



The Shawsheen Trib

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MEMBERSHIP

**If you have any questions about your current membership status,
please email Bob Rauseo at bob_otter@comcast.net or call 978-851-9505. Thanks.**

If you are not currently a SRWA member, we invite you to join us!

Why JOIN SRWA?

The mission of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association, Inc. is to protect, restore, and enjoy the Shawsheen River and its watershed. We host many activities to accomplish that mission, including:

- **RIVER CLEANUPS.** More than 1500 tires have been removed from the river since March 2002. We continue to remove pallets, lumber, bottles, and other trash from the river. Cleanups are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month from April through October. Informal cleanups are scheduled every Tuesday night during Daylight Savings Time. SRWA received a grant from The New England Grassroots Environmental Fund in 2002, from REI in 2003, and from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation in 2005 to support our cleanup efforts. We are very grateful.
- **CANOE TRIPS** on the Shawsheen. We canoe 12 months of the year. If you are interested in canoeing the Shawsheen, please contact us. We will come up with a trip for groups from one to twelve, one hour to eight hours, novice to experienced. We recently purchased a canoe trailer and three more canoes. Our goal is to get as many people as possible out on the Shawsheen River. We have official trips scheduled each month from April through October.
- **EDUCATIONAL FORUMS.** On March 4, 2004, David M. Carroll presented a slide show and talk on **Turtles of New England.** In February 2005 SRWA hosted three presentations of **EYES ON OWLS** at an elementary school in Bedford, and on January 30, 2006 we hosted a presentation of **WINGMASTERS** at the Heath Brook School in Tewksbury. SRWA has hosted forums in towns throughout the watershed on topics including open space preservation, control of invasive wetland plants, co-existing with beavers, dam removal, the Bay Circuit Trail, and live owl demonstrations. In 2005 SRWA received a grant from **3M Corp** to purchase a digital projector and to pay for environmental demonstrations in public schools. We are very grateful.
- **MEETINGS** are held monthly at the **Tewksbury Public Library.** Meetings are open to the general public.
- **WEBSITE** at www.shawsheen.org contains recreation map, news, photographs, history, and much more.
- **NEWSLETTER. THE SHAWSHEEN TRIB** is published quarterly and contains river descriptions, illustrated articles on local animals and plants, schedules of events, and other interesting material. In 2005 SRWA received a grant from the **Greater Lowell Community Foundation** to fund three issues of this newsletter. We are very grateful.

GENERAL INFO:

- **OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS:** Jack Brady of Andover (Vice President), Ken Doran of Lawrence, Jae Gray of Tewksbury, Sharon Lapham of Billerica (Clerk), Bob Rauseo of Tewksbury (President), Suzanne Robert of Andover, Robert Marsh of Andover, Bill Speciale of Bedford (Treasurer), and Kevin Talbot of Kingston, NH.
- **FUNDS.** Our expenses include fees for forums, tire recycling fees, dumpster fees, postage, IRS fees, and the general costs of running an organization. We invite you to become a member and help SRWA preserve and protect the Shawsheen River and its Watershed. There are many, many ways for people to get involved. Please join us and participate in any of the above activities; or perhaps begin some of your own. SRWA is registered with the state of Massachusetts as a non-profit organization. SRWA is recognized by the IRS as a non-taxable organization under 501(c)3. Donations to the SRWA are tax deductible.
- **WISH LIST.** We could use a digital camera, canoes/kayaks, and river cleaning tools. If you would like to donate, please let us know. Donations are tax-deductible.

Membership Application. Please make checks payable to:
SHAWSHEEN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
682 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876

Name _____ Date _____

Street and Number _____

City or Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____ email _____

Annual dues. Please check your membership category.

Senior \$5 _____ Student \$5 _____ Individual \$15 _____ Family \$30 _____

Sustaining \$100 _____ Life \$1000 _____

This is a renewal _____ . This is a new membership _____ .