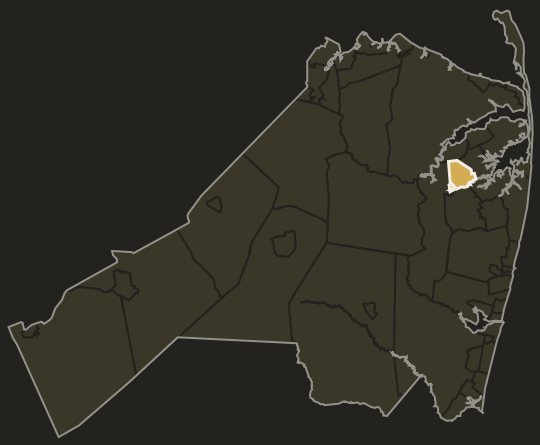
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Living in Shrewsbury, NJ

A short history, the sections of town, homes and taxes, where to shop and eat, things to do, and a moving checklist for your new home.



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This guide goes deeper than our website: the history, the sections of town, a moving checklist and worksheets for your visits. Keep it, mark it up, and call either of us with questions.

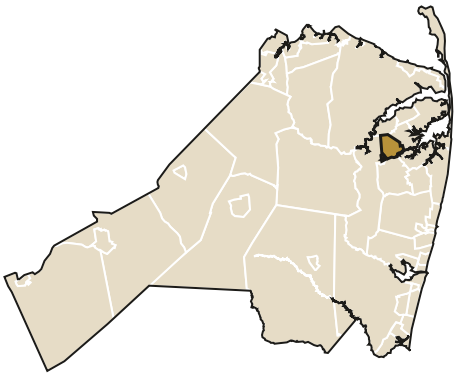
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AT A GLANCE

Shrewsbury at a glance

County	Monmouth
Population	About 4,200 in the borough and 1,100 in the township (2020 census)
Size	About 2.2 square miles in the borough and about a tenth of a square mile in the township
Setting	Historic crossroads and residential streets in the borough, one compact neighborhood in the township
Main roads	Route 35 (Broad Street), County Route 520 (Newman Springs Road), Sycamore Avenue and Shrewsbury Avenue, with Parkway exit 109 nearby



Shrewsbury in gold, in Monmouth County

Shrewsbury Borough vs. Shrewsbury Township

Shrewsbury Borough and Shrewsbury Township are two separate municipalities, each with its own government, its own budget and its own property tax rate. They sit side by side, so it is easy to cross from one into the other without noticing.

The township is what is left of a very old town. Shrewsbury Township was formed in 1693 and once covered most of what is now Monmouth and Ocean counties. Over three centuries, piece after piece split off to become new towns, including Shrewsbury Borough in 1926 and New Shrewsbury, now Tinton Falls, in 1950.

Today the township is about a tenth of a square mile with three streets: Crawford, Barker and Belshaw. Its mailing ZIP code is 07724, while the borough uses 07702. Because the names are so close, we always confirm which Shrewsbury a home is in before we talk about taxes or rules.

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A SHORT HISTORY

The story of Shrewsbury

The Lenape lived in this part of Monmouth County long before 1665, when a group of mostly Long Island men obtained the Navesink, or Monmouth, Patent that included Shrewsbury. Settlers from Long Island, Rhode Island and Massachusetts followed, many of them Quakers and Baptists, and a village grew up where two old roads crossed at today's Four Corners. Shrewsbury Township, formed in 1693, once covered nearly 1,000 square miles.

The Allen House at the Four Corners, built around 1710, became the Blue Ball Tavern and was the scene of a Loyalist raid on Continental troops in 1779. Through the 1800s the area was farm country. Shrewsbury Borough was incorporated from part of Shrewsbury Township in 1926, and the Four Corners became the Shrewsbury Historic District in 1978. Tiny Shrewsbury Township remains a separate town next door.

KEY DATES

Timeline

1665	The Navesink, or Monmouth, Patent is granted, opening Shrewsbury to English settlement.
1693	Shrewsbury Township is formed, at first covering nearly 1,000 square miles.
1779	Loyalists raid Continental troops quartered at the Blue Ball Tavern, now the Allen House.
1926	Shrewsbury Borough is incorporated from part of Shrewsbury Township.

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SECTIONS OF TOWN

Two towns, one old crossroads

The Historic Four Corners. The crossing of Broad Street (Route 35) and Sycamore Avenue, the heart of the Shrewsbury Historic District, with buildings from the 1700s and early 1800s and homes where exterior changes may need historic review.

Around the Municipal Complex on Sycamore Avenue. Residential streets near borough hall and the borough's park and fields on Sycamore Avenue, mostly single family homes on established lots.

West of Route 35. Neighborhoods on the west side of the highway, on streets such as Winding Brookway, Brady Road and Thornbrooke Drive, with mostly single family homes.

East of Route 35. Streets between the highway and the Little Silver and Red Bank lines, mostly single family homes, with low areas near the small tributaries of the Shrewsbury River.

Shrewsbury Township. A separate town of three streets off Shrewsbury Avenue, built as Camp Vail Army housing for Fort Monmouth families and later bought by its residents as a cooperative, the Alfred Vail Mutual Association.

> Most of the land called Shrewsbury today is the borough. It runs along Route 35 between Red Bank and Eatontown, with residential streets on both sides of the highway.

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HOMES AND TAXES

What you will find

Historic homes: Older homes near the Four Corners, inside a historic district with 47 contributing buildings.

Single family neighborhoods: Homes on residential streets throughout the borough, built over many decades.

Former Camp Vail homes: In the township, a planned neighborhood of 265 homes built during World War II and later run as a cooperative, the Alfred Vail Mutual Association.

Worth knowing: First, know which Shrewsbury you are in, because the two towns have different tax rates. In the township, the homes began as Camp Vail and became one of New Jersey's first cooperative housing associations, so we confirm how a home is owned and

what association rules and fees apply before you make an offer. In the borough, homes near the Four Corners sit in a historic district, so ask about any review needed before you plan exterior changes.

Property taxes

1.787%
Shrewsbury Borough: 2025 effective tax rate, as a share of market value

$14,198
Shrewsbury Borough: 2025 average residential tax bill

1.899%
Shrewsbury Township: 2025 effective tax rate, as a share of market value

$5,127
Shrewsbury Township: 2025 average residential tax bill

A home worth $800,000 on today's market would pay roughly $14,296 a year at Shrewsbury Borough's 2025 effective rate. A home worth $250,000 on today's market would pay roughly $4,748 a year at Shrewsbury Township's 2025 effective rate. Your actual bill depends on your assessment, so we pull the real tax record for any home you are considering.

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GROCERIES, DINING AND SHOPPING

Where Shrewsbury shops and eats

Errands are easy here. Route 35 runs right through Shrewsbury Borough, and the borough has three grocery stores of its own. Shrewsbury Township sits just off Shrewsbury Avenue, close to the same stores.

Grocery stores

IN TOWN	**ShopRite** 1151 Shrewsbury Avenue, Shrewsbury
IN TOWN	**Trader Joe's** 1031 Broad Street, Shrewsbury

IN TOWN	**ALDI** 179 Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury
NORTHEAST	**Acme** 507 Prospect Avenue, Little Silver
SOUTH	**Whole Foods Market** 180 Route 35, Eatontown

Checked October 2026. Stores open, close and move, so call ahead before a first trip.

Dining

Broad Street (Route 35). The borough's main commercial corridor, with shopping centers and a wide range of places to eat from the Four Corners south toward Eatontown.

Newman Springs Road. County Route 520 along the north edge of the borough, with more restaurants and shops near the Red Bank line.

Downtown Red Bank. Just north, Broad Street in Red Bank has the area's largest cluster of restaurants.

Pier Village, Long Branch: East to the Long Branch oceanfront, with restaurants on the boardwalk and shops below apartments.

Shopping

Route 35 is the shopping road, with centers on both sides of the highway. It continues south into Eatontown, where the former Monmouth Mall is being rebuilt as an open air center called Monmouth Square.

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GETTING AROUND

Roads and commuting

Route 35, called Broad Street near the Four Corners, is the main road through the borough, running north to Red Bank and south to Eatontown. County Route 520, Newman Springs Road, runs along the northern edge and leads west to Garden State Parkway exit 109. The township is reached from Shrewsbury Avenue. The nearest train is the Little Silver station on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line, with trains to New York Penn Station and Hoboken,

and NJ Transit buses 831 and 832 serve the area. Daily shopping is along the Route 35 corridor.

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THINGS TO DO

Things to do in and around Shrewsbury

Allen House. A house from about 1710 at the Four Corners, once the Blue Ball Tavern and the site of a 1779 Revolutionary War raid. The Monmouth County Historical Association runs it as a museum furnished as a colonial tavern.

Shrewsbury Historic District. The Four Corners at Broad Street and Sycamore Avenue, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, with colonial era buildings worth a short walk.

Shrewsbury Historical Society museum. A small museum and research library in the Municipal Complex at 419 Sycamore Avenue, with models of the Four Corners buildings and collections on the town's farming years, including the Hazard ketchup family.

Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch. One of the county system's two largest libraries, at 1001 Route 35 in the borough, with programs for adults and children.

Borough tennis and pickleball courts. Borough courts that residents can reserve through the Recreation office (732-741-4200, ext. 115).

Borough recreation events. The Recreation office runs community events through the year, including a spring Easter egg hunt and a holiday visit from Santa.

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MOVING CHECKLIST

Setting up your home in Shrewsbury

Tick each one off as you go. Most of these take one phone call or a few minutes online.

- [ ] **Borough hall.** Shrewsbury Borough Hall, 419 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.732-741-4200. https://www.shrewsburyboro.com

- [ ] **Property taxes.** Tax office phone 732-741-4200, ext. 114. The tax collector's office is in borough hall at 419 Sycamore Avenue. New Jersey property taxes are paid quarterly, due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, with a 10 day grace period before interest is charged back to the due date. Not receiving a bill does not change the due date, so new owners should confirm with the tax office where bills will be sent. Shrewsbury Township has its own tax office, so confirm which town a property is in.

- [ ] **Water and sewer.** Water: New Jersey American Water. Sewer: Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority. Water 1-800-272-1325; sewer 732-229-8578. The borough lists New Jersey American Water as its water utility, which bills customers directly, so start and stop service with them. Shrewsbury Borough is a member town of the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority, which bills sewer service to each home directly on the same quarterly schedule as property taxes. The Authority asks that the closing attorney send it notice of the sale with the new owner's details.

- [ ] **Electric.** Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L), a FirstEnergy company. Outage line 1-888-544-4877.

- [ ] **Gas.** New Jersey Natural Gas. 1-800-221-0051 (customer service); 1-800-427-5325 (gas leaks, 24 hours).

- [ ] **Trash and recycling.** The borough collects trash twice a week by zone: Route 35 and the streets west of it on Monday and Thursday, and streets east of Route 35 on Tuesday and Friday. Recycling is every Wednesday for both zones. Brush and leaf seasons and the DPW calendar are on the Public Works page of the borough website, or call 732-741-0522.

- [ ] **Driver's license and voting.** New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 39:3-36) requires drivers to report a new address to the Motor Vehicle Commission within one week, and the MVC prefers that you do it online. To register to vote or update your address, use the state's online voter registration or send a paper form to the Monmouth County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections. Registration closes 21 days before an election. The Monmouth County Clerk handles vote by mail ballots.

- [ ] **Flood zone.** Look up any address on the FEMA Flood Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov. New Jersey sellers must disclose a home's flood zone and flood history. Most of the borough is inland; about 7 percent of its area is in the 1 percent annual chance flood zone, mainly along small tributaries of the Shrewsbury River. The 2026 county hazard mitigation plan lists the borough as taking part in FEMA's Community Rating System; ask the borough for its current class.

- [ ] **Library.** Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch, 1001 Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Checked October 2026. Phone numbers and schedules change, so confirm with each office.

WHEN YOU SELL

The certificate every sale needs

> New Jersey requires a Certificate of Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance before a one or two family home is sold (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3). In Shrewsbury Borough, the Fire Marshal's office does the smoke and carbon monoxide inspection for a residential change of occupancy (732-741-4200, ext. 117). Since February 3, 2025 (P.L. 2025, c.19), a portable fire extinguisher is no longer part of this certificate for one and two family homes, although some older borough handouts still mention one. We did not find a separate borough resale certificate of occupancy on the borough's construction or fire pages, so confirm with the Construction Office (732-741-4200, ext. 120) before listing.

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QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Questions people ask us about Shrewsbury

Are Shrewsbury Borough and Shrewsbury Township the same town?

No. They are two separate municipalities with their own governments and tax rates. The borough was carved out of the township in 1926, and the township today is a small neighborhood of three streets beside it.

Why is Shrewsbury Township so small?

Shrewsbury Township was formed in 1693 and once covered most of Monmouth and Ocean counties. Over the centuries, new towns split off from it one by one, including Shrewsbury Borough in 1926 and Tinton Falls, first called New Shrewsbury, in 1950. What remains is about a tenth of a square mile.

Does Shrewsbury have a train station?

Not in town. The closest station is Little Silver, on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line, a short drive away. Red Bank station is also nearby.

What is the Historic Four Corners in Shrewsbury?

It is the crossing of Broad Street (Route 35) and Sycamore Avenue, the center of the Shrewsbury Historic District. The district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, and the Allen House and other buildings from the 1700s and early 1800s still stand there.

Where is the closest grocery store to Shrewsbury?

Shrewsbury Borough has three grocery stores of its own: a ShopRite on Shrewsbury Avenue, a Trader Joe's on Broad Street and an ALDI on Newman Springs Road. The ShopRite on Shrewsbury Avenue is also the closest supermarket to Shrewsbury Township. The Acme in Little Silver and the Whole Foods Market in Eatontown are a short drive away.

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TO FILL IN ON YOUR VISITS

Touring the sections of town

Drive or walk each part of town at different times of day. Note the streets you liked, the traffic, the water and anything to ask us about.

The Historic Four Corners	
Around the Municipal Complex on Sycamore Avenue	
West of Route 35	
East of Route 35	
Shrewsbury Township	

Is Shrewsbury right for you?

HOW WELL DOES THE TOWN FIT?	GREAT FIT	OKAY	NOT A FIT
Getting to work and family	☐	☐	☐
Groceries and everyday errands	☐	☐	☐
Restaurants and things to do	☐	☐	☐
Parks and time outdoors	☐	☐	☐
Being on or near the water	☐	☐	☐
Flood zone and insurance	☐	☐	☐
Property taxes	☐	☐	☐
The kinds of homes available	☐	☐	☐
Traffic and summer crowds	☐	☐	☐
How it feels on the streets you saw	☐	☐	☐

Streets or homes to look at again

Questions to ask us

TALK IT THROUGH

Call or text either of us

Thinking about moving to Shrewsbury, or selling a home there? Call or text either of us. We will tell you what we know about the town, honestly, and help you plan the next step.



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