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Dear friends and neighbors,

Hopefully you are in good health and enjoying this beautiful summer.

I offer the following brief points to bring you up to speed on some of the matters in town:

- All departments within the borough are fully staffed and working well within their budgets at this halfway point in 2022.
- Car thefts continue to be an issue in Old Tappan and elsewhere. At all times residents are reminded to remove their keys (fobs) and valuables, to lock their cars and keep garage doors closed as well. Please report to the police any suspicious activity that you may see. The police need your eyes and ears and are eager to investigate. Non-emergency number is 201-664-1221. Emergency call number is 911.
- The Golf course is doing wonderfully under its new management. Presently being considered are a few new non-member categories, starting with a non-member resident category. Likely to be approved, open golf, with certain restrictions and fees, will be allowed in the near future.
- The Tap, the new golf course restaurant and bar, is fully operational now and open to all. The food there is great and the atmosphere even better.
- The Wednesday evening July concerts at Oakes Park were a huge success drawing upwards of 250 people. Thanks to Janet Manning for promoting the business sponsored events. Make this a "must see" for 2023.
- Set aside September 9th & 10th for Town Day festivities. Starting off on the evening of the 9th at Stone Point Park will be a Family Movie Night and on the 10th from 1pm to 5pm Stone Point Park will be our annual Town Day event.
- Our Building Department has been working overtime in keeping pace with the issuance of permits and inspections of new home construction, additions to existing homes, installation of swimming pools, and major projects within town.

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- The development of the former Pierson property, east of the Bi-State Plaza, is going full speed ahead. Separate entities within the site - Stage 1, The Enclave, as you can see, continues to build out. Stages 2 and 3, upscale rentals (not seen from Old Tappan Rd) and the retail section (fronting on Old Tappan Rd), are in the beginning stages of construction. The entire project is expected to be completed in less than two years.
- Foundation work on the townhome development opposite the high school is nearly completed. Framing of the structures will follow soon, and completion is projected within 18 months. It has been reported that all 26 units will be rentals.
- The property directly opposite Oakes Park on Central Ave., which previously had received Planning Board approval for a memory care facility, is currently for sale. It appears the owners have abandoned their plans to build.
- Concrete foundation work continues on the site for the New Concepts for Living project located at the intersection of O.T. Rd. & Wash. Ave.
- The Planning Board is nearing an end to the applicant's presentation regarding the 244 Old Tappan Road site. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2022, at 7pm.

So, that's about the news for now. Please stay safe, watch out for your neighbor, care for the elderly and pets, and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

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