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Good afternoon friends and neighbors,

September has arrived and I find that my calendar has suddenly been filled with commitments. All are for good reasons and ones which I enjoy.

Onto borough news...

By now you have probably learned that the Borough's Mayor and Council and Planning Board have been named in a lawsuit filed by Capital Senior Housing. C.S.H. filed an application last year to construct a senior assisted living facility to be located at 244 Old Tappan Rd. After many months of hearings, the Planning Board passed a 65-page resolution approving the plan. The governing body reversed that decision at a subsequent appeal hearing. The applicant is now suing for a reversal of the Council's action and monetary damages. The matter will be decided by the Superior Court of New Jersey based upon the transcripts. A speedy review and finding are not anticipated.

Last Friday I sat in on the Borough's annual "Exit Conference" conducted by the Borough's auditing firm of Vince, Lerche, and Bliss. The Borough was represented by our Chief Financial Officer Jesse Coward and Borough Administrator Anna Haverilla. The conference is a discussion held to review the results of the audit of the borough's finances and practices for the year ending 12/31/2022. It was found that no recommendations were necessary, only several suggestions. In addition to practices being up to par, the auditor complimented the borough on its fiscal practices which have resulted in a sound financial condition.

I ask you to review the attached messages pertaining to Covid-19, Town Day, a call to all veterans, and more.

Enjoy Labor Day and the waning days of summer as we look forward to a great autumn.

Sincerely,

*John M. Kramer*

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