



# Town Spotlight

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## A Message from Mayor John M. Kramer

It seems as though spring is late in arriving. But as we await its arrival, please allow me to bring you up to date on a few matters.

- Our 2018 road repaving program is currently out for bid. State D.O.T. Funds @ \$400,000. Borough funds @ \$500,000.
- The 2018 municipal budget has been adopted. Budget calls for a \$59.00 per year increase on the average home assessment of \$825,000. School and county tax increases, if any, are not included.
- NJ Superior Court conducted a Fairness Hearing on February 15th and approved our Affordable Housing Plan. We are now protected from the "builders remedy" through 2025.
- LANDSCAPERS ORDINANCE now in effect. Hours of operation: Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday – 8am to 5:00pm Sunday – Prohibited. Please advise your landscape contractor of these hours of operation.

I look forward to seeing you at our Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at Oakes Park.

*John M. Kramer*

## OLD TAPPAN FIRST AID CORPS YEAR IN REVIEW...



In 2017, the OTFAC responded to 352 calls for service. In addition to responding to calls in OT, the OTFAC also routinely responds mutual aid to neighboring communities. In total, Corps members provided over 17,000 hours of volunteer service - all at no cost to the residents. We welcomed 3 new EMT's - Lauren DiPalo, Victoria Walker and Christina Zara. All three completed extensive

training at the Bergen County EMS Academy in Paramus and recently passed their state exams. Congratulations to Corpsman of the Year, EMT Rich Apramian. EMT Apramian served as Lieutenant in 2017, responsible for recruiting, supplies, and training. Rich responded to over 100 calls during the year and volunteered over 800 hours of his time to serving the community.

We would also like to thank all of the residents for contributing to our successful 2017 fund drive. The OTFAC is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, and never charges for emergency response. As a non-profit, the Corps depends on financial support from Borough residents and business owners. Each year, when you receive our fund drive letter, we encourage you to consider the "what-ifs." Perhaps you've never needed to call 911 and request the services of the OTFAC. And although we hope you never have to, we are here for the "what-ifs." No one ever calls for an ambulance when they are having a great day - we usually only get called when residents are having a really bad day. When we roll out the door of the squad building, our goal is to make our patients feel better, providing top notch care and true compassion. And if you experience one of those really bad days, we want to ensure we will be there for you too. New Members & EMTs are also a much needed resource. If you are over 16 years old and a resident of Old Tappan or a neighboring community, please contact us via email at [info@oldtappanems.org](mailto:info@oldtappanems.org) to obtain membership info.

If you aren't sure you're cut out for becoming an EMS provider, we encourage you to come take one of our first aid and CPR training sessions. Please contact Captain Mark Geerinck directly at [mgeerinck@optonline.net](mailto:mgeerinck@optonline.net) to request a class, obtain a membership application, or to find out more information about the Corps. The CPR training schedule is flexible to meet your needs.

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## save the date

**Pizza Bingo:** 2nd Mon of each month at the Senior Center located at 247 Old Tappan Road. Doors open at 11:30am

**Blood Pressure Clinic:** 3rd Thurs of each month at Firehouse - Noon-1pm

**Zumba:** Tues & Thurs, 9am, Old Tappan Firehouse

**Chair Yoga:** Fri, 11:30am, Firehouse

**Lunch & Learn:** Thurs, May 10 at the Firehouse at noon

**Memorial Day Parade:** Mon, May 28

**Bicycle Rodeo:** Sat, June 2, between CDW & TBD

**Town Wide Garage Sale:** Weekend of June 8, 9, & 10

**Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs:** Sat, June 9, Bonnabel Park

**Lunch & Learn:** Thurs, June 14 at the Firehouse at noon

**Free Concerts at Oakes Park:** Wednesday evenings at 7pm

June 27	Tim O'Donohue & TMU Band
July 11	South Street Station
July 18	Outside the Lines
July 25	Beauty & the Grease
August 1	Nash East
August 8	New York Hitmen



## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

A Drug Awareness Program EVERY Parent Should Attend

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Old Tappan Firehouse - 231 Old Tappan Rd, Old Tappan



Hidden in Plain Sight is a program designed to help parents of teens recognize unfamiliar hazards that are often in plain sight.

DEA Special Agent McMahon will guide attendees through an exhibit and explain substance abuse trends, signs and symptoms in an effort to provide resources for parents and community members to help keep your children healthy and drug-free.



Presented by:  
Special Agent Timothy McMahon  
[Timothy.P.McMahon@usdoj.gov](mailto:Timothy.P.McMahon@usdoj.gov)

Sponsored by the Old Tappan Municipal Alliance

For more information, please contact Anna Haverilla at [haverilla@oldtappan.net](mailto:haverilla@oldtappan.net)







## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2017 ELECTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK

**PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 6am - 8pm**

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tue., May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., May 15<sup>th</sup> until 9pm

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

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 16<sup>th</sup>. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 16<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 no later then 3pm the day before the election.**

**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:** Charles DeWolf Middle School Gym, 275 Old Tappan Road



### Property Taxes:

Due date 5/1/18. There is a 10 day grace period until 5/10/18.

**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 keep our records up to date. Requests to change mailing address must be submitted in writing. Look for the Property Record Change form on [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net).

**Online bill pay from your bank:** Please be aware payments that you initiate with your own bank through online bill pay should be scheduled in advance of any due date to allow a sufficient number of mailing days for the Borough to receive, process and apply the payment to your account. Payments from online bill pay are sent through the mail. We do not accept electronic payment for taxes. All payments must be received by 4PM on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the grace period. The Borough is not responsible for late payments due to delays in mail service or bank processing. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR BLOCK AND LOT, LAST NAME AND/OR PROPERTY ADDRESS** in order for us to apply the payment to the correct account.

**Pay with Direct Withdrawal:** An alternative to online bill pay is the Direct Withdrawal ACH bank draft program we have in place for both taxes and sewer flow fees. Please check our website for application forms and details or come in person to get an application.

**Borough mailbox:** On the front of the Borough hall for your convenience there is a mailbox to drop payments in when Borough hall is closed. All payments will be posted the following day. Do not use mailbox for regular mail.

[www.YouthFishingChallenge.NJ.gov](http://www.YouthFishingChallenge.NJ.gov)

*Hooked on Fishing... Not on Drugs*

**FREE**

**Youth Fishing  
Challenge**

**Saturday, June 9, 2018**

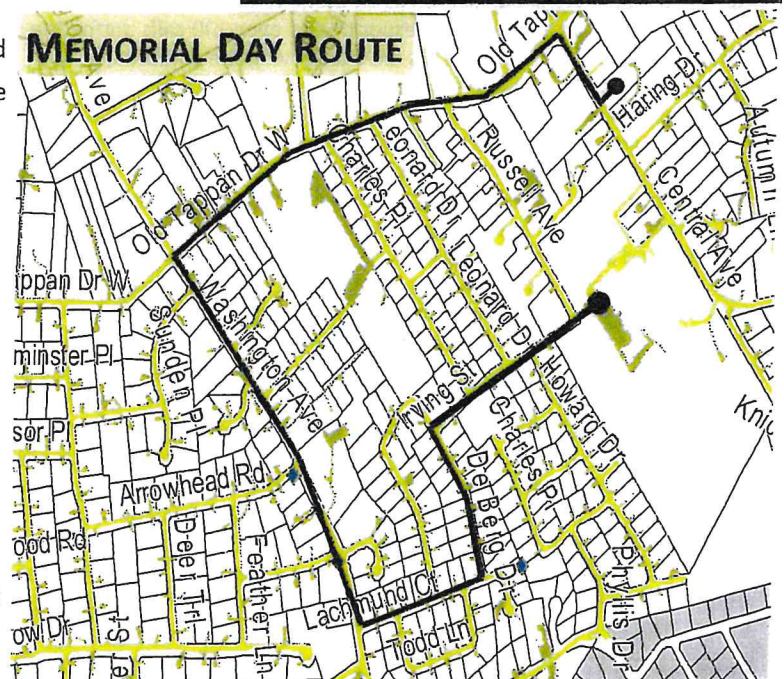
Place: Bonnabel Park, Old Tappan Rd

Time: 12 noon - 4 pm

For more information visit [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net)

**THE 2018 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be held on **Monday, May, 28th**. The Parade will step off from the back of Northern Valley Old Tappan High School promptly at 9:30 am. The 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.

### MEMORIAL DAY ROUTE





## 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 Community College  
400 Paramus Road, Paramus  
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS RD ONLY  
Sunday, April 29, 2018  
Saturday, August 18, 2018

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, June 9, 2018  
Sunday, October 21, 2018

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 to BCUA.org. Look under Solid Waste recycling and than Household Hazardous Waste for a list of items.

Bergen Community College  
400 Paramus Road, Paramus  
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS RD ONLY  
Sunday, June 24, 2018  
Sunday, October 14, 2018

Bergen County Utilities Authority  
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie  
Saturday, November 17, 2018

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, May 12, 2018  
Saturday, July 21, 2018  
Saturday, September 8, 2018

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

For more information click on to the BCUA web site at <http://www.bcu.org>

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.

## Camp Serendipity in Old Tappan... and Other Camps in Old Tappan

Registration is open!

### Camp Serendipity

Dates: July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup> Times: 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Days: Mon-Thurs\*\* (Friday is Rain Date)\*\*

Location: Stone Point Park

Eligible Campers: Entering Kindergarten thru entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR: FRIDAYS WILL BE RESERVED FOR RAIN DATE RESCHEDULE**

### Sports Specific Extended Day Camp Programs (July 9<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>)

As in previous years...we have arranged for a Multi-Sport Camp to take place starting at 1:30 after Camp Serendipity at the Stone Point location. This is a NEW and EXCITING camp program for 2018.....check it out at [playtga.com/bergencounty](http://playtga.com/bergencounty)

Dates: July 9<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> (same as Serendipity)

Week of July 9 - Tennis Week of July 16 - Volleyball and Golf

Week of July 23 - Flag Football and Cheer

Times: 1:00PM- 4:00PM (Supervised Lunch immediately after Serendipity)

Days: Mon- Thur (Friday is Rain Date) Location: Stone Point Park

Program Ages: 5-14 years old

**AND NEW...THIS YEAR FOR OLD TAPPAN .....CAMPERS CAN SIGN UP FOR AN ADDITIONAL 3 WEEKS OF SPORTS CAMPS**

**Multi-Sport Camps** (Campers Pick: Golf, Tennis, Lacrosse, Flag Football, Cheer, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Floor Hockey)

Dates: July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup>

Week of July 30 Week of August 6 Week of August 13

Location: Stone Point Park Days: Mon- Thur (Friday is Rain Date)

Times: 9:00AM-3:00PM (Early Drop Off & -Late Pick up Available)

Program Ages: 5-14 years old

Please Note: The Sports Specific Extended Camp and Multi Sport Camps are not OT Recreation Programs. Registration and Insurance for these programs are covered independent of the Borough. Please go to: [playtga.com/bergencounty](http://playtga.com/bergencounty) for details and registration information.

Any questions: contact Gloria Wiesner at [gwiesner@oldtappan.net](mailto:gwiesner@oldtappan.net)



### LOOKING TO JOIN A POOL CLUB THIS SUMMER...

Old Tappan and Woodcliff Lake have continued their recreation shared service again this year. As residents of Old Tappan you can join the Woodcliff Lake Pool, Tennis Program and Summer Camp at Resident Rates. Meanwhile residents of Woodcliff Lake will be permitted to join the Old Tappan Golf Course at the

resident rates as well.

Residents can register directly through community pass or go to the Woodcliff Lake Borough Hall, 188 Pascack Road, Woodcliff Lake, to join. Complete details for both programs can be found on the OT website, [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net).



**Saturday, May 19, 2018**

9 am - 4 pm

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

### Items for Sale:

New and Gently Used Items Paperback Books, Toys, Tools & Trinkets  
Jewelry and Collectibles Household Items and Glassware  
Something for Everyone!!!  
Homemade Bake Table

### DONATIONS OF NEW and GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR SALE

Drop off at the OT Fire House on Thurs. May 17, 4-8pm & Fri. May 18, 9am-6pm

(Please, NO DONATIONS of clothing, large furniture, TVs, computers, hard covered books, or any large electrical items). NO DONATIONS ON SATURDAY!

Sponsored by: Woman's Club of Old Tappan Contact: Debbie at 201-937-3777

Proceeds benefit local scholarships and charitable endeavors

## WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN NEWS

**Spring Rummage Sale at Fire House on Sat, May 19<sup>th</sup>** Donated items from community members are greatly appreciated as well as your attendance at the event. Anyone who wishes to donate items may bring them to the Fire House on Thurs., 5/17 from 4 to 8pm and on Fri., 5/18 from 9am to 6pm. (No donations of clothing, hard cover books, large furniture, computers, large electrical items or TVs and no donations on Saturday).

Thank you for your generous support. For information call Debbie at 201-937-3777.

**\$1,000 Scholastic Award Available to a Graduating High School Senior** who plans to continue a course of higher education. The scholarship is determined on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, activities in and out of school, community involvement, and a personal letter. To be eligible, a student must have been a resident of OT for at least 2 consecutive years immediately prior to graduation from an accredited secondary school. Applications may be obtained online at the NVOT guidance website at [www.nvnet.org](http://www.nvnet.org) or by contacting our Committee Chairperson Eloyce Lange at 201-750-1810. The completed application must be mailed to Eloyce Lange, 36 Pheasant Run, Old Tappan, New Jersey 07675 and must be received by Thursday, May 3, 2018.

**Thank You for supporting our Lord & Taylor SHOPO SMART DO GOOD Fundraising Shopping Event.** Because of the community's support, we were able to raise enough money to help meet our goal of supporting community needs.

Submitted by Pat Royall, Communications Chairman





## Borough of Old Tappan

227 Old Tappan Road  
Old Tappan, NJ 07675

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# POSTAL CUSTOMER OLD TAPPAN, NJ 07675

## NEWSLETTER

# Annual Old Tappan TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Borough of Old Tappan will again be hosting their annual town-wide garage sale the weekend of Friday, June 8th. This Garage Sale gives borough residents the opportunity to part with yesterday's treasures and find today's bargains.

For a fee of \$20 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. A map and list of participants' addresses will be available starting Thursday, June 7th. Maps will be available online and for pick-up at the Borough Hall on Thursday and Friday, and also at Butterworth's Bagels at Bi-State Plaza, at Stokes Farms on DeWolf Road and at the OT Library on Russell Ave throughout the weekend.

Residents wishing to participate can fill out the form below and drop it off with payment of \$20 to the Borough Hall on Old Tappan Road. The form can also be found on the Old Tappan website: [www.OldTappan.net](http://www.OldTappan.net).

### The deadline to register is Tuesday, June 5th

This event is sponsored by the Old Tappan Arts & Entertainment Committee. Proceeds will benefit the Arts & Entertainment Committee which provides various town events such as Concerts in the Park and Art in the Park.

Registration forms must be received by **June 5, 2018** to be included on the maps



This form may be reproduced. Please complete and either mail or drop off with payment (please print)

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

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

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

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

Please specify what days and times you will be open:

Friday, June 8	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Time: _____ to _____
Saturday, June 9	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Time: _____ to _____
Sunday, June 10	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Time: _____ to _____

Please make \$20.00 check payable to *Borough of Old Tappan*

Mail To or Drop off at: Arts & Entertainment Committee, c/o Borough of Old Tappan, 227 Old Tappan Rd, Old Tappan, NJ 07675

Any questions, please contact Anna Haverilla at [haverilla@oldtappan.net](mailto:haverilla@oldtappan.net)