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Good afternoon friends and neighbors,

Fall is upon us, and we welcome all the good things that it brings to us. Cooler weather, colorful foliage, and an array of recently planted chrysanthemums throughout town.

The council is in the process of enacted a comprehensive tree preservation ordinance. The ordinance places controls on the removal and damage to trees on both public and private lands. Old Tappan's Environmental Commission has worked along with the council to craft this ordinance which is designed to ensure esthetically pleasing properties in conformity with surrounding homes while being environmentally sensitive to the lands. Once the ordinance has been adopted it will be available for your review on the town's website. Permitting processes and environmental impact studies are now in the works.

In other news, Rockland Electric Company has notified residents whose properties lie adjacent to high tension towers, that these towers will be removed during the next two years. The overhead transmission line towers, constructed in 1927, have been de-energized and replaced with an underground transmission line.

Sadly, I report the recent passing of Mrs. Melba Heck this past Saturday. Melba, age 93 died at her home in the presence of her husband Herb, age 100, and other family members. Melba and Herb, a former Old Tappan councilman moved to Old Tappan in 1952. They were soon to celebrate 75 years of marriage. May you rest in peace, Melba.

Please review accompanying news articles and flyers for updates to our rescheduled Town Day, the Ragamuffin Parade, and other news and events.

Sincerely,

John M. Kramer

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