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Old Tappan News

Mayor's Message



Recently, the Borough of Old Tappan received a petition concerning the creation of a Joint Municipal Consolidation Study Commission. This petition requested that the question of a Joint Municipal Consolidation Study Commission between the Borough of Old Tappan and the Borough of Harrington Park be placed on the general election ballot in November 2008. A similar petition was filed with the Harrington Park Borough Clerk. The forming of this commission is a significant component of the recently enacted Municipal Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A 40:43-66.40, this past April. In fact, the premise of this commission is to study the merging of the two Boroughs into one. The question, which would be on the ballot in November, states in no uncertain terms, the following:

“Shall a joint municipal consolidation study commission be formed to study the feasibility of CONSOLIDATING OLD TAPPAN AND HARRINGTON PARK INTO A SINGLE NEW MUNICIPALITY, to study the question of the form of government under which such NEW MUNICIPALITY WOULD BE GOVERNED, to study the feasibility of consolidating the local school districts of the aforesaid municipalities, and to make recommendations thereon; or, in the alternative, to make recommendations on the consolidation of certain municipal services.”

Even though this petition was signed and personally delivered to the Borough Hall by an Old Tappan resident, John Shahdanian, II, many residents have advised me that they were approached by petitioners wearing County identification tags outside of Bi-State Plaza and at their homes. They were informed that the County was just establishing a list of people who were aware of shared services and thought that sharing services was a good idea. They were not told that the petition would begin a process of potentially merging Old Tappan and Harrington Park. Numerous residents have called my office complaining about the manner in which the petition was presented to them, and that, had they known what was really being sought, they never would have signed it. In fact, a few residents whose names were on the petition claim they never signed it.

The petition itself did not clearly explain its purpose. It stated as follows: “We, the undersigned hereby petition the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs for the formation of a joint municipal consolidation study commission for the Borough of Old Tappan and the Borough of Harrington Park. Property taxes in the Borough of Old Tappan are consistently rising and the individual taxpayer is feeling serious financial hardship. We believe municipal efficiency in our borough can be improved by sharing services, and therefore sharing the cost of the services. This can result in significant tax relief for both municipalities. We hereby endorse and encourage the opportunity to conduct such a feasibility study by signing the aforementioned petition.”

As you can see from the above statutorily required language for the ballot question, the petition didn't fairly inform people as to its true purpose. In fact, some residents were not even given the opportunity to read this petition statement due to the fact that the small print on some of the petition pages was obscured by the clip on the clipboard holding the pages. Make no mistake that the principal reason for this commission is to ELIMINATE HOME RULE AND HAVE NO BORDERS. It is beyond belief that those circulating this petition were advocating the elimination of our history, heritage, and culture without even properly explaining the real goal of the petition.

The Borough is bound by law to present this petition to the County and place the issue on the Ballot once a sufficient number of signatures are obtained. This is a very serious issue that should have been presented fairly to the people. If the voters of Old Tappan, after proper notice, decide that a study commission is warranted to look into merging the two towns, then the process should move forward. In my opinion, a yes vote would be the first step towards destroying Old Tappan as we know it today. The choice then will be yours.

The Borough of Old Tappan has entered into, and will continue to enter into, prudent shared services agreements with neighboring towns. We are always looking for ways to minimize the tax burdens on our residents in a manner that makes sense for Old Tappan, and we will continue to do so.

In the final analysis, let it be known that I am firmly against the concept of consolidating Old Tappan into another borough, and that I am firmly against erasing our history, heritage, culture and pride and what it means to say that I live in Old Tappan. Sadly, John Shahdanian, II, seems firmly aligned towards destroying everything that we have come to love, admire and respect about Old Tappan, all for satisfying his insatiable political appetite. When you see this questions on the ballot come November, you know where I stand.



Jean M. Quinn sworn in as Borough Clerk on July 7, 2008. Welcoming Ms. Quinn is Council President Ronald Binaghi Chairing the Council Meeting for Mayor Polce and Councilman John Kramer, Council Liaison to The Office of the Borough Clerk.

Old Tappan Welcomes our New Borough Clerk

The Borough of Old Tappan is very pleased to announce the hiring of Jean Quinn, RMC as the new Borough Clerk for the Borough of Old Tappan.

Jean stated that, "Before coming to the Borough of Old Tappan I worked for the Borough of Franklin Lakes for 5 years as the Assistant to the Borough Clerk. While in Franklin Lakes I began taking classes through Rutgers University to become a Registered Municipal Clerk and earned my certification in April 2006. I also have a degree in Sociology from William Paterson University.

Before my career in Local Government began I worked for 4 years at a Marriott owned assisted living facility in West Orange as the Human Resources Manager.

I am very excited to begin my career as a Municipal Clerk in this lovely and friendly community. Please stop by my office for any assistance you might need."

We are all excited to have Jean Quinn as a member of the Borough staff, she is professional, courteous and a pleasure to work with.

A Message from Police Chief Fasulo...

Where has the time gone!!! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer vacation whether traveling or just staying home. As a new routine make an effort to call someone who you made contact with over the summer months just to tell them you enjoyed their friendship.

The new Police Headquarters is progressing along and should be ready sometime around the start of the New Year. One of our main goals is to improve our communications infrastructure with all of our emergency services. We have begun our transition by upgrading all of the new communications equipment to digital format which is required by federal mandate by 2011. We have also become interoperable and can operate on a broad spectrum of radio frequencies. Our town is the first to accomplish this transition.

On June 16th the annual DARE Picnic was held at Stone Point Park for the 5th grade DARE students. This annual event is sponsored by the Police Department in recognition of the student's participation in the 12 week program. This year we were fortunate to have the New Jersey State Police drop in with their Homeland Security helicopter. Our DARE instructors are Sgt. Chuck Anders, Sgt. Jim Butler, Officer Robert Wacht and Officer Katie Weaver. McDonald's and A&P provided lunch for all.



Pictured above are Councilman John M. Kramer who serves as police commissioner, Police Chief Joseph Fasulo, and Captain Thomas Shine as they survey the construction progress. As shown, the concrete foundation and basement walls have been completed. Within days of this photo carpenters arrived on the site and the framing work began.

On June 26th the Senior Picnic was held at Stone Point Park. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and company of each other. Mike Sinatra serenaded everyone with his guitar and great voice. I would also like to thank residents Delio Latilla and Frank & Tammy Mazza for their support with the food and Starbucks for supplying the coffee. Thank you Mike, Delio, Frank, Tammy and Starbucks for a wonderful day. We were also gifted with the assistance of two Girl Scouts, Shannon McBride and Kate Ledingham who assisted with setting up and serving all of our guests.

School is back in session so please be careful in the school zones. Obey all traffic signs and School Guard directions. The rules were made for all with due regard for the safety of our children. All of our roads around the school zone have been repaved and new crosswalk and curb painting should be started.

One last reminder, please update your emergency phone numbers for your alarm system if they have changed during the year.



*What is COAH
and how does it affect me?...*

Lately you may be seeing quite a bit of coverage in our local papers outlining the COAH regulations recently revised by the State of New Jersey, and signed by Governor Corzine.

COAH stands for (NJ) COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, and administers and oversees the regulation of low and moderate income affordable housing for each municipality in New Jersey. New rule changes of the most recent "round" adopted by COAH in June, combined with legislation signed by Governor Corzine on July 17 have substantially increased the burden on municipalities, including those like Old Tappan that have worked diligently to address this issue. Statewide, over 170 municipalities and in our immediate area, 23 Bergen County towns have joined the legal appeal, and our own Mayor and Council have just approved Old Tappan's participation in the case.

COAH regulations are based on the growth share approach of a community. Basically this means any development, both new construction and redevelopment of homes or businesses triggers the need for more affordable housing. Old Tappan's obligation under the third round ruling affordable housing. While no one wants to deny affordable housing to those in need or have to find a way to build these required units in Old Tappan. With increasingly limited available land options, this may be a viable threat to our protected open spaces. Vacant Land Adjustment will be perused, including environmentally sensitive lands (recognized in Master Plan), parklands and open spaces owned by the Board of Education, etc.



Volunteers are needed as a COAH committee is formed in September. Based on their recommendations, and during the months of October and November, your Planning Board will create and adopt a housing plan to submit to the Mayor and Council. During the month of November and into December, the M/C will endorse it and forward it on to the State by the December 31, 2008 deadline.

Discussions will begin with our borough Planner, Sean Moronski of Burgis Associates at the September 3rd, 2008, Planning Board meeting. We encourage Old Tappan Residents to do their research and come to the meeting with any questions that you'd like answered or suggestions you would like included. As a active member of our Planning Board, Mayor Polce attends every meeting and on September 3rd will be available to hear your concerns and input.



NOTICE: Delivery of leaf compost and wood mulch has ended. We had a very successful year and look forward to continuing this very successful program early next spring. We are now concentrating on getting the equipment and staff ready to pick up the soon to be falling leaves. We will also discontinue our chipping schedule as of October 8th, please call 201-664-4438 to advise that you have branches to be chipped.

This brings us to leaf pickup. Leaves may not be placed in the street before October 6th. The department will begin picking up leaves in the street on October 13th and continue until December 2nd. Please do not mix any debris such as branches, brush and rocks in the leaf piles. Rake the leaf piles as close to the curb as possible to insure safe passage of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Do not place leaves within 10 feet catch basins or block fire hydrants. If you have a landscape contractor please inform them of the above-mentioned items, thank you.

Residents that have basketball backboards in the street are asked to remove them or turn them around, the borough will not be responsible for any damages that might occur. Thank you for your support in the past and your future cooperation.

As we have done in the past we will be recycling Christmas trees during the month of January 2009. We will pick up on the west side of town (Central Ave. to River Vale) on January 7th & 21st and the east side (Central Ave. to the state line including Central Ave.) January 14th & 28th. Branches will also be picked up at this time if time allows.

Tire Recycling
Computers / Electronics Program



Homeowners wishing to dispose of tires or computer or electronic equipment such as television, VCR, radios, etc, are invited to bring these materials to the following locations:

Bergen county Community Services Building
327 East Ridgewood Ave, Paramus
Saturday, August 23, 2008

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, November 1, 2008
Collection Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(rain or shine)

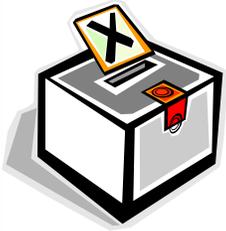
Household Hazardous Waste Events

Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the locations listed below. To determine the materials that will be accepted please go to BCUA.org Look under Solid Waste recycling and than Household Hazardous Waste for a list of items which will be accepted. Locations and times are:

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road, Paramus
Sunday, October 19, 2009

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road
Saturday, September 13, 2008
Saturday, November 15, 2008

Collection Hours 9:00 Am to 3:00 PM
(rain or shine)



2008 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION
FROM THE BOROUGH CLERK



GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 4th – 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tuesday, October 14th.
The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tuesday, October 14th until 9:00 p.m.

If you are going to be out of town on Election Day, you may pick up an absentee ballot application at the Borough Clerk's Office. The County Clerk must receive applications by mail no later than 7 days prior to Election Day. After the 7 day deadline all applications must be hand delivered to the County Clerk.

*Districts and Polling Places – Watch for your Sample Ballot, which will indicate your District and Polling Place in the left hand corner.
Contact the Municipal Clerk's office at 201-664-1849 ext. 238 if you have any questions.*

POLLING PLACES: Districts 1, 2, & 3 - T. Baldwin Demarest School, School Street/Herrick Drive



*A Message from Fire Chief and Fire Marshal
Nicola Lepore.....*

As the Borough Fire Marshal one of my functions is to inspect homes that are being sold for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

I am amazed to find just how many residents still have a less than serious attitude toward smoke detectors.

Recent statistics have shown an alarming rise in fatalities in residential dwelling fires due to missing or non functioning smoke detectors. Early warning of a fire or smoke in your home is your only insurance to a quick and safe escape in the event of a fire and that is the function of your smoke detectors.

Please take the time to check your detectors and be sure they are operating. Smoke detectors that are older than ten years old should most likely be replaced.

If you have "low voltage system" which are the type that are part of your home security system, remember that UL 217 requires they be service yearly by a reputable alarm contractor.

If you have a smoke detector that continues to false trip consider the location it is in perhaps it is too close to a room or duct that could be causing it to malfunction. Please feel free to call my office should you need assistance in proper location for your detectors.

Remember to change the batteries in your detectors when you change your clocks this fall.

Please mark your calendar for our annual open house during Fire Prevention Week October 5th thru 11th. Our open house will be on Tuesday evening at 7 pm at the Old Tappan Fire Department headquarters. Our equipment will be on display and we will conduct demonstrations, and answer questions on protecting your home and family.

If any civic or educational, or other groups would like a tour of the Fire House and or a talk, book reading to children, please feel free to contact me to arrange a tour or talk. I am at the Fire House every Monday evening from 7pm on or you can call Fire HQ at 201 666-0970 remember this is a non emergency number and should NOT be used to report a fire, always dial 9-1-1 to report a fire.



Councilman Kramer presents proclamation from Mayor Polce declaring June 28, 2008 as the first annual Friendship Day in Old Tappan on behalf of the Korean American Presbyterian Church of the Palisades. The members of the church shared a celebration of "Trust, Respect and Friendship" now and for many years to come.



**OLD TAPPAN
FIRST AID CORPS**

The ICE (In Case of Emergency) program that the Corps instituted with this year's appeal letter has met with very favorable response. If you haven't yet filled out the form, we urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. And, to those residents who responded to our annual appeal, our heartfelt thanks.

A strong local ambulance service is essential to the well-being of our community. When an emergency arises, no one wants to hear, "Sorry, but you'll have to wait a while for an ambulance." When enough volunteers are available, this "wait" time becomes negligible. But, we are finding ourselves stretched thin during the daytime hours. Becoming a volunteer EMT requires certification, but the skills acquired in the process are ones that everyone can use, especially people with children. Please think about investing in our community as a volunteer. For information, call us at (201) 666-9030.

A big welcome to our newest members: Maria Assante, Katie Kraus, Janette Pontillo and daughter Stephanie, and Paul Zeller. All will be starting EMT school in September.



Property taxes are due on 9/10/08. There is no 10 day grace period.

The State of New Jersey was delayed with the certification of the tax rate for every town in New Jersey due to a technical problem at the State Level in calculating State Aid. This resulted in the delay you have seen in receiving your tax bill. Your tax bills were mailed at our earliest opportunity. As a result of the delay your tax bill is due September 10 without penalty. By law any payments received after September 10 will be charged interest penalties back through August 1, 2008.

Annual Deductions on Property Taxes:

Senior Citizens: Annual property tax deduction of \$250 for homeowner's age 65 or older or disabled who meet certain income and residency requirements.

Veteran Deduction: Annual property tax deduction of \$250 for homeowners who are qualified war veterans and their surviving spouses.

Please inquire at the tax office about these property tax deductions.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

One didn't have to look far to see neighbors helping neighbors during the summer months in Old Tappan. Girl Scout Cadet's, Shannon McBride and Kate Ledingham, were seen helping at the Municipal Alliance Senior Luncheon, the Police Department Senior Picnic, the Senior Movies at the Library, as well as individually assisting our seniors with weeding, gardening, reading, meal preparation, friendly visits, and running errands. The scouts plan to introduce the volunteer program at the Northern Valley Regional High School this fall to hopefully recruit students interested in volunteering for our area seniors!

Additionally, the 4th grade Summer CCD class at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church helped our neighbors by holding a bake sale and collecting donations during their two week CCD Program. The students ambitiously baked and prepared items to sell to parents, relatives and friends, raising money for back to school supplies for our local families.



The Old Tappan Municipal Alliance

presents

The 18th Annual Mayor's Trophy Golf Tournament for a Drug Free Old Tappan

Monday, September 22, 2007

Rain Date, Sept. 29th

Community involvement makes this tournament a success, and a successful tournament allows us to continue to bring the D.A.R.E. program as well as other drug & alcohol awareness programs to our community. Look for more info in the mail.

This is what community is all about and what makes our town stand out from the rest! Thank you for your time, compassion and commitment to our community!

If you would like to volunteer your time please call Old Tappan Social Services at 201-664-1849 ext. 233.



Memorial Day 2008 was blessed with perfect weather for everyone to enjoy. Everyone gathered at the Northern Valley High School parking lot to prepare for the annual parade. The parade kicked off at 9:30 and as the Charles DeWolf Middle School band played, all the service organizations, social organizations and civic groups once again marched in honor of our military personnel past and present. After the parade everyone participated in ceremonies at Oakes Park placing wreaths at the Memorial Stones. Both solemn and festive at the same time, the Parade and Ceremony commemorated the sacrifice and service of our brave men and women in uniform who have given up their civilian pursuits throughout our history to preserve our freedom.

The proud tradition that was once called "Decoration Day" continued in the Borough.





ALL PHOTOS TAKEN BY JAMIE COHEN

PROCLAMATION

HONORING NVRHHS AT OLD TAPPAN VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

WHEREAS throughout the 2008 baseball season the Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan varsity baseball team was ranked number 1 in Group Three for the entire State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the Golden Knights with a 28-7 record won the Group 3 State and NBIU League Championships; featuring an extraordinary talent of exceptional pitching, intimidating and clutch hitting; and solid

WHEREAS, **VICTOR M. POLCE**, Mayor of the Borough of Old Tappan, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, on behalf of the Mayor and Town Residents, in honor of this unique, determination and success of the Old Tappan Varsity Baseball High School at Old Tappan, hereby




OLD TAPPAN YOUTH GOLF CLINIC– held its first session for boys and girls ages 5 through 8 at Stone Point Park in August. This new Recreation program is designed to introduce the children to the game of golf and covers the basics of the golf swing and putting while introducing rules of etiquette and safety. Youth Golf will be offered again next year as a Summer Recreation Program.

Great Job Boys!



Old Tappan Soccer is offering a women's soccer clinic for all skill levels. The weekly clinic will be run by a professional trainer at Stone Point Park on Saturday mornings. Register with Community Pass or www.oldtappansoccer.com. It is a great way to keep in shape and play the same game the kids are playing. Register now as there are limited spots!



Old Tappan Camp Serendipity– was held this year for three weeks during the month of July.



This year children participated in Arts and Crafts projects, Field Games and Quiet Games.

The Campers were introduced to "Crime Solving" techniques presented by a Forensic Scientist...and ended



the week with a wet day of fun on Water Day.

Camp Serendipity is open to town residents Kindergarten through 5th Grade

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 27, 2008

9 am - 4 pm

Old Tappan Fire House
231 Old Tappan Road
Old Tappan, NJ 07675

~~~~~Selling~~~~~

New and Used Items  
Toys and Clothing  
Homemade Bake Table  
**“Treasured Recipes” Cook Book**

Sponsored by: **Woman’s Club of Old Tappan**  
Contact: Pam at 201-358-0855

Donations of new and gently used items for sale can be dropped off at  
The Fire House, Thurs Sept 25, 4 – 8pm and Fri Sept 26, 9am – 7pm

(Please, no donations of clothing, large furniture, TVs or hard covered books.)

**No donations on Saturday!**

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## *cholarship News*



The Old Tappan Elementary PTA recently announced the winners of the Martin G.

Podmayer Scholarship Awards. They are Paul Scilingo, who will attend Cornell University to study engineering, Andrew Smith who will attend Virginia Tech to study business, and Brianna Engler, who will attend Penn College of Tech to study dental hygiene. Each recipient received \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of their excellent grades along with involvement in school and community activities.

The award is given to two or three deserving students every year by the OTE PTA who are residents of old Tappan and graduates of CDW Middle School. This year’s scholarship committee consisted of Chairman Meg Loudon, Dawn McLaughlin, Natalie Wong, Michele Bergman, Suzanne Azarian, Dennis Rossi, Principal of CDW Middle School, and William Ward, Superintendent Old Tappan School District.

The Woman’s Club of Old Tappan congratulates the students who were recipients of its awards in 2008. Graduating seniors from Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan, Jacqueline Hwang won the \$1,000 Woman’s Club of Old Tappan Scholarship and Ashley Crooks received the \$250 Musical Theater Award. Six eighth grade graduates of the Charles DeWolf School were presented with \$100 Bonds: Spanish Award – Taeyoung Kim; Science Award – Gabriella Heifetz; Athletic Award – Layne Fable; Achievement Award – Shannon McBride; two Alice Gaffney Memorial Math Awards – Ryann Burke and Jessica Park.

**The Woman’s Club of Old Tappan** members thank the community for so generously supporting our very successful Rummage Sale fundraiser that was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Old Tappan Fire House. Because of its success, the Club is holding another Rummage Sale for this fall’s fundraiser, replacing our Annual Arts ‘N Crafts Festival.

The Fall Rummage Sale, benefiting the scholarship fund and community projects, will be held Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 4PM at the Old Tappan Fire House. The assortment of a little bit of everything, new and used, includes household items, small furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, tools, collectibles, small appliances, fabrics, jewelry, clothing, paperback books and much more. In addition, there will be homemade baked goods and the Woman’s Club’s cookbook “Treasured Recipes” for sale.

Anyone who wishes to donate items for the sale may bring them to the Fire House on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm and on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 7pm. No clothing, hard cover books, large furniture, or TVs please. For information call Pam at 201-358-0855.

*Don't forget to enter our annual free raffles for mums and celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Federation at our information booth on Town Day.*

Fall Meetings – Guests Welcome New members are always welcome. Guests are invited to our meetings which are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 7pm at the Old Tappan Fire House. Our September 16 program features Maggie Coudriet, speaking about autism, our annual Member/Guest Pot Luck Supper is on October 21, and the November 18 program is a holiday craft workshop. For information call Anita at 201-767-1518.

Ragamuffin Parade on October 25 – Check-in at 9:00am at Oakes Park The Woman’s Club, PTA and Recreation Commission co-sponsor this fun-filled event. Awards and refreshments for all.

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6 - We will be having our annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6 from 9:30am to 11:00am at Trinity Reformed Church Fellowship Hall. Admission is \$7.00 per person. Price includes breakfast, games, crafts, goodie bags and each child’s individual photo with Santa. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket reservations call Diana at 201-750-7365.

**Woman’s Club of Old Tappan Cookbook “Treasured Recipes”** is a collection of 500 favorites in an attractive padded 3-ring binder format. Cost is \$13.50. Call Libby at 201-767-1097.



Our library director, Susan Meeske, was voted *The Best Librarian in Bergen County* in **The Record's** recent reader survey. Congratulations to Susan and her excellent staff for this honor!

Fall programs resume the week of September ... We offer Mommy & Me and Story Hour for 3 and 4 year old children. We have yoga classes three times a week, two book discussion groups, **weekly bridge groups** and "Friday Flix" for seniors on the first Friday of each month.

The library offers a free pass to the American Museum of Natural History. The pass provides

free admission for 2 adults and up to 4 children. For further information about all programs, please call the library at 201 664-3499.

The library subscribes to a listserv to notify residents of library events. If you would like to be added to our list, please call the library and advise us of your email address.

*The Golden Age Club of Old Tappan* is a great way to keep in touch with old friends and to add new ones into your life. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month and host a luncheon on the 3rd Thursday at 12:00 P.M. We welcome new members so come join your neighbors and friends for a social gathering or trip.

September 18th we will be celebrating an Italian festival at Earhardts in Pa.

October 9th we will be going to the Platzl Haufbrau in Pomona for the Oktoberfest.

The town van is available for transportation to the meetings.

Addition information call Jean @ 201-664-4282



On September 2nd, 2007, Trinity Reformed Church in Old Tappan welcomed new pastor Kirsten Shepler-Ross to the parish. Kirsten, her husband Keith, and their two year old son Kai are no strangers to the church as they alternated as the guest

ministers during the summer of 2006. Currently, Pastor Kirsten has completed her requirements for the ordination process while serving the Trinity church on a part-time basis. Kirsten, born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is the daughter of a minister, Reverend Douglas Shepler, and Trinity's Clerk of Classis, Aleta Shepler. At age ten Kirsten moved to Caracas, Venezuela, with her parents, both missionaries with the reformed Church of America. Years later, while attending Cook College in Arizona, Kirsten began working as a missionary in La Ronge, Saskatchewan, Canada at the "Drop-In Center" for Native Indian Tribes. There, she met her husband Keith Ross, a full-blooded Cree Indian. After their marriage in 2000, the couple attended the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Kentucky, where they both graduated with Master of Divinity degrees. Kirsten also has weekly dinners at the manse and has developed personal relationships with many of the church's members.

Trinity Reformed Church encourages and welcomes new members every Sunday. Sunday School classes for kindergarten through High School. Trinity Reformed Church is located at 292 Old Tappan Road in Old Tappan. Please contact the church at 201-664-5904 for service schedule.

## FREE CHILD HEALTH CLINIC AVAILABLE

The Old Tappan Board of Health would like to remind residents without health insurance or well visit coverage for their child that they are able to use the services of the Child Health Conference located at the Hillsdale Borough Hall, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey. Both the Borough of Old Tappan and Hillsdale have contracts for public health services with the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission.

The Child Health Clinic provides a complete medical examination by a physician, nurse counseling, immunizations and educational literature for well babies and children through kindergarten age. Appointments are necessary and non-English speaking residents need to provide a translator. Proof of Old Tappan residency will be a requirement to receive services. For further information or appointment please call 201-666-4800 extension 1525.

## INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM

The Old Tappan Board of Health has already begun preparations for the 2008 Influenza Vaccine program to be held in October. As with every year, the Old Tappan Board of Health strives to bring you the best care possible. The influenza vaccine has already been ordered.

As in past years, it will be necessary for those receiving Medicare Part B to bring their Medicare Part B card to the Influenza Vaccine program in order to receive the influenza vaccine. The Old Tappan Health Department, through their contract with Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, will directly bill Medicare. A \$25.00 fee will be charged to those who do not have Medicare Part B. If you have an HMO you may choose to go to your primary care provider or you can pay \$25.00 for a flu vaccination. Medicare HMO's will not be accepted at the flu program.

This reminder is to help the Influenza Vaccination program run as efficiently as it did in 2007. Although the exact date for the program has not been scheduled yet, it will be publicized in local newspapers as well as the Borough's website at [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net)



## Crafty Ladies Trinity Reformed Church

Save the date, Saturday, November 1, 2008 to attend the "14th Annual Crafts Fair" put on by the

Crafty Ladies of the Trinity Reformed Church. The Fair will be held at the Chapel located on the Church grounds at 292 Old Tappan Road between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. As in the past, proceeds will be donated to the Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County.

Each year the Crafty Ladies make a variety of holiday and non-seasonal items. The items are of the highest quality and are sold at exceptionally reasonable prices. New and gently used holiday and gift items will also be for sale. These items have been donated for this purpose. Delicious baked goods will be sold throughout the day, along with beverages, breakfast and luncheon foods in the "Fellowship Hall" of the Church.

We, the Crafty Ladies, thank you for your generous support in the past and ask again for your help in this worthwhile project. Please remember Saturday, November 1, 9 AM - 3 PM in the Chapel and bring a friend or two with you.

The Old Tappan Recreation Commission presents

# Town Day & Night 2008

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

(rain date – September 13<sup>th</sup>)

## A Great Day of Events 1:00pm to 6:00pm Stone Point Park

- 1:00-3:00 Bingo – Adults
- 1:00-4:00 Balloon Twister
- 1:00-5:00 All Rides and Games
- 1:00-5:00 Face Painter
- 2:00-4:00 Quiver Farm Petting Zoo
- 2:00-5:00 Tattoo Artist
- 2:00-3:15 Girls & Boys Basketball
- 3:15-4:00 Hoop Wizard Basketball Show
- 4:00 Girls & Boys Basketball Championships
- 4:45 Free Raffle
- 5:30 Pie Eating Contest



## Look For the Following During the Day

**In addition to the “Hoop Wizard” Basketball Show, the Farm Animals by Quiver Farm, and the Basketball Competition, look for a presentation on Old Tappan’s new Golf Program for kids as well as a Football Throwing Competition.**

*Rides and games will include the 24 Foot Climbing Wall, Trackless Train, Moonwalk, Fast Pitch, Wild Wave Slide, a Dunk Tank and More!*

## Refreshments Available At Town Day

Hot Dogs, Pizza, Heros, Chicken Wings, Pasta, Pretzels, Fruit, Cake, Sno Cones, Ice Cream, Beverages and More



## Fireworks

**Don’t Miss a Fantastic Night of Fireworks**  
9:00pm at the Old Tappan Golf Course

*The Golf Course will open at 7:00pm. Please park along DeWolf Road or walk to the course. Bring your blanket or beach chair and find a seat along the fairway. Enjoy the music and the fireworks!*



*Looking for something special to do  
with your spare time?*

Look no further! How about lending a hand with the  
senior and disabled residents of our community!

Drivers & Assistants  
Needed!



No experience necessary - Training available

If you are interested in driving a passenger van or just assisting for a few hours a  
month on a regular or substitute basis please call Vivian @ 201-767-8651



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