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Dear friends and neighbors,

Hopefully everyone is in receipt of the Annual Mailing which was mailed out a couple of weeks ago. If you did not receive it, please go to our website and on the home page you will see a link for Annual Mailing. Everything included in the mailing is there for your printing pleasure.

Chief Joseph Tracy recently announced that our police department has been recognized by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police as an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency. Congratulations and many thanks to Captain Robert Wacht who led a year's long grueling process of updating the practices, policies, and procedures which reflect professional best practices for the officers and department. This recognition is strongly endorsed and supported by the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund which insures the borough.

The planning board recently concluded the hearings relative to the application for an assisted living facility planned for at 244 Old Tappan Road. Much testimony was offered over the past year which resulted in an approval of the plan. The Resolution should be discussed and adopted at the next Planning Board meeting.

The Northern Valley Regional High School athletic programs recently brought much acclaim to Old Tappan. At three consecutive council meetings the following teams were entertained and recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.

- The NVOT 2022 Girls Varsity Soccer Team won the first ever State Sectional Title in school history
- The NVOT 2022 Girls Cross Country Team is North 1, Group 2, State Sectional Champions
- The NVOT 2022 Varsity Football Team won the first ever NJ State Group 3 Championship
- The NVOT 2022 Marching Band won the US Bands Group 2A National Championship.

Your governing body is presently working on the 2023 municipal budget. Over the course of four or five budget meetings department heads are invited in to discuss their respective needs for the year.

In one of my recent writings, I indicated that COVID- 19 was nearly behind us. Not so fast. I spoke too soon. Both my wife, Carol, and I were soon thereafter affected by the disease. Friends, family, and neighbors kept us well supplied with soups and meals. I'm glad to report that we have both recovered and are now doing well.

Sincerely,

Mayor

Borough of Old Tappan

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