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Dear friends and neighbors,

Welcome to February! As I'm writing this note today, I am extremely pleased that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this Groundhog Day and legend has it, that's a sign that an early spring is on its way 😊. Although we can't leave the winter of 2023/2024 behind, we have been fortunate to date that we haven't experienced too much snow and ice – I know, I just jinxed it. Please continue to be winter savvy and remember to clean your car of any snow and ice before hitting the road. If you live by a fire hydrant, please make sure it is clear of snow, so our firefighters are not delayed attending to an emergency.

By now, each home should have received our Annual Mailing containing our Borough Calendar, updated information regarding borough recycling, rabies clinic, town wide garage sale and other pertinent information. If you did not receive one or have misplaced it, you can download everything from our website or please feel free to stop by Borough Hall and ask for a packet.

In late January, I had the honor of attending former Mayor John Kramer's retirement reception where he was honored by many organizations throughout Old Tappan and Bergen County for his 62 years of public service to Old Tappan. Bergen County Police Chiefs, Senator Holly Schepisi and the Old Tappan Fire Department made special presentations and the Old Tappan Volunteer First Aid Corps made our former Mayor an honorary member. The Old Tappan Governing Body also presented Mayor Kramer with a key to our great community.

As you drive through town, please notice our new electronic message board where many important announcements will be posted regarding meetings, events, and other community information.

Your governing body has remained hard at work over the past several weeks preparing our 2024 municipal budget, which we plan on introducing by late March. Our goal for your budget is to be fiscally responsible while addressing the needs of every resident of Old Tappan.

At our February 5th Mayor and Council meeting, we will be recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of the 5th and 6th grade Northern Valley Eagles football team for their 10-0 championship season. Great job boys!!

In closing, I invite you to attend our Mayor & Council meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, your feedback is always appreciated. We would love to hear from you.

Very best regards,

Thomas Gallagher

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