can protect themselves by slowing down, refusing to share personal or financial details, and verifying requests with trusted family members or institutions. Regularly reviewing bank statements and credit reports can help detect suspicious activity early. For more information and guidance, the National Council on Aging provides helpful education on avoiding scams and managing money (ncoa.org). The FBI encourages victims to report fraud so authorities can track criminals and prevent future crimes (fbi.gov). The AARP Fraud Watch Network offers scam alerts and support (aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/). AARP also offers a Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360 for free, confidential guidance. Learn more about current SCAMS at the Missouri Attorney General's website: (ago.mo.gov).

ELECTION INFORMATION

Next Municipal Election: April 7th. Polls are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Last day to register to vote for the April 7th election: March 11th, by 5:00 pm.

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the April 7th election: March 25th, by 5:00 pm.

For voting information, visit: sos.mo.gov/elections/govotemissouri

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents of Shrewsbury,

As we begin the first quarter of 2026, I am pleased to share several important updates and successes that reflect our continued commitment to responsible leadership and service to this great community. First and foremost, the City of Shrewsbury has adopted a balanced budget for 2026. Our staff and elected officials have worked collaboratively to ensure that essential services remain strong and sustainable while maintaining fiscal discipline. Throughout all city departments, we will maintain a strong focus on long-term sustainability. Whether in public safety, infrastructure, parks and recreation, or administrative services, our goal is to plan and execute with foresight — balancing today's needs with tomorrow's opportunities. I am also pleased to announce that the Board of Aldermen has approved an upgrade to our audio-visual equipment used for Board meetings and other official city meetings, as well as a quarterly newsletter you are currently reading. These improvements will bring greater clarity and transparency to our proceedings.

On a personal note, I want to share that I have decided not to seek re-election in the April 2026 municipal election. Serving the City of Shrewsbury for the past 25 years has been one of the greatest honors of my life — from Alderman to President of the Board to Mayor. Working together, we've strengthened our finances, enhanced public safety, and supported the small-town values that make our community unique. I'm confident the city is in good hands and well-positioned for the future. My commitment to Shrewsbury remains as strong as ever. I look forward to supporting a smooth transition and continuing to serve in my current role through the remainder of my term. Together, we will make 2026 a year of continued progress and community pride.



Warm regards,
Mike Travaglini, Mayor: City of Shrewsbury

PARKS AND RECREATION

Thanks to everyone who joined us in 2025 for our holiday special events. We're already looking forward to the spring and summer and have a ton of fun planned. Save the date for these activities and be on the lookout for the Camp Guide and Summer Activity Brochure!

- Sweetheart Dance: Friday, February 6th
- Cupid's Heart Hunt: Wednesday, February 11th
- Adult Egg Hunt: Friday, March 27th
- Youth Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 28th
- Sharks Swim Team Info Meeting: April TBD
- Spring Craft Fair: Saturday, April 25th



PUBLIC WORKS

Shrewsbury Recycling Center: Located at 7309 Melbourne Ave (Next to the Shrewsbury Aquatic Center) at the Public Works Building. Recycling center hours are Monday through Friday: 7:00 am - 3:00 pm and Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Accepted Items: Glass bottles (all colors), Aluminum and Tin Cans, #1 or #2 Plastic containers, Newspaper (newsprint only), and phone books. After the holiday season, recycle your live tree at the public works building. Please remove all lights and decorations (ornaments, tinsel, garland, etc.) before dropping off.

Report Street Light Outages: Call the Public Works Department at 314-645-7441, and leave a message which includes the address/intersection nearest to the light pole.

SWEETHEART DANCE

Dads, grandpas, uncles, and guardians — grab your dancing shoes and bring your little sweethearts to Shrewsbury for a magical evening of fun and memories! Dance the night away while enjoying snacks, a candy bar, photo opportunities, and crafts. It's the perfect chance to make lasting memories with the special little ones in your life. Pre-Registration required.

Date: Friday, February 6th

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$20 per person

ADULT EGG HUNT

Easter Egg hunts aren't just for kids! Shrewsbury, Webster Groves, and Kirkwood have joined forces to plan this fun-filled Adult Easter Egg Hunt! Bring along your decorated basket and flashlight to find eggs filled with special prizes from local businesses and other goodies. Don't miss this very popular community event! This is an outdoor event and is held rain or shine. For Ages 21+

Date: Friday, March 27th

Time: Check-in starts at 8:00 pm

Location: Festival Site Pavilion, Wehner Park

Fee: Pre-Registration: \$10 (Register with Shrewsbury, Webster or Kirkwood).

Day Of Registration: \$15, Cash Only.

YOUTH EGG HUNT

Peter Cotton Tail is stopping by Wehner Park to hide all the eggs he could find! It's our annual Easter Egg Hunt, a fun-filled tradition for the whole family! After the hunt, be sure to stop by the pavilion for a snack and a craft to help you remember the event. No registration is required, so just bring your basket and your best egg-hunting skills. We can't wait to see you there!

Date: Saturday, March 28th

Time: 10:45 am

Location: Festival Site Pavilion, Wehner Park

Ages: 1-9

Free!



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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The Shrewsbury City Center will be closed on the following dates:

- New Year's Day: January 1st
- MLK Day: January 19th
- Easter Sunday: April 5th

BULK TRASH PICKUP

Shrewsbury's next quarterly Bulk Trash Pickups are scheduled for Friday, January 16th, and Friday, April 17th. Residents must register in advance by 5:00 pm the day prior with Meridian Waste Customer Service at 314-291-3131.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

The Board of Aldermen regular meetings occur on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the City Center. Work Sessions are typically held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Shrewsbury City Center:

5200 Shrewsbury Ave.
 www.shrewsburymo.gov

Shrewsbury City Hall & Administration:

314-647-5795
 shrewsbury@shrewsburymo.gov
 facebook.com/CityofShrewsburyMO

Shrewsbury Public Safety Building:

4400 Shrewsbury Ave.
 Dial 911 for Emergencies
 For Non-Emergencies,
 Call 636-529-8210 for Police
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Shrewsbury Police Department:

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Shrewsbury Parks and Recreation:

314-647-1003
 parks@shrewsburymo.gov
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Shrewsbury City Center:

5200 Shrewsbury Ave.
 Community Center, Gym,
 Fitness Center, Room Rentals

Shrewsbury Aquatic Center:

(Open Memorial Day-Labor Day)
 7407 Sutherland Ave.

Shrewsbury Public Works:

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