

FALL  
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ISSUE



Mayor's Message



Since the early 1980's, which encompasses both the Gallagher and Wiss administrations, your Mayor and council has worked very hard to keep our town safe, and our municipal taxes low (the only

component of your tax liability that we are responsible for). Throughout this period, Old Tappan has been at the forefront of forming shared services agreements with neighboring communities because we collectively recognized early on that when times were troubling (like they are today), sharing with other municipalities will reduce our overall operating and capital expenditures.

Shared services agreements that we have entered into are as follows: a senior bus, street sweeper, and sewer jet and bucket truck with Hillsdale, whereby we allow each town to share one vehicle, some as part of a scheduled program and some on an as needed basis. We are partnering with Northvale in a grant request for the Safe Routes to School program. Our long standing partnerships with Fire and First Aid continue through the mutual aid program. Our Police dispatch is done with Rivervale, fuel is purchased through Bergen County, and our police department utilizes cooperative purchasing with other police agencies, purchasing supplies such as ammunition, flares and other agency supplies to reduce costs. We are also the fuel supplier to River Vale, Northern Valley Regional High School, River Vale Police Department and Charles DeWolf School, all the while ensuring that emergency service vehicles have a ready source of fuel thereby reducing the need for separate, costly pumping centers. Last year Old Tappan, in conjunction with nine other towns, entered into a cooperative agreement with the county for a new sewer jet truck. This is a cost savings to us in excess of \$200,000.

Additionally, when you think about shared services, one of the first may have been BCCLS, The Bergen County Cooperative Library Service. Innovative in its time and now taken for granted, BCCLS makes every book available to any resi-

dent from any library in the system. We are blessed to have a blue chip facility staffed by extraordinary people at the library, under the outstanding leadership of Susan Meeske.

And lastly, you may recall the Resource Optimization Initiative we started with School Superintendent Bill Ward a few years back. Through ROI we assist the schools with maintenance and upkeep of their fields and machinery, as well as provide fuel for their vehicles. The borough and the school board are in the process of looking into energy audits to obtain real solutions to energy conservation. We are also in the process of exploring alternative energy production, including solar.

As you can imagine, the above mentioned agreements don't really "show up in the box score." Unless you see it and feel it, you really don't know that they exist, or that we are working on them. But they do exist; they have been and will continue to be an important part of this Mayor and Council's thinking.

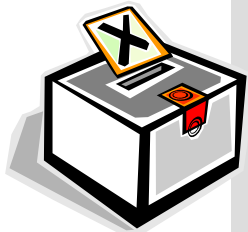
While minimizing taxes, preserving open space, and entering into intelligent shared services agreements are our primary objectives, we also must ensure that we continue to meet the demands of our residents for first class quality services. In each department of the borough, we strive for consistent service excellence. Every day our Police Department protects and serves our community admirably. Our Department of Public Works keeps our parks beautiful. Stone Point and Oakes Park are truly showcase parks!! Like every year, if you needed to drive on our roads after a snowstorm, our DPW seems to know how to clear roads and keep them clear better than any other town. The Old Tappan Golf Course is spectacular because of the expertise, work ethic and training of our Golf Course employees. And let's not forget Champion's Grill at the Golf Course; where consistently superb food is being served.

While other towns continue to struggle with providing emergency fire and medical ser-

vices, our Fire Department and First Aid Corps are always at the ready to meet our emergency needs. The Council and I have provided the Borough Hall with state of the art technological tools to increase efficiency in the administration of the Borough, and the customer service focus of the Borough Hall employees is unparalleled. Across the board our Borough Departments, as well as our boards, committees and commissions, make the most out of each budget dollar while providing exemplary services. This is no accident as there is a conscious effort made on our part to make sure that we are doing everything possible to protect your greatest financial investment-your home.

As we approach the end of the fall and the holidays are right around the corner, this is truly a special time in our town. Let me know how you are doing and how the Council and I can make your Old Tappan even better. We invite you to attend our meetings and witness how your elected officials manage the affairs of the borough: positively, disciplined and in a totally transparent manner.





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2009 ELECTIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK



**GENERAL ELECTION:** Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:am - 8pm

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 indicates your District and Polling Place in the left hand corner. Contact the Municipal Clerks office at 201-664-1849 ext. 238 if you have any questions.

**POLLING PLACE FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2, & 3:** T. Baldwin Demarest School, School Street/Herrick Drive



Property Taxes are due 11/1/09. There is a 10 day grace period until 11/10/09.

Property Taxes are due 2/1/10. There is a 10 day grace period until 2/10/10.

Sewer User fee is due 3/1/10. There is a 10 day grace period until 3/10/10.

The Tax Collector's office will now accept payment of the Sewer User fee and the annual installment of the your Special Assessment either by credit or debit card (VISA and MasterCard) in person at the Tax Collector's office.

**Do we have your correct mailing address:** Many tax bills as well as other important notices from the Tax Collector are returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Property owners often neglect advising our office that their mailing address has changed. Please help us to keep our records up to date. Requests to change your mailing address must be submitted in writing.

### 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.

Just a reminder to all Property Owners that Old Tappan General Code Article 3 section 100-14 requires Certificate of Occupancy upon change of ownership or tenancy. (Commercial or Residential). Applications are available on-line or at Borough Hall. This requirement ensures Building, Zoning and Fire Prevention compliance.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER...

**RAGAMUFFIN PARADE** on Saturday, October 24, 2009, 9:00a.m. at Oakes Park. Raindate—Saturday, October 31, 2009—more info page 8

**HALLOWEEN** on Saturday, October 31, 2009, 12:00p.m. DRIVE CAREFULLY!!!

**ELECTION DAY** to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. More information on this page.

**CRAFTY LADIES CRAFT SALE** on November 7, 2009, 9 am—3 pm at the Trinity Reformed Church

**NIGHT AT THE RACES** on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Fire House sponsored by the Old Tappan Fire Department. — more info page 5

**LIONS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE** on November 30, 2009, 4pm—7pm at the OT Fire House

**GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** on December 3, 2009, Noon, at Colonial Inn, Norwood—more info page 9

**OLD TAPPAN SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY** on Thursday, December 17, 2009, Noon at the OT Fire House—more info page 9

**GOLDEN AGE CLUB "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"** on December 10, 2009, Noon, in Paterson—more info page 9

## Message from your Department of Public Works Superintendant...

By the time you read this your DPW is getting ready for soon to be falling leaves. We have also discontinued our chipping schedule as of October 7<sup>th</sup>.

This brings us to leaf pickup. Leaves may not be placed in the street before October 6<sup>th</sup> this is due to local, state and federal stormwater regulations. The department will begin picking up leaves in the street on October 13<sup>th</sup> and continue until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2010. We will pick up on the west side of town (Central Ave. to River Vale) on January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and the east side (Central Ave. to the state line including Central Ave.) January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Branches will also be picked up at this time if time allows.



**Did** you know that most water pollution does not come from manufacturing and other commercial sources, but from runoff from our streets, parking lots, driveways and lawns. This is the reason that our federal, state and local governments have enacted certain laws and ordinances to protect our drinking water, these are known as the "Phase II Stormwater Regulations". Old Tappan is not alone in the ordinances and requirements that you have been reading about, most towns in New Jersey are required to have similar ordinances.

You may have noticed that most of the storm drains on the borough streets have had a label installed on them, this is part of the regulation and is to help remind us that what goes into these drains goes into our waterways. Virtually all of the storm drains in Old Tappan drain to the reservoir right here in town or go to the Hackensack River, this is the source of our drinking water that is supplied to us by United Water. We all need to do our part to protect and improve our water quality for our future.



One ordinance that is required covers "yard waste" and the section that will directly impact us all deals with leaves and grass clippings that are not containerized. This would be during our leaf collection season specifically, for 2009 that would be between October 13<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Leaves and grass may not be placed in the street more than 7 days prior to a pickup, so nothing can be placed in the street before October 6, 2009. During the season we will make every attempt to give everyone a weekly pickup, please do not place leaves in the street immediately after yours have been picked up. Leaves and grass clippings must also be kept 10 feet from any storm drain. This is the only time of the year that you may place yard waste in the street for collection, at any other time it must be in a container that will be picked up by your garbage contractor. If you have a landscape contractor please advise them of the regulations.

Another of the required ordinances covers the storm drains and what can and cannot be allowed to drain or be placed in them. Besides stormwater some examples of other allowable discharges into storm drains are from basement and crawl space sump pumps, foundation and footing drains, residential car washing and swimming pool discharges (filter backwashing is not allowed), irrigation, sidewalk and driveway washing. There are some others but they are not related to residential discharges. Any other items are strictly prohibited including leaves, grass clippings and pet waste. This also includes items you expect such as paint, oil and other chemicals as well as soda cans and other floatable items that can harm wildlife in our waterways.

You can visit [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net) for full details on the ordinances and additional information as well as [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) further details on related topics.

## Tire Recycling Computers/Electronics Program

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

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, November 7, 2009

Collection Hours: 9am-2pm (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](http://BCUA.org) Look under Solid Waste recycling and than Household Hazardous Waste for a list of items which will be accepted. Location and times are:

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday November 21, 2009

Collection Hours 9am-2pm (rain or shine)

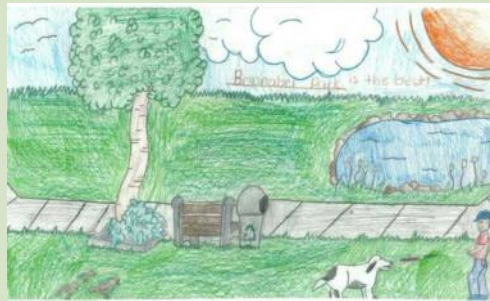
## Bonnabel Park will be a park for all of us to enjoy.

Environmental Commission Chairperson Paula Clark recently awarded three \$100 Savings Bonds to the winners of the Poster Contest sponsored by the Environmental Commission. The three winner's entries are shown here. The Commission wants to thank all the children who entered. The Posters were exceptional and choosing one, from those submitted from the third, fourth and fifth grade entries, was very difficult. Congratulations to all who entered.

At the Commission's September meeting we were pleased to host members of our High School and discuss pollution as part of their class requirement. Topics included trash pick up, composting and reusing bags for shopping. We discussed the Borough's tree replacement ordinance and also the role the Commission has as well. We learned of a club at our High School called SOPE which is concerned with environmental issues. Recently they have tested bottled water and tap water.



2nd Grade Winner—Subin



3rd Grade Winner—Jake



4th Grade Winner—Brielle

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The Borough of Old Tappan and The Old Tappan Police Department invite you to join NIXLE. Stay instantly informed and trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information available. You choose the information you want, for the addresses you want all delivered for free by text message, email and or on the web. Sign up now at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Register now—its free and easy!!



## A Message from Our Police Chief...

With one of the wettest summers over with and starting into the fall season, I can only hope that winter will be mild with only small accumulations of snow. Just a reminder that there is No Overnight Parking permitted from 2 AM until 6 AM from November 15<sup>th</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The schools are open now and a lot of activity is going on both during the daytime and evening, so please make an extra effort to slow down in the school zones regardless of the time of day that you are passing through. Stop for all school buses that are picking children up or risk a hefty fine and loss of license.

Parents are again asked to not block driveways nor come early to line up for children being discharged from the schools. It always seems that the first parent who lines up to pick up their child has the child that is always late coming out and therefore blocks up the entire street. Park a block or two away and drop off or pick up your children - exercise is good for all of us. There is No Parking within 25 feet of all intersections and 50 feet of any Stop Sign. Obey the School Marshals directions.

The Borough and the Old Tappan Police Department have recently signed on to a new community notification system called Nixle. You can now receive alerts, advisories, traffic, and community messages. This system allows you to choose the information you want to go to text or email or both at your choice. Go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and check to see if you want to belong.

Residents with alarms systems are reminded that 2010 alarm registration and fees (\$20.00) are due at the beginning of the New Year. You will receive your notice in the mail. Please make sure all emergency contacts and phone numbers are updated.



Please be careful during Halloween for young children walking after dark and in the streets. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult after 8 PM on Cabbage Night and Halloween. Destruction of property will not be tolerated.

As always, please make adjustments to outside timers for lighting and trim or remove overgrown shrubbery around your house that may hide a potential burglar. Always let someone know when you will be away so that they can watch for suspicious persons who may be lurking in the area. Call the Police Department if you are going to be away for an extended amount of time. No one can replace keepsakes once they've been stolen. Keep alert! Keep safe!

On November 14<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM – 2 PM the Old Tappan Police Department will be a drop off point for unused, unwanted and expired medicine. This program is called "Operation Medicine Cabinet" and is being conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration in an effort to educate New Jersey residents about prescription drug abuse and the easy access to these drugs. The goal of the program is to allow the citizens of New Jersey to deliver all of their unused, unwanted, or expired medications to law enforcement officials who can, in turn, dispose of these controlled substances in a safe and non-hazardous manor, preventing these pills from falling into the hands of juveniles or into the illicit market in our community.



## Old Tappan Police Headquarters Open For Business

Sunday, June 14, 2009, marked the grand opening of the new Police Headquarters. On hand to commemorate the occasion was Waysun Dun of the FBI. Present were Mayor Polce, Chief Fasulo, and Police Commissioner John Kramer. The ceremony began with the raising of the American flag done by Old Tappan Boy Scout Troop 132. OT Council members, members of the OT First Aid Corp and OT Fire Department were also present. Over 200 people attended the ceremony which was followed by tours of the new facility and refreshments.





## The Old Tappan Municipal Alliance

### 19th Annual Mayor's Trophy Golf Tournament



was held on Monday, October 5th, at the OT Golf Course. The weather was perfect and the golfing was almost perfect! Thank you to everyone who helped make the tournament a success!

The purpose of the *OT Municipal Alliance* program is to promote public awareness concerning alcoholism and drug abuse as well as determine problem solving strategies for our community's unique substance abuse & prevention needs for all ages.

Next up - **FRIGHT NIGHT** at CDW!



We are often questioned as to how much personal time we put in to the Old Tappan Ambulance Corps. Well we have some data we'd like to share. The OTFAC responded to 373 calls in 2008. Our top 5 responders to ambulance corps calls are—Paul Zeller, Dottie Gillespie, Debbie Barbash, Marie Zeller, and Lynn McIntosh. On average they responded to 109 calls each! While our top 10 people responded to 75 calls each, the top 20 with 46 each. That is less than one per week. The average call lasted approximately 1.5 hours. Not bad for the opportunity to be a contributor to the community. The majority of these calls are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Think you may be interested? Here's some questions you need to ask your self. Can you be counted on? Can you work under pressure with a clear head? After some training can you give 1 to 3 hours per week? Do you wish to serve your community? We are open to new members if you are looking for a place where you can make a difference.

We have new members joining us even now - Our new EMT's - Maria Assante, Ryan Kierce, Janette Pontillo, Stephanie Pontillo, Paul Zeller (All just passed the state test) and two new members that came in as EMT's - Kristel Mockler & Chris Reilly. Congratulations and welcome to all of them!

We also have a new junior member in EMT school - Rachel Hartman!

You can make a difference by joining the Old Tappan First Aide Corps at 201-666-9030.

The OTFAC has medical equipment such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and immobility toilets that it can lend you the next time you are in need. Contact the Old Tappan First Aide Corps at 201-666-9030.

The Old Tappan First Aide Corps would like to give a special note of thanks to Evelyn Lidston of Old Tappan whose recent donation allowed us to buy two pulse oximeter for our ambulances. They help us keep track of a patients pulse and oxygen levels at all times. Old Tappan thanks you, Evelyn Lidston.

## 1st Annual Night at the Races

Brought to you by

### The Old Tappan Volunteer Fire Department



**Where:** Old Tappan Firehouse

**Date:** Saturday, 11/14/09

**Time:** 07:00 pm

**Contact Number:** 201-666-6405



The Old Tappan Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its first annual "Night at the Races" at the Old Tappan firehouse on Saturday, November 14, 2009. The event will feature a beefsteak dinner and some actual horse races that have been videotaped and narrated from start to finish by many of America's top rated announcers. This audience participation event will give guests a chance to "WIN" something, "PLACE" their bets, and "SHOW" their skills. Tickets are available for \$25.00 per person, and can be purchased from any Old Tappan firefighter, or by visiting the Old Tappan firehouse (downstairs) on a Monday evening, or by calling 201-666-6405. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Beefsteak dinner will begin at 7pm, races will start promptly at 8 p.m.

**Ticket Prices:** \$25.00













## Upcoming Recreation Dates to Remember.....

	DATE & TIME	PLACE
OTBSA Annual Association Meeting	Monday, October 19th, 7 p.m.	Firehouse
<b>Ragamuffin Parade</b> Adults & Children welcome to Dress Up See below for more information	Saturday, October 24th, 9 a.m. Raindate: Saturday, October 31st, 9a.m.	Oakes Park
Indoor Soccer Registration	October 1st through 31st	Online or at the Borough Hall

To Register go to: [Oldtappan.net/Recreation](http://Oldtappan.net/Recreation) & Golf/ on-line registration

## 2009 Ragamuffin Parade

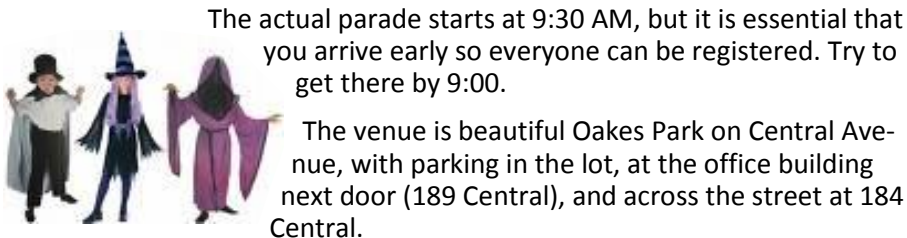
Saturday, October 24, 2009

Starts at 9:30 sharp - arrive by 9:00 to register

Rain date: October 31st same time and place

**Oakes Park on Central Avenue**

Each year on the Saturday of or before Halloween we have a ragamuffin parade for children of all ages, which include parents and grandparents. We welcome all to participate in the most original costumes possible.



Everyone does a double loop around the park, and then all meet at the gazebo where you will find refreshments and await the decisions of the judges for the best costumes in many categories for all age groups.

Every year the Women's Club of Old Tappan and the Elementary School PTA donate their time, the prizes, snacks, and do the judging. A great deal of effort goes into this event, and the community appreciates all of their hard work and generosity.

**SO MAKE SURE THAT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009, YOU ARE THERE FOR THE CELEBRATION.**



located at the Old Tappan Golf Course  
**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**  
**Now open**

*For terrific American cuisine, check out Old Tappan's best-kept secret – Champions Grill -- located at the Old Tappan Golf Course. Open to the public and available for parties and special events, Champions offers a comfortable place to enjoy great food and good company. With three big screen TVs, Champions is now open Monday evenings at 6:00 PM during football season. Tuesday through Sunday lunch and dinner is served from 11:30 AM to 9:00 PM. Call Marjory today to arrange your special event.*



## WOMAN'S CLUB INFORMATION FOR THE FALL 2009 OLD TAPPAN NEWS

### Woman's Club thanks Community for their support

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan members thank the community for so generously supporting our very successful Rummage Sale fundraiser to benefit scholarships, local projects and charities that was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Old Tappan Fire House.

### Fall and Winter Meetings – Guests Welcome

We welcome new members. Guests are invited to our meetings which are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 7pm at the Old Tappan Fire House. At our annual Member/Guest Pot Luck Supper on October 20<sup>th</sup> club member Lee Wintrop and her seeing-eye dog Winkie will present a program in honor of Blind Awareness Month demonstrating adaptable equipment for the blind. The November 17<sup>th</sup> program is a holiday craft workshop, and January 19<sup>th</sup> features a game night. For information call Christine at 201-767-9512.

### Ragamuffin Parade on Saturday, October 24 – Check-in at 9:00am at Oakes Park

The Woman's Club, PTA and Recreation Commission co-sponsor this fun-filled event. There are awards and refreshments for all.

### Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5

The Woman's Club will be having a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5 from 9:30am to 11:00am at Trinity Reformed Church Fellowship Hall. Admission is \$7.00 per person. The price includes breakfast, games, crafts, goodie bags, and an individual visit with Santa. Bring your cameras to capture the moment. 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"

There are a limited number of Woman's Club "Treasured Recipes" cookbooks remaining – a collection of 500 favorites in an attractive padded 3-ring binder format. Cost is now only \$10.00. Call Libby at 201-767-1097.

### Student Award Recipients

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan congratulates the students who were recipients of its awards in 2009. Graduating seniors from Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan, Mackenzie Moran won the \$1,000 Woman's Club of Old Tappan Scholarship and Robert O'Har received the \$250 Musical Theater Award. Six eighth grade graduates of the Charles DeWolf School were presented with \$100 Bonds: Spanish Award –Jong-Min Youn; Science Award –Anise Charles; Athletic Award –Emily Maccaro; Achievement Award –Halle Sarfin; two Alice Gaffney Memorial Math Awards –Noah Mufson and Sarah Aanonsen.

### *Brought to you by the Senior Advisory Committee....*

The Holiday Celebration party for all seniors in Old Tappan will be held on December 17, 2009 in the Old Tappan Fire House at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Come start the holiday season with your friends and neighbors. Transportation available if needed.

### *The Golden Age Club of Old Tappan...*

The Golden Age Club has a very busy fall schedule. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the Fire House at 12:00p.m. In addition to meetings we have 2 trips in October. The Oktoberfest at the Platzl Haufbrau in Pomona is always a treat. Then the Bergen County trip to Atlantic City will be on October 27th. December 3rd is our Club Christmas Party at the Colonial Inn and December 10th we go to the Brownstown in Paterson for "Christmas Around The World". Don't forget the Holiday Party for all Old Tappan seniors on December 17th. We want to welcome the new members that joined us this year and invite any seniors that are still sitting home to come join us. We each walk our own path in life but it's more fun to travel with friends!

Addition information call Jean @ 201-664-4282

### OLD TAPPAN LIBRARY NEWS...

One word summarizes our summer-BUSY! Our circulation for July & August was 22,854. Adults books: 7176; Juvenile: 7264; Music cds: 2084; DVDs: 5238; Audio books: 1024. We offered numerous programs ranging from Mommy & me to drama and music classes.

**Upcoming special events for children and adults.** Call the library at 201 664-3499 to register & for further information.

- October 4<sup>th</sup>: Resident Carol Roth will read her new children's picture book, followed by a craft. Ages 3 and older.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Julie Della Torre, professional storyteller, will enlighten the audience with scary stories just in time for Halloween. All ages.
- November 1<sup>st</sup>: A repeat performance by Sal Chiavelli singing Broadway tunes
- November 19<sup>th</sup>: A repeat performance by Corbin Maxey "The Reptile Guy" and his exotic animals. Ages 5 and older.
- December 5<sup>th</sup>: Helena Bogosian, local children's author, will amaze us with her incredible clay creations. Ages 4 and older.
- December 13<sup>th</sup>: A Victorian Christmas, by Linda Russell. Music celebrating 19<sup>th</sup> century Christmas in America.

Friday Flix for all ages continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 1:00pm. The senior van is available for transportation.

The library is always in need of ESL (English as a second language) tutors for our residents. Training is provided. If you are interested in a rewarding experience, please call the library at 201 664-3499 and ask for Maria.



## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE . . .



### Stopping the Flu is up to you!!

The Old Tappan Board of Health is asking for your help to limit the number of people infected with the flu this fall. The best way to approach this is a two part plan, part one to avoid getting the flu, and part two to avoid spreading the flu.

#### Part 1

- Wash your hands several times a day. Using soap and warm water, scrub your hands for 20 seconds or one time through the ABC song. At the very least, wash your hands before eating and after using the bathroom.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people. Try to keep at least 6 feet between you and the person who is ill.
- Get your seasonal flu shot. It will not protect you against the H1N1 flu but it will protect you from three strains of seasonal flu that are expected to be in the area this fall and spring.

#### Part 2

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Don't send your children to school if they are sick.
- Don't sneeze into your hands; instead sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. Make sure the tissue goes into a garbage can and you wash your hands as soon as possible.
- Wear a face mask if you can when around other people.
- If you are an employer, don't penalize your workers for staying home when they are sick or for staying home with their sick children.
- Make plans for what you would do if someone in your family gets sick.

If enough of us do these things, it should slow the spread of the flu and help us to reduce the total number of cases of the flu.

## CRAFT SALE

The CRAFTY LADIES 15th annual CRAFT SALE will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Chapel building on the grounds at Trinity Reformed Church, 292 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the INTER-RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS in Bergen County.

The crafts are of high quality and sell at reasonable prices. There will be non-seasonal as well as holiday and gift items.

*There will also be for sale new & gently used holiday & gift items of exceptional quality that have been donated for this purpose. Included here are knick-knacks, jewelry, books, toys, household & personal items.*

There will be a snack bar selling beverages, breakfast & lunch. Gourmet baked goods will also be for sale.

More than \$40,500.00 has been donated to the IRF over the past 14 years. The CRAFTY LADIES thank you for your generous support in the past and ask for your support again this year. Please bring a friend.

## Around Town with Old Tappan Social Services



With the help of many in our community, the food/supply pantry was kept well stocked during the spring and summer months. Many thanks to those who contributed: Prince of Peace Church, St. Pius Church, Trinity Reformed Church, Woman's Club of Old Tappan, OTFD Ladies Auxiliary, Old Tappan Girl Scouts, T. Baldwin Demarest School and the Charles DeWolf Middle School.

Girl Scout, Caroline Annichiarico, delivers nutritional, delicious meals to residents as part of her requirements to accomplish the Gold Award in scouting, the

equivalent to Eagle Scout. Personal Touch Catering and Special Events, Hackensack, NJ generously donates weekly meals for this program.

Charles DeWolf Middle School students will be volunteering throughout the Borough as part of a community service initiative. Watch for the stu-



dents at future events. These volunteers prepared refreshments for the Friday Movies at the Library.

Shannon McBride and Kate Ledingham earned their Girl Scout Silver Award by assisting area seniors in a variety of ways. They eagerly baked, cooked, cleaned, read, served, shopped, visited and walked – all to lend a helping hand.



Old Tappan remains one of the richest communities in volunteering and spirit due to the caring and generosity of our residents. Neighbors helping neighbors, the foundation of our mission, is continuously evident throughout our town. If you know of someone who may benefit from our services or would like to become involved in one of our programs, please contact the Social Services Office at 201-664-1849 x 25. Please watch for our annual fund raising letter this fall. Your donation is greatly appreciated!



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Did you know that in 2009 Old Tappan Social Services was there:

- ⌘ When employment was lost
- ⌘ When the rent could not be paid
- ⌘ When the utility bill could not be paid
- ⌘ When special summer camp fees and recreation fees were needed
- ⌘ When emergency home repairs were needed
- ⌘ When families needed food, health, paper and cleaning supplies
- ⌘ When disability benefits and food stamps were denied or not enough
- ⌘ When dental benefits were not available

Old Tappan Social Services makes every effort to keep focused on **Our Mission: "to help our neighbors maintain their quality of life during times of unexpected hardship."** Please help us with our mission to help those in need by considering a financial contribution. Your contribution is tax deductible and can be dropped off at or mailed to the Borough Hall. Thank you so very much for your support.

I want to help Old Tappan Social Services help those in need.

Please accept my donation of: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this donation slip to: Old Tappan Social Services  
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