

# 2011 Issue 2



## *Mayor's Message*



I believe that there is no more critical task for a governing body than the adoption of the budget. It is important to remember that the business of managing the Borough is truly a FINANCIAL one, and must always be looked upon from that perspective. Over the past eleven years, the overriding focus of this Mayor and Council has been to fashion a budget which is fiscally prudent within the overall context of managing our community. Goals such as preserving open space, investing in our infrastructure or providing our library with the necessary resources that they need to maintain their first class status are all viewed in the context of their present, and future financial implications. This administration has not, nor will we ever, compromise our long term financial health for short term political gains.

The Council and I worked diligently together at numerous budget sessions during January and February. In point of fact, this process started much earlier as I sent a letter in October to each department stating that its operating budget would be reduced by 5% from the previous year. The entire council and I met with our Auditor and senior staff in November to review 2010 and craft a responsible plan for the 2011 budget. We then reviewed every department request (including capital items which are needed to maintain our best in class services) and met with the heads of our various departments, boards, committees and commissions.

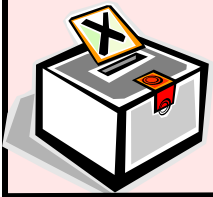
With the assistance of our Chief Financial Officer, Rebecca Overgaard, as well as our Municipal Accountant, Jeff Bliss we have put together a fiscally prudent budget for the year 2011. The result is an increase in the municipal portion of the tax rate for 2011 of \$91 annually (or \$7.58 per month) on an average assessed home of \$826,000. This increase in the municipal rate is caused in part by the reduction in interest income as short and long term rates hover around record lows, state mandated increases in pension costs, rising medical insurance costs, and higher utility and fuel costs (just look at your home heating bills and when you fill up your tank with gas). Finally, our "business first" approach has resulted in a bond rating that is now one notch below AAA, which is the second highest for municipalities in the Passaic and Northern Valley areas. This Mayor and Council will never use long term borrowing to support our day to day operating expenses. That is a recipe for financial Armageddon which would adversely affect your financial investment in this town.

At this time, we cannot project the overall tax rate for our community, as the local school, regional high school, and county budgets have yet to be finalized. **However please remember that the municipal portion of the overall tax rate, which funds all Borough operations from the Police to the DPW to the Borough Hall, is only about 16% of the overall tax rate.** The Old Tappan Board of Education, the Northern Valley Regional High School Board of Education, and the County of Bergen control approximately 84% of the overall tax rate.

The public hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget is scheduled for Monday, May 2 at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall. Please give us the benefit of your input. The proposed budget is available for your review on the "News" page of our website, [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net) and is also available for review at Borough Hall. You may also email me your thoughts at [mayor@oldtappan.net](mailto:mayor@oldtappan.net). **Remember, our goal is to ensure that Old Tappan continues to be the extraordinary place it has always been, and that YOUR financial investment in this community is truly a profitable one.**

I want to again thank the DPW, Police and all of our personnel for their extraordinary work thus far this year. Numerous major snowstorms have plagued havoc for our residents and they did an absolutely superb job during the entire time.

Thank you and let's enjoy our spring season in our beautiful town.



## Important Information For the 2011 Elections from the Office of the Borough Clerk

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 2pm - 9pm

**PRIMARY ELECTION:** Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 6am - 8pm

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tue., May 17<sup>th</sup>. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., May 17<sup>th</sup> until 9pm

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

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 18<sup>th</sup>. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> until 9 pm

The Bergen County Board of Elections issues voter Registration Cards.

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. 14 if you have any questions.

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

## SCHEDULE OF

## EVENTS TO REMEMBER...

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Saturday, April 23rd, 10:30 am at Oakes Park. More info on back page.

**LI GRECI'S STAATEN** at Staten Island, NY, April 26. More info on page 6.

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS:** Wednesday, April 27th. More info above

**NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE:** Sat. April 30th at the OT Police Department. Dispose of your unused or expired prescription drugs between 10am—2pm. More info page 4.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM:** Monday, May 2nd 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the Old Tappan Firehouse. More info page 6.

**WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE TOUR:** Sunday, May 15, 2011. More info page 6.

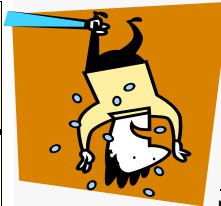
**MAYOR TROPHY GOLF OUTING:** at the Old Tappan Golf Course, Monday, May 23, 2011

**MANHATTAN BY MOTORCOACH TOUR,** May 24. More info on page 6.

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SENIOR LUNCH:** Thursday, May 26th. All OT Senior Residents welcome. More info on page 4.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** Monday, May, 30th. More info on back page.

**TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE:** Friday, June 10 thru Sunday, June 12. More info on page 7.



Property Taxes are due 5/1/11. There is a 10 day grace period until 5/10/11.

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

**2009 Homestead Benefit (Rebate).** The deadline for filing 2009 applications was January 3, 2011. Eligible homeowners will receive their homestead benefit for 2009 as a credit on the property tax bill for the second quarter of 2011. A new tax bill for the May 2011 quarter will be sent to you by April 1, 2011.

**2010 Homestead Benefit.** Information about the 2010 Homestead Benefit Program is not yet available. Tenant rebates were suspended for 2009. As a result, no tenant rebate application is included in the 2010 NJ-1040 resident return packet.

2011 Tax bills should be sent out sometime in the beginning of July 2011 as soon as the tax rate is certified. These tax bills will be calculated using your new assessed value. The third quarter is due August 1, 2011

### **Local 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. Max income of \$10,000 after allowable deductions and exclusions.

**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.

### **State Administered Annual Deductions on Property Taxes:**

Homestead Benefit (Rebate)

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Filing deadline is on or before 6/1/11

Please go online to review programs and frequently asked questions. The NJ Division of Taxation's website is <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation>. If you don't have access to a computer, you may call the following telephone numbers:

Homestead Benefit - 1-888-238-1233

Property Tax Reimbursement - 1-800-882-6597



### THE OLD TAPPAN GOLF COURSE "BERGEN COUNTY'S BEST KEPT SECRET"

The Old Tappan Golf Course opened recently with some new and exciting features for the 2011 golf season. The primary goal for the season is to attract additional members from Old Tappan as well as non-resident singles and families. Membership rates have been revised and playing conditions have been improved.

To summarize the benefits of the course:

- A private, professionally maintained and updated golf course.
- Membership is available to both residents and non-residents. Memberships include Single, Family, Senior and Junior both full and weekday at adjusted rates.
- Both Men's and Women's Clubs with weekly competitions and tournaments.
- Golf outings are welcomed.
- Full Pro Shop with top quality equipment.
- Private and group lessons available to members and non-members.
- New Restaurant "The Bouwerie"

The restaurant is privately operated, inspired by Contemporary American Cuisine and operated by local Old Tappan natives Keith Roche and assistant manager Dan DeMiglio. Whether a family dinner, date night, private event or just enjoying time with friends the Bouwerie can accommodate all your needs. Their motto is simple "Great food, great service, fresh products in a warm atmosphere at a reasonable price". Lunch and dinner is served Tuesday through Sunday and their famous Southern inspired Sunday Brunch. Call 201-564-7939 for reservations.

For additional information contact Doug Meeks the Golf Professional at 201-767-1199.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...

The recycling center is opened Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am until 3:00 pm, and from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturdays (except holidays). Please bring only those items designated for recycling and place them in the appropriate designated container, please do not place plastic bags in with your items. Please use the curbside pickup whenever possible to prevent an overflow situation at the DPW yard.

We do not accept garbage, construction debris, paint or chemicals etc. Violators will be prosecuted. If you have any questions as to what is acceptable or where you may dispose of items, please refer to your recycling bulletin or call 201- 664-4438.



### ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE...

The Old Tappan Environmental Commission seeks new members. At present several seats are available. No college degrees or engineering licenses are required....just an active interest in pursuing ideas and actions that will make our Community –and our planet- a more sustainable, eco-friendly place to live and work. Let's hear what you have to say. All are welcome. Please contact Pat O'Brien at Borough Hall for details (201-664-1849 Ex. 12).

**Solar Power Project:** the solar panels are being installed and work is progressing quickly to have the panels energized this spring. Soon the roof-top panels at Borough Hall, the police station, fire house and DPW will be generating enough energy to not-only power these buildings, but also to generate surplus energy the Borough will "sell-back" to PSE&G. Capital funding for the project was made possible through a State grant.

**Bonnabel Park Dedication:** Located at Lachmund's Bend on Old Tappan Road, this newest Borough Park will be dedicated this fall. Dedication ceremonies and activities are still being planned. Look for details in future editions of this Newsletter.

The Commission takes this opportunity to express sincere thanks to former Commission Chairperson Paula Clark. After serving the Commission for the better part of the past decade, Paula has taken leave to pursue other goals and interests. Paula's leadership and dedication will surely be missed.

The Commission also takes this opportunity to remind all residents to think and practice **"Green"** this spring. Recycle, compost, conserve, walk.....little things we all can do help our Community, our wallets and ourselves.

### Tire Recycling, Computers And Document Shredding Program

Homeowners wishing to dispose of tires, computer and Confidential Document Shredding are invited to bring these materials to the following locations:

Bergen County Community Services Building  
327 East Ridgewood Ave, Paramus  
Saturday, August 20, 2011

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, June 25, 2011  
Saturday, November 5, 2011

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

### Household Hazardous Waste Events

Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the locations listed below. To determine accepted materials go to [BCUA.org](http://BCUA.org). Look under Solid Waste recycling and then Household Hazardous Waste for a list of items.

Bergen Community College  
400 Paramus Road, Paramus  
Sunday, June 12, 2011  
Sunday, October 16, 2011

Bergen County Utilities Authority  
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie  
Saturday, July 16, 2011

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, May 14, 2011  
Saturday, September 10, 2011  
Saturday, November 5, 2011

Collection Hours 9am-3pm (rain or shine )

For more information click on to the BCUA web site or look at the hazardous waste flyer at <http://www.bcu.org/files/2010%20flyer.pdf>

The Old Tappan DPW yard will accept and recycle unwanted electronics which contain significant amount of toxic and precious metals. Look for the storage box in the rear of the yard.



## THE OLD TAPPAN POLICE DEPARTMENT...

The Old Tappan Police Department in cooperation with The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New Jersey Division would like to invite Old Tappan residents to participate in this year's National Take Back Initiative, to be held on Saturday April 30, 2011, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The location is Old Tappan Police Headquarters 21 Russell Avenue. The goal of the program is to allow the citizens of New Jersey to rid their homes of unused, unwanted, and expired medications by turning these medications in to law enforcement officials who can in turn dispose of these controlled substances in a safe and non-hazardous manner preventing pills from falling into the hands of juveniles or into the illicit market in our communities.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs. Each day approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

The Old Tappan Police Department is looking forward to our residents participation in this very important initiative. For additional information please contact Program Manager Sgt. Kevin Dorney at Police Headquarters.

As a reminder, the OTPD asks all residents and business owners to report any suspicious matters immediately to the Old Tappan Police Department. Receiving this timely information and investigating the activity as soon as reasonably possible is of the utmost importance. Thank you for helping us to assist you.

## OLD TAPPAN VOLUNTEER FIRST AID CORP...

### Need some excitement in your life?

If you'd like some excitement and are a good driver, we have something that can give you both. A driver for the Old Tappan First Aid Corps. We need people who are willing to give one night a week going on medical emergency calls, transporting patients to the hospital and returning home... safely. Sorry there is no pay, but there are some retirement benefits that all emergency service people in the state of New Jersey receive... okay, its not much... but your not doing it for the money... your doing it because you're a good driver, you'd like some excitement AND you'll be helping, or maybe even saving others!! ... a win all around. Come visit us at our monthly meetings, the third Monday of every month, 7PM at the OTFAC building or call us at (201) 666-9030. Look forward to seeing you behind the wheel!

### Clean Out and Dispose of Your Old Medications

At least once a year, you should check the labels on all of your medications. Medications that are past their expiration date, that have a change in color, smell, texture, or medicines that you are no longer taking should be disposed of properly. Expired medications may not work as well for you, or may even be harmful. **Do not flush drugs down the toilet.** Studies show that pharmaceutical waste is now present in our drinking water and harms our environment. Unfortunately, there are no waste treatment plants in the United States that are engineered to remove drugs from sewage. Again, **do not flush drugs down the toilet.** Pharmacies and county hazardous waste agencies sponsor take back programs where you can bring unused medication. Please consider disposing them at the Police Dept. on April 30th between the hours of 10am-2pm.

### Free Home Medical Equipment Available



Crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and other medical supplies are available for short-term or long-term use by any Old Tappan resident. Simply contact the Old Tappan Volunteer First Aid Corps at (201) 666-9030. Donated by generous townsfolk, our inventory includes not only crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs, but also commodes and shower supports. If you need equipment within 24 hours, call the OTPD 201-664-1221 and they will relay the message to us.

## THE OLD TAPPAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

The Old Tappan Municipal Alliance has been working diligently this year on scheduling and coordinating programs for the residents of Old Tappan regarding the dangers of substance abuse. The Alliance Committee is comprised of community members who develop the goals and objectives of the Alliance in our town. Their purpose 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. Prevention education activities and programs are developed and implemented at the municipal level with the goal of bringing awareness to and reducing alcohol and drug abuse. This year some alliance members joined a new High School Ad Hoc committee which shares our goal to reduce the number of student discipline referrals related to safety and substance abuse issues and explore more aggressive early intervention programs for substance abuse.

Upcoming Alliance events are as follows:

- National Take Back Initiative—Saturday, April 30, 2011, 10am-2pm at the OT Police Department. Please remember to dispose of your unused and expired prescription drugs. Please also remember to keep any prescription drugs out of the reach of children.
- Mayor's Trophy Golf Outing will be held on May 23, 2011, at the Old Tappan Golf Course. The golf outing is our major fundraiser and helps keep many of our programs running. Look for more information in the mail.
- Our successful **Senior Citizen Luncheon** will be held on May 26th at noon at the Korean Presbyterian Church of the Palisades. All Old Tappan Senior Residents are invited to attend.

## The Old Tappan Municipal Alliance

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The 20th Annual  
Mayor's Trophy  
Golf Tournament  
for a Drug Free  
Old Tappan

Monday, May 23, 2011

Rain Date, June 7th

Community involvement is what makes this tournament a success, and a successful tournament allows us to continue to bring drug and alcohol awareness programs to our community.

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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!!



## Camp Serendipity 2011

This year camp will run from July 12<sup>th</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

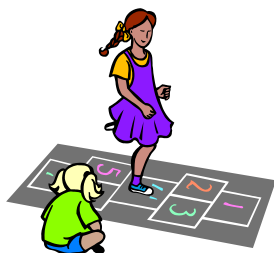
9AM-3PM

Location: TBD School

Registration will open on Community Pass by April 15, 2011

Registration Fee- \$200.00 per camper

Check the [Oldtappan.net](http://Oldtappan.net) website for updates....



### BASKETBALL

#### SUMMER TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Online registration for the  
Old Tappan's  
Summer 2011  
Basketball Program  
will begin March 31.

Teams formed at the following levels  
(The grade listed is grade currently in now)

Boys Grade 3/4	Girls Grade 3/4
Boys Grade 5/6	Girls Grade 5/6
Boys Grade 7/8	Girls Grade 7/8

REC. ACTIVITY	REGISTRATION	SEASON RUNS
Outdoor Soccer	May and June	Sept through Nov
Flag Football	May 1st-end Jun	Sept through mid Nov
Winter Rec Basketball	Oct 1 thru Nov 30	Dec 4 through Mar 26
Winter Travel Basketball	Nov 1 thru Nov 30	Jan 2 through Mar 25
Indoor Soccer	Oct 1- Oct 31	Jan through Mid Mar
Baseball/Softball	Nov- Dec	Early Mar into Jun
Spring Travel Baseball/Softball	March	Early Mar into Jun- Tryout reqr'd
Summer Travel Baseball/Softball	June	Early Jun thru late Jul-Tryout reqr'd
Youth Golf	April thru May	July
Summer Travel Basketball	April 1 thru Jun 15	Jun 20 thru Jul 31
Camp Serendipity	Mid Mar to Mid Jun	Jul 12-28- Tue/Wed/Thur
Ragamuffin Parade	n/a	Oct 29th
Town Day	n/a	September
Easter Egg Hunt	n/a	April 23rd

Play is in the evening and is against other towns in our general area.

The season will begin mid June and run until the end of July.

Our home games will be played at Stone Point Park and all are welcome to come and watch a fun evening of basketball.

Please go onto the Old Tappan website ( [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net)) and follow the links to Recreation and Online Registration.

All players will receive an Old Tappan Basketball Jersey.

For further info please contact Bruce Besserer at : [OldTappanHoops@gmail.com](mailto:OldTappanHoops@gmail.com)

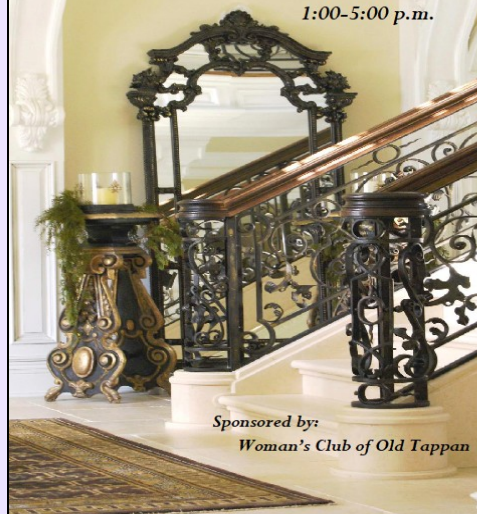
In addition, the Varsity Basketball coaches at NVOT HS will be offering a Girls Basketball Camp, run by Coach Brian Dunn and his players, and the Boys Basketball Camp run by Coach Dennis Rossi and his players. We will be sending out announcements for these camps once the dates are set; these camps have been well attended by our players in past years and are both fun and instructional.

*I would also like to thank all of our coaches, volunteers and most of all our players (from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) for a successful 2010/2011 program. We have more players participating in basketball in Old Tappan than ever before and it is a joy to see the growth and spirit in our program. Registration for the 2011/2012 season will be announced in the Fall issue of this newsletter.*



## HOUSE TOUR

Showing 5 magnificent homes in Old Tappan  
Sunday, May 15, 2011  
1:00-5:00 p.m.



Sponsored by:  
Woman's Club of Old Tappan

Tickets: Advance Purchase: \$25 - Day of: \$30  
Contact: Donna at 201-566-7624 or [housetourtickets@gmail.com](mailto:housetourtickets@gmail.com)

## SENIOR ADVISORY NEWS...

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Old Tappan Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety Program on May 2nd. This is a one-day classroom refresher that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust your driving to compensate for changes. As we all put a few more miles in the rear view mirror, it seems more and more has changed when it comes to our cars and the rules of the road. Familiar streets and road signs we used to know like the backs of our hands have changed to accommodate more cars and faster traffic. But it's not just our cars or the streets that have changed. So have we. Age-related changes such as reaction times, medical conditions affecting the heart, eyes, muscles, and brain, and the medicines used to treat those symptoms—can all affect our fitness to drive. With these changes in mind, it's good to review the elements of safe driving periodically so you can remain safe and confident behind the wheel. The AARP Driver Safety Program helps us do just that. It's designed to give you a chance to update your driving skills to respond to changes in yourself, your vehicle and the roads.

The Driver Safety Class will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the Old Tappan Firehouse located at 227 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ. There is no driving or scored testing involved. Current class fees are \$14.00 (\$12.00 for AARP members) payable by check only on the day of the class. The class is open to all New Jersey residents and is limited to 25 attendees. You will receive a certificate of completion after attending the course. Presenting this certificate to your insurance agent can often result in a reduction in your premiums which is good for three years. The class includes a 30-minute break for lunch. Attendees are urged to bring a bag lunch; coffee and cookies will be provided. If you are interested in taking advantage of this program please call 201-768-3383 to make a reservation or to obtain additional information.

### GOLDEN AGE CLUB TRIPS

- On April 26 there will be a trip to Li Greci's Staaten at Staten Island, NY. Tickets are \$52 and include luncheon followed by a Big Band Tribute with performers from the metropolitan area playing Dorsey, Miller, Basie and more plus a great comedian and dancing.
- On May 24 there will be a trip to Manhattan for a three hour guided motor coach tour of NYC. Tickets are \$48 for the tour and include a luncheon on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx followed by sightseeing and shopping.

Call 201-505-1976 for tickets and to reserve your space on the bus.

Busses leave from the firehouse.

## WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN NEWS...

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan is offering a \$1,000 Scholastic Award to a graduating high school senior who plans to continue a course of higher education. To be eligible, a student must have been a resident of Old Tappan for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to graduation. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, activities in and out of school, community involvement, and a personal letter. Applications may be obtained online at the Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan guidance website at [www.nvnet.org](http://www.nvnet.org) or by contacting the Woman's Club of Old Tappan Scholarship Committee Chairperson Elaine Duncan at 201-768-6775. Completed applications must be received by Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

### SPRING HOUSE TOUR TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

A Spring House Tour of five fabulous Old Tappan homes will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011, from 1 to 5 PM. Various interior designers, decorators, stylists, florists, kitchen and garden designers will showcase their styles in these homes, including Neiman Marcus, Ivanka's, Tyrells Florist, D'Ercole Farms and many more. The Spring House Tour is sponsored by the Woman's Club of Old Tappan and proceeds will support Gilda's Club, Shelter Our Sisters, other charities, and local scholarships. For tickets and information see our flyer on page 5.

Submitted by Pat Royall, Communications Chair, Woman's Club of OT

## LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

### *Helping Around Town!*

During the snowy months of winter, students from Charles DeWolf Middle School, under the direction of Ms. Kerry Beckmann, continued their strong commitment to community service by providing holiday gift bags for elderly residents, baked goods for bi-weekly senior movies at the OT Library, and visits to senior events around town. Additionally, Trinity Reformed Church and students from T. Baldwin Demarest School held drives to collect essential items for the OT Food and Supply Pantry. Thank you for helping our neighbors!!



## GIRL SCOUTS

### *Going for the Gold!*

Shannon McBride, a Girl Scout Ambassador from Old Tappan, is working on her Gold Award Project!

Shannon has started a collection of school supplies to benefit the Covenant House in Newark, New Jersey which provides food, shelter and immediate care to thousands of homeless children each year. Covenant House is the largest provider in the state of services to homeless and at-risk adolescents under the age of 22. Covenant House also provides health care, educational and vocational services, counseling, drug abuse treatment and prevention programs, legal services, mother/child programs and aftercare.

Anyone who has ever used a backpack or a notebook can donate. Donations of new or gently used backpacks and all types of school supplies are being accepted. All new school supplies are accepted: notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, paper, glue sticks, rulers, marble notebooks and more.

New and clean, gently used backpacks and all school supplies can be dropped off at the following locations: Old Tappan Public Library, Old Tappan Town Hall, T. Baldwin Demarest Elementary School, Charles DeWolf Middle School and St. Pius X Church now through April 29, 2011.

*Help provide these less fortunate children with school supplies!*







## BOROUGH TO HOST ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Borough of Old Tappan will again be hosting their annual town-wide garage sale the weekend of Friday, June 10th. This Garage Sale gives borough residents the opportunity to part with yesterday's treasures and find today's bargains.

For a fee of \$15 participants can hold their own garage sale at their residence without the hassle and huge cost of advertising. The town will take care of promoting the sale. Also, a map and list of participants' addresses will be printed and available for distribution to garage sale customers starting Wednesday, June 8th, and throughout the weekend. Maps will be available for pick-up at the Borough Hall on Wed, Thurs and Friday and at Stokes Farms on DeWolf Road throughout the weekend.

The event is sponsored by the Social & Cultural Affairs Committee of the Borough of Old Tappan. Residents wishing to participate can fill out the form below and drop it off with payment of \$15 to the Borough Hall on Old Tappan Road. You will also be provided with a bow to place on your mailbox to distinguish your home as a Town-Wide Garage Sale participant.

The form can also be found on the Old Tappan website: [www.OldTappan.net](http://www.OldTappan.net).

The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 1st.

All proceeds will benefit the Social & Cultural Affairs Committee which provides various town events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Concerts in the Park and Art in the Park.



Registration forms must be received by June 1, 2011

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Please complete and either mail or drop off with payment (please print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify what days and times you will be open:

Friday, June 10      Yes: ☐ No: ☐      Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 11      Yes: ☐ No: ☐      Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, June 12      Yes: ☐ No: ☐      Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Please make \$15.00 check payable to Borough of Old Tappan

MAIL TO:

Social & Cultural Affairs Committee  
c/o Borough of Old Tappan, 227 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675

Any questions, please contact Anna Haverilla at 201-954-7573 or email at [haverilla@oldtappan.net](mailto:haverilla@oldtappan.net)

## A cartoon illustration of a pink rabbit wearing sunglasses and holding several colorful Easter eggs. The rabbit is depicted in a dynamic, dancing pose, with one leg raised and arms outstretched. It is holding four Easter eggs: one in its right hand and three in its left. The eggs are decorated with various patterns and colors, including green, yellow, and red. The rabbit has a confident expression, with a slight smile and its signature sunglasses. The background is plain white, making the colorful rabbit and eggs stand out.

Eligible Hunters:

## 6, 7 and 8 year olds-join in an "Egg Hunt

*Bring your camera and take pictures with the Easter Bunny!!*

**2011 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be held on **Monday, May, 30, 2011**. The Parade will step off from the back of Northern Valley Old Tappan High School promptly at 9:30 a.m.. Follow the route as shown, parade ends with the participating organizations assembling in front of the memorials in Oakes Park on Central Avenue. The Memorial Ceremony includes parading the colors, the National Anthem, the Invocation, address by the Mayor, placing wreaths at the Memorial, the rifle salute and taps.

In the event of inclement weather, the Fire Department siren will be sounded at 8:15 a.m. to advise that the Parade is canceled. In that event, the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the Charles DeWolf School Gym at 9:30 a.m. Wreaths will then be placed at the Memorial by representatives of each organization making a presentation, after which taps will be played.

We ask you to remind members of your organization, children and adults alike, that Memorial Day is a solemn occasion, dedicated to the memory of our countrymen who have given their lives so that we may enjoy our freedom. Let us treat their memory with dignity and respect, along the Parade route as well as during Memorial Services.

Last year special recognition was made asking Veterans and current members in military service in attendance to rise and be recognized at the Memorial Service in Oakes Park. Their attendance made the service honoring those heroes who had given all in the sacrifice of our country even more heartwarming. We hope that Veterans and current members of the military will join us in the parade or along the route and most especially at Oakes Park in what we hope will be a new tradition in Old Tappan. Veterans and current military personnel will once again be asked to rise and be recognized, to honor their service, and rise on behalf of those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

