



Catch the Spirit!
**Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival Members Invite
Townpeople to Join in the Fun**

For more than ten years, the Spirit of Shrewsbury (SOS) town-wide celebration, to be held this year during the September 26-28 weekend, has brought thousands of members of our community together for fun with families and neighbors. Over the years, hundreds of parents watched their children laugh at the parades, high school sports teams raised funds for much needed equipment, and community groups showed how they're enriching lives in Shrewsbury. The committee invites you to become a part of history by helping to grow the weekend celebration for future generations.

"I enjoy living in Shrewsbury," said Bill Tobia, co-chair of the Spirit of Shrewsbury Cruisin' Car Show. "Volunteering with the festival gives me a chance to give back — while having fun — to the town that has given me so much. It's so fulfilling to see families enjoying themselves — and to know that I helped make their weekend memorable." Sabina Terrades has been a participant in the Spirit of Shrewsbury for four years. She has been organizing the Wellspring United Methodist Church booth at the Town Expo, as well as having a church float in the parade. She added, "We have always thought that it was a wonderful way to bring the community together in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. After several years of observing the SOS volunteers work hard to put together great and effective events, I felt I needed to join them, not only as an event participant at the Town Expo and the parade, but also as an integral part of how this wonderful community festival comes together. There are so many ways to get involved and make things happen, and all of them help ensure the Spirit of Shrewsbury will continue to be a highlight of the Shrewsbury annual community calendar."

Whether you'd like to get your feet wet with helping to chair an event or simply give an hour or two to make the Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival continue for your children and grandchildren's families, the festival committee offers several ways to get involved. Art Dobson, Vice-President of the Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival, says, "We have something for people of all ages...for the stay-at-home parent, children, students, adults, senior citizens, retirees, churches, doctors, lawyers & Indian Chiefs, and other interested members of the community."

Dive in:

- Help raise funds to make events happen by selling banners or contacting potential sponsors/vendors for the Car Show.
- Assist with the undertaking of the ever-popular non-profit and business Oak Street Expo through organizing, preparing, improving and managing the event, with emphasis on adding a food court and information booth.
- Make the parade bigger and better by looking for participants and managing parade request forms.
- Write the content for the parade book.
- Unload and load craft fair vendors' wares and/or clean up after the Craft Fair.
- Learn about coordinating an event. Chair or help the chair for one of the following committees: Banners, Family FunFest, Fundraising, Grand Marshall Committee, and Transportation/Signage.

Give an hour or two:

- Sort banners for hanging on the telephone poles throughout town.
- Help setup and/or breakdown for the Car Show.
- Setup the food/coffee table for the Craft Fair.
- Help with staging for the parade.
- Put up and take down signs for all venues.
- Order and laminate signs.
- Arrange chairs at bus stops.
- Direct traffic for unloading and loading and all venues.

Can a group help?

The SOS weekend is a great opportunity for groups to hold a fundraiser or help out as a community service project. Events are now being scheduled. The SOS Committee encourages people of all ages to come together and support their town-wide celebration.

For further information, go to www.spiritofshrewsbury.com or contact Sue Falzoi at 508-845-6977 or sfalzoi@townisp.com.

Catch the Spirit.... become a part of our town's annual history making event!