



# CITY OF SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY UPDATE



Mayor Felicity Buckley.....October, 2017

## Greetings Shrewsbury!

I was recently reading an article about "Suburbs". The term refers to those, mostly millennials, who want to live in the "suburbs" but have an "urban experience".



I found this interesting as it is exactly what the inner ring cities like Shrewsbury have to offer, conveniently located just minutes from downtown, while maintaining a small town feel. Maintaining a strong, safe community, has taken a lot of hard work from our employees and elected officials along with all the wonderful residents that volunteer their time. To that end, the City has done a number of things to strengthen the City's position five year plan

was implemented a few years back and as a result of careful financial planning we were able to purchase a new ambulance and will lease a new fire truck in 2018 without having to go to the voters for a bond. The City also received its first rating in 2015. It received an "AA" rating from Standard & Poor's. This rating allows the City to save money on interest rates when issuing debt. Private investment into our community remains solid. Our business, nonprofit and residential communities have invested more than a hundred million dollars into our 1.4 square miles over the past few years. Our million dollar STP street grant project has been completed. Thanks to our administration department and streets

department for working through that project.

Shrewsbury has a variety of activities and opportunities to get involved. I want to invite you to visit our website often and join our city wide email so we can be connected. Remember you are always welcome at our meetings. We love to hear from you!

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mayor Felicity Buckley  
Director of Administration Jonathan Greever  
Director of Finance, Danielle Oettle  
Ward I Aldermen Elmer Kauffmann, Sam Scherer Ward II Aldermen Ed Kopff, Rick Steingrudy  
Ward III Alderwoman Chris Gorman, Mike Travaglino

### From the desk of Fire Chief Chris Amenn

You already know your fire department responds to calls for fire and medical emergencies, but some of the other functions are not as well known. Every year the Fire Department conducts over 400 commercial occupancy inspections, also referred to as code enforcement. The inspection process is the very backbone of our fire prevention program. A fire prevention program is the most effective method of keeping the community safe from fires which can devastate a community, take lives, cost billions of dollars and destroy vital infrastructure. We are proud to provide this crucial service to our community.

### From Tony Wagner, Director of Public Works

The Publics works department is busy currently doing massive honey suckle removal from around our City streams. Honey suckle is an invasive plant that prevents the growth of other more desirable plants and trees which makes this such an important project. You will also notice that the "Welcome to Shrewsbury" sign on Shrewsbury Ave. near Big Bend is being moved from the south side of the street to the north side of the street. This will allow the City to plant around the sign, creating a more welcoming entrance to our City. For a schedule of our street projects please visit our website.

### News from Administrative Director Jonathan Greever and Finance Director, Danielle Oettle Achieving Strong City Outcomes!

Both our Administration and Finance Departments have been strong leaders in city projects.

Finance led the comprehensive overhaul of our pay structure, while Administration took the lead on a comprehensive overhaul of the City's employee manual. Both departments, along with the Director of Parks, guided the City through a 1.9 million dollar project to update the infrastructure systems in the City Center along with some updates in the Public Safety building. This investment into these buildings will maintain these buildings for generations to come.

### An update from Director Chris Buck, Parks and Recreation

The parks department's summer activities have come to an end and we are busy evaluating and making plans for next summer. The aquatic center had another strong year capped off by our annual paw party with over 100 dogs in attendance. As many have probably already noticed the work on our new playground in Wehner park has already begun. Weather permitting we hope to have the project completed by mid-October. We still have many other projects we are currently working on including replacing the park signs in Wehner Park and replacing the City Center lobby furniture.



On behalf of the Parks and Recreation team, thank you for attending Fall Festival on October 7 and for your patronage of all of our events throughout the year. Please do consider hosting your next party in our Sunset Room, Ballroom. Feel free to make an appointment to tour any of our City facilities that are available for rental! Phone: 314-647-1003. Finally, we always welcome your thoughts and ideas! Kind regards to all for a great Autumn!



### Notes from Shrewsbury Police Chief Jeff Keller

The police department recently announced the promotion of two long time employees.

Sergeant Todd Melugin has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Melugin is a 21 year law enforcement veteran and has spent the last 16 years with the Shrewsbury Police Department. He has twice been selected as the "Police Officer of Year" and is a past recipient of the "Heroes for Heroes" award presented by Mothers against Drunk Driving. This award recognizes the efforts of individual law enforcement officers in combating drunk driving.

Corporal Mike Devine has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Devine has been a member of the department since 1999. He is a two-time recipient of the prestigious John J. McAtee Award which is presented to officers who "demonstrate compassion, patience and understanding when dealing with persons in a psychiatric crisis." Sergeant Devine is also a former recipient of the "Police Officer of the Year" award.

Congratulations to these officers. We thank them for their service to the department and the community.

### The Mayor Invites Your Route 66 Photos!

This past May the City dedicated the "Route 66 photo deck". We have received many pictures from folks enjoying the passing trains, especially with their children. Please continue to share your photos with me, as you take beautiful images of the Route 66 deck and our City!

Plans are underway to expand the "Route 66" theme along Watson Road with the cooperation of all the other Mayors along the Route 66/Watson Road corridor.

Stay tuned for updates and opportunities for more viewings!




### Historic Shrewsbury, Missouri

**"Frisco" Railway Crossing at Historic Route 66 in Shrewsbury, Missouri**

The "Frisco" Railway Crossing & Trestle crosses Historic Route 66, "The Mother Road", in Shrewsbury, Missouri. The highway was established on November 11, 1926, and spanned from Chicago, Illinois to Los Angeles, California. This spot is located 304 miles into the 2,448 mile journey westward.

The deck plate girder was originally built in 1931 by the St. Louis San Francisco Railway (SLSF), which was incorporated in Missouri on September 7, 1876. On November 21, 1980 SLSF merged into the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway, which currently owns the rail line and trestle.

This trestle is unique in that it displays the original slogan in various ways throughout the United States.



"Ship it on the Frisco" and could be seen by all traveling westward on Route 66. The original trestle has been preserved on this trestle.

This location marked a notable crossing point between the famous inn to the west, Coral Court Motel, and the world-famous Inners courtyard parlor to the east, Ted Dreyfus. To the northeast, one may still view the Right Center Tower and to the southeast, the Kenrick Chalmers Seminary Tower, the latter of which became the iconic symbol of Shrewsbury throughout the 20th Century.

