

Fall 2010 Issue



Old Tappan News

Mayor's Message



Your Mayor and council has worked very hard to keep our town safe, and our municipal taxes low since the early 1980's. The municipal portion of your tax liability (which accounts to only 14% of your overall bill) is the only component that we are responsible for. Throughout this period, Old Tappan has been at the forefront of forming shared services agreements with neighboring communities because we collectively recognized early on that when times were troubling (as they are today); sharing with other municipalities will reduce our overall operating and capital expenditures.

Some of the many shared services agreements that we have entered into are as follows: a senior bus, street sweeper, and sewer jet and bucket truck with Hillsdale, whereby we allow each town to share one vehicle, some as part of a scheduled program and some on an as needed basis. Our long standing partnerships with Fire and First Aid continue through both the Northern Valley and Pascack Valley mutual aid programs. Our Police dispatch is done with River Vale, fuel is purchased through Bergen County, and our police department utilizes cooperative purchasing with other police agencies, purchasing supplies such as ammunition, flares and other agency supplies to reduce costs. We are also the fuel supplier to River Vale, Northern Valley Regional High School, River Vale Police Department and Charles DeWolf School, all the while ensuring that emergency service vehicles have a ready source of fuel thereby reducing the need for separate, costly pumping centers. Also, two years ago Old Tappan, in conjunction with nine other towns, entered into a cooperative agreement with the county for a new sewer jet truck. This is a cost savings to us in excess of \$200,000.

When you think about shared services, one of the first may have been BCCLS, The Bergen County Cooperative Library Service. Innovative in its time and now taken for granted, BCCLS makes every book available to any resident from any library in the system. This allows our library to save money when stocking their shelves but allows our residents the availability of all books in the cooperative library services.

And lastly, you may recall the Resource Optimization Initiative we started with School Superintendent Bill Ward a few years back. Through ROI we assist the schools with maintenance and upkeep of their fields and machinery, as well as provide fuel for their vehicles. The borough and the school board are in the process of looking into energy audits to obtain real solutions to energy conservation. We are also in the process of exploring alternative energy production, including solar.

As you can imagine, the above mentioned agreements don't really "show up in the box score." Unless you see it and feel it, you really don't know that they

exist, or that we are working on them. But they do exist; they have been and will continue to be an important part of this Mayor and Council's thinking.

While minimizing taxes, preserving open space, and entering into intelligent shared services agreements are our primary objectives, we also must ensure that we continue to meet the demands of our residents for first class quality services. In each department of the borough, we strive for consistent service excellence.

Every day our Police Department protects and serves our community admirably. Our Department of Public Works keeps our parks beautiful. Oakes Park, Stone Point and Bonnabel Park are truly showcase parks!! Like every year, if you needed to drive on our roads after a snowstorm, our DPW seems to know how to clear roads and keep them clear better than any other town. The Old Tappan Golf Course is spectacular because of the expertise, work ethic and training of our Golf Course employees. We are proud of the fact that the play at our Golf Course has remained constant and other venues have not been quite as fortunate.

While other towns continue to struggle with providing emergency fire and medical services, our Fire Department and First Aid Corps are always at the ready to meet our emergency needs. The Council and I have provided the Borough Hall with state of the art technological tools to increase efficiency in the administration of the Borough, and the customer service focus of the Borough Hall employees is unparalleled. Across the board our Borough Departments, as well as our boards, committees and commissions, make the most out of each budget dollar while providing exemplary services. This is

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Important Information For the 2010 Elections from the Office of the Borough Clerk



GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 2nd – 6:am - 8pm

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.**

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. if you have any questions.

POLLING PLACE FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2, & 3: T. Baldwin Demarest School, School Street/Herrick Drive



Property Taxes are due 11/1/10. There is a 10 day grace period until 11/10/10.

Property Taxes are due 2/1/11. There is a 10 day grace period until 2/10/11.

Sewer User fee is due 3/1/11. There is a 10 day grace period until 3/10/11.

The Tax Collector's office accepts payment of Sewer User fees and the annual installment of your Special Assessment either by credit or debit card (VISA & Mastercard) in person at the Tax Collector's office.

Local Annual Deductions on Property Taxes:

Senior Citizens: Annual property tax deduction of \$250 for homeowner's age 65 or older or disabled who meet certain income and residency requirements.

Veteran Deduction: Annual property tax deduction of \$250 for homeowners who are qualified war veterans and their surviving spouses. Please inquire at the tax office about these property tax deductions.

State Administered Annual Deductions on Property Taxes:

Homestead Benefit (Rebate) Applications to be mailed 9/18/10 **
Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Filing deadline extended to 11/1/10

Please go online to review programs and frequently asked questions. The NJ Division of Taxation's website is <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation>. If you don't have access to a computer you may call the following telephone numbers:

Homestead Benefit 1-888-238-1233
Property Tax Reimbursement 1-800-882-6597

** Homestead Benefit checks will no longer be mailed to you, but will appear as a credit on your May 2011 tax bill. A new tax bill for the May 2011 quarter will be sent to you in April 2011.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER...

RAGAMUFFIN PARADE on Saturday, October 23, 2010, 9:00a.m. at Oakes Park. Rain date—Saturday, October 30, 2010—more info page 8

FRIGHT NIGHT on Saturday, October 30, 2010, 6:30p.m.—9:00 Grades 5-8.

HALLOWEEN on Sunday, October 31, 2010
DRIVE CAREFULLY!!!

ELECTION DAY to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. More information on this page.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB TRIP to Mt. Mary Casino in Pennsylvania on November 3, 2010

CRAFTY LADIES CRAFT SALE on November 6, 2010, 9 am—3 pm at the Trinity Reformed Church—more info page 13

PIZZA BINGO at the Old Tappan Fire House, Monday, November 8, 2010 at noon

ZUMBA at the Old Tappan Fire House, Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 10:30am—everyone welcome

GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 8, 2010, Noon, at Colonial Inn, Norwood

PIZZA BINGO at the Old Tappan Fire House, Monday, December 13, 2010 at noon

ZUMBA at the Old Tappan Fire House, Saturday, December 18, 2010 at 10:30am—everyone welcome



*Mayor's Message
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no accident as there is a conscious effort made on our part to make sure that we are doing everything possible to protect your greatest financial investment—your home.

As we approach the end of the fall and the holidays are right around the corner, this is truly a special time in our town. Let me know how you are doing and how the Council and I can make your Old Tappan even better. We invite you to attend our meetings and witness how your elected officials manage the affairs of the borough: positively, disciplined and in a totally transparent manner.

Just a reminder to all Property Owners that Old Tappan General Code Article 3 section 100-14 requires Certificate of Occupancy upon change of ownership or tenancy. (Commercial or Residential). Applications are available on-line or at Borough Hall. This requirement ensures Building, Zoning and Fire Prevention compliance.

Message from your Department of Public Works Superintendent...

BRANCH CHIPPING

Please stack branches at the curb with the cut ends facing out, maximum 4 inch diameter, do not place in the street and do not block a sidewalk. The only items you may place for pickup in the street are leaves during fall leaf season. The last scheduled branch chipping day will be October 6th on west side of town and October 13th on the east side, there will be NO chipping during leaf pickup. You must call 201-664-4438 to advise us that you have put branches out.



LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup will begin on October 18th and we will begin our last pick up on December 6th. Leaves may not be placed in the roadway prior to October 11th as per borough ordinance as required by the State and Federal Stormwater Regulations. Leaves must be at the curb by December 5th to insure pick up, any snow during this time can slow or delay pick up of leaves. Leaves should be placed in the street as close to the curb as possible to maintain safe passage for pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Please do not mix any debris such as branches and rocks in leaf pile, you may mix grass clippings. Do not place leaves within 10 feet or on top of catch basins and do not block fire hydrants. If you have a landscape contractor please inform them of the above mentioned items.

Any residents with basketball backboards in the street are asked to remove them or turn them around as the borough will not be responsible for any damages that might occur.

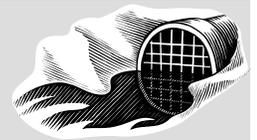


CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas tree recycling will be done in January, with the west side of town (Central Ave. to River Vale) being done on January 5th & 19th the east side (Central Ave. to the state line including Central Ave.) on the 12th & 26th.



We have recently been having a problem with objects in the sanitary sewer system that does not belong there. We have had the following, items of clothing, mop heads, cleaning cloths, and rocks. These items have jammed and clogged pumps, requiring the removal and disassembly of pumps from 3 different pumping stations. This is a costly and time consuming situation that should be unnecessary, it could also require the replacement of a pump costing \$5000 or more. Disposing of such items is a violation of borough ordinance §198-5. You also chance causing a back up in your lateral or in the street main outside your house which then could have sewerage backing up into your basement. We would also like to remind you that it is also a violation to dump cooking grease and oils down the drain as well as the connection of sump pumps and gutters to the sanitary sewer system.



Environmental Commission News: Old Tappan: Going Green

The Old Tappan Environmental Commission is pleased to announce that the borough has registered with **Sustainable Jersey**, a state-wide program that recognizes communities for their proactive approach to environmental stewardship, recycling, educational programs and sustainability initiatives. Under **Sustainable Jersey**, Old Tappan will become eligible for grants and endowments that can enhance our ability to become an even more environmentally-friendly community. As a **Sustainable Jersey** registrant, the Mayor and Council enacted an ordinance which establishes a **"Green Team"** consisting of a diverse cross-section of community-minded townspeople including representatives of the DPW, political leaders, and local merchants and businesspeople. Residents and students who would like to join us in this **"Green"** initiative are asked to contact Borough Administrator Pat O'Brien or a member of the Environmental Commission at www.oldtappan.net. You may also call the Borough Hall at 201-664-1849. No experience is necessary, only the desire to make Old Tappan a **greener** community. Please join us in our efforts to make Old Tappan **GREEN!!**

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

Pet Licenses expire December 31, 2010. Pet License applications for 2011 will be mailed out mid December. Applications will also be available at Borough Hall and on our website at <http://www.oldtappan.net/Forms/Pet%20License%20Applic.pdf>.

The Free Anti Rabies Clinic will be held at the DPW Garage, Russell Avenue on Saturday, January 8, 2011 from **9 A.M. to 11 A.M.**

Dogs, (on a leash) from 9:00 am to 10 am, cats (in pet carrier) 10:00 am to 11:00 a.m. If you want to renew your license on the day of the clinic, please bring completed license form and check (no cash).



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MEET YOUR NEW POLICE CHIEF

Captain Thomas Shine was elevated to the rank of Chief of Police at a recent meeting of the mayor and council held on October 4th.

Tom is a 30 year veteran of the twelve member force and replaces the recently retired Chief Joseph Fasulo. He has held every rank in the department. He was promoted to sergeant in 1996, lieutenant in 2001 and Captain in 2005 . As Captain, he led the department's operations and administration divisions. He has also headed the juvenile division and the domestic violence unit, and was a DARE officer and a mentor at the elementary school. In addition he is the Borough's Office of Emergency Management coordinator , a former elected member of the Old Tappan Elementary Board of Education and a former fire chief in RiverVale. Tom resides in Old Tappan and lives with his wife Patty and two sons Tommy & Kyle. We congratulate him and wish him well in reaching this milestone in his career.



On the afternoon of Sunday, October 3rd, a gala party was held honoring our recently retired police chief, Joseph Fasulo. The celebration, held at the beautifully renovated Old Tappan Manor, drew a crowd of more than two hundred well-wishers. Those attending included residents, family, friends, and many of Joe's police and FBI contacts from across the country. Of the many active and retired police officers there, two were included who flew in from California specifically for the occasion.

Joe was an Old Tappan police officer for 34 years, serving as Chief for the past nine. He is well respected by his peers and residents alike. His immediate plans for the future include spending time with his grandchildren and a trip to Italy with his wife, Karen.

Joe, we sincerely thank you for your service to the community and wish you the best of health and happiness in your retirement.

Board of Health UPDATE . .



Stopping the Flu is up to you!!

The Old Tappan Board of Health will be holding its annual Flu Vaccination Program on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Firehouse #1, 231 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan. Individuals must be 18 years and older to receive a flu vaccination.

As in past years, it will be necessary for those who have Medicare Part B to bring their Medicare Part B card to the Flu Vaccine Program in order to receive the vaccination. The Old Tappan Health Department, through a contract with Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, will directly bill Medicare. For those that are 65 or over and do not have Medicare Part B, the influenza vaccine should be given by their regular health care provider. Medicare HMO's will not be accepted. A \$25.00 fee will be charged to those who do not have Medicare Part B.

Annual vaccination against the flu is recommended this year by the Centers for Disease Control for anyone over the age of 6 months who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with flu or transmitting it to others. Seasonal flu is an easily transmittable respiratory disease. Each year 5 to 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications, including 20,000 children and 36,000 people die every year. The most effective strategy for preventing influenza is annual vaccination.

This year's vaccine will protect you from the H1N1 strain of the flu in addition to two other seasonal strains of the virus that will also be circulating in our area. For more information about the Flu Program, please call Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission at 201-445-7217.

Wheel Chairs Needed

The Old Tappan First Aid Corps is in need of wheel chairs to lend to the public... Many know of our loaner program of medical equipment. We have a shortage of quality wheelchairs to loan out and would be willing to accept donation of them and other medical equipment that is in good condition... Just contact the Borough of Old Tappan and ask to have the Old Tappan First Aid corps contact you.

OT First Aid Corp would like to welcome the following new members to the corps. All of these people are or intend to be EMT's in the near future.

Anthony Bivone , Steve Raveling
the following are high school students.

Hannah Jenkins, Zachary Jenkins
Christine Ha, Conor Discoll
Kenny Mok

We welcome them into our house of service to the community.



The Old Tappan Municipal Alliance announces...



Is music your life?

If you're a New Jersey High School Student, let the whole state hear your voice!

Be a part of NEW JERSEY SHOUT DOWN DRUGS!

No matter what kind of music you're into - rock, R&B, jazz, salsa or soul - if you've got a positive message about staying away from drugs and alcohol, shout it out and be a part of 2011 New Jersey Shout Down Drugs music competition.

The first place winner will receive a \$5,000 music contract; second place winner will receive a \$3,000 music contract; and third place winner will receive a \$2,000 music contract.

A finalist will be selected from each of New Jersey's 21 counties and will perform in a statewide concert on May 5, 2011 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, New Jersey.

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, January 14, 2011. Late entries will not be accepted.

For entry forms & contest rules, log onto: www.shoutdowndrugs.com

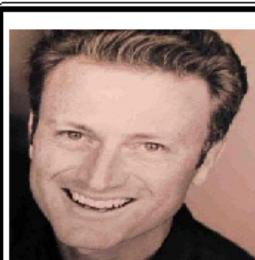
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**Old Tappan Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary
Comedy Night Fundraiser
Thursday November 4th**



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For Tickets & Information (201) 784-8198
or via email: jvossler@weichert.com

The "New" Old Tappan Manor
(formerly Colonial Manor)
137 Orangeburgh Rd, Old Tappan, NJ 07675

Summer Concerts at Oakes Park

Thanks to the efforts of Janet Manning and Ed Sullivan from the Old Tappan Social & Cultural Affairs Committee and the support of a few Old Tappan businesses, our residents and residents from our neighboring towns were able to sit back and enjoy some music in our fabulous Oakes Park. Beauty & the Grease rocked everyone with some 50's music and Patty Davis & Bandit hit us with their down home country music while some line dancing was going on in the gazebo. Residents even enjoyed a hometown band, Sweet Nothing, who donated their time, energy and talent.

We thank the businesses below for their generous support, without them this concert series would not have been such a success. The Social and Cultural Affairs Committee is already hard at work setting up next years summer concert. We hope to see you all there!





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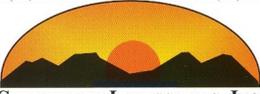
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Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated the first week of October. The Fire Company held an open house on Tuesday, October 5th. Residents were able to view all the fire apparatus while the children got a chance to stop, drop and roll in the smoke filled chambers.

The First Aid Corp. held their open house that same evening. Children were treated for injuries and given cookies & juice to make them happy. Thank you to our wonderful volunteer emergency services for promoting fire safety in our community.



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Upcoming Recreation Dates to Remember.....

Winter Rec Basketball	Oct 1 through Nov 30	Dec 4 through March 26
Winter Travel Basketball	Nov 1 through Nov 30	Jan 2 through March 25
Indoor Soccer	Oct 1- Oct 31	Jan through Mid March
Baseball/Softball	Nov- Dec	Early March into June
Spring Travel Baseball/Softball	March	Early March into June- Tryout required
Summer Travel Baseball/Softball	June	Early June through Late July-Tryout required
Youth Golf	April through May	July
Summer Travel Basketball	April 1 through June 15	June 20 through July 31
Camp Serendipity	Mid March to Mid June	Mid July Tue/Wed/Thur
Ragamuffin Parade	n/a	Oct 23rd 9AM (rain date Oct 30th)

To Register go to: Oldtappan.net/Recreation & Golf/ on-line registration



GOLF COURSE IMPROVES RATES AND PLAYING CONDITIONS FOR 2011

We are nearing the end of another golf season and, as usual, we feel fortunate that it was a good one. We acknowledge the pride all residents and members have for the Old Tappan Golf Course and commend all the efforts in making the course an outstanding borough facility.

When the course was first proposed in 1966, an important concern was that the golf course pay for itself and eventually realize a profit. Today, the Golf Course remains more than a financial investment for the town. It is an investment in people and is concerned with their well being. Old Tappan residents continue to profit in several ways: residents have an activity in the healthy outdoors, green space is preserved, and income is produced.

For the 2011 season, the goal is to attract more members from Old Tappan - as well as other non-resident singles and families. Rates are being revised and playing conditions are being improved. We are looking to develop a rate structure that is even

Ragamuffin Parade

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Rain date: October 30th same time & place

Starts at 9:30 a.m. at

Oakes Park on Central Ave.



Come in costume for our parade with scary music around Oakes Park, tricks and treats, fun and refreshments!!

No judging or costume awards this year.

Just come and have fun!!

Held again at Old Tappan's beautiful Oakes Park on Central Avenue, with parking in the lot, at the office building next door (189 Central), and across the street at 184 Central.

Sponsored by the Women's Club of Old Tappan and the Old Tappan Recreation Commission.

more competitive and favorable with other courses in the area. The need to draw younger members and families is recognized. As a result, one plan is to include family rates and family memberships.

Also, during the winter season, golf lessons will be offered at special rates and other interesting packages will be provided. Call the Pro Shop for details. (201) 767-1199)

Other ideas are currently being considered to enhance and promote membership and participation at the golf course. Stay tuned for further details.

All of this is intended to maintain this great facility and keep it as a valuable asset for ALL RESIDENTS of Old Tappan.

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING OLD TAPPAN DODGERS**

WHEREAS, throughout the 2010 baseball season, the 3rd and 4th grade Minor League Old Tappan Dodgers of the Old Tappan's Recreation Program performed at the highest levels within their division winning the Old Tappan Championship; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the 3rd and 4th grade Minor League Old Tappan Dodgers played the Championship Teams of Northvale, Harrington Park and Norwood winning the title of Northern Valley Minor Champions; and,

WHEREAS, the Old Tappan 3rd and 4th Grade Minor League Team of Old Tappan are the Northern Valley Minors Champions bringing honor to themselves, their families, their coaches and their community,

NOW THEREFORE, I, VICTOR M. POLCE, Mayor of the Borough of Old Tappan, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, on behalf of the Mayor and Council and our residents, in honor of the courage, determination and success of the Dodger of the 3rd and 4th Grade Minor League Northern Valley Champions, do hereby honor and congratulate Manager Tom Gallagher, Coaches Joe Damico, Ed Sujak and Frank Wong and the CHAMPIONS:

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Brock Lombardi | Caden Gallagher | Bryce Magarro |
| Kyle Shine | Daniel Ryan | Chad Schuster |
| Basil Tweedy | Carson Todd | Jason Wong |
| Deene Sujaki | Nick Dipalo | Chris Damico |





OLD TAPPAN BASKETBALL
Opening Day
Saturday December 4, 2010

Old Tappan's Recreation Department offers a wonderful youth basketball program for all our players. **OLD TAPPAN BASKETBALL** programs are available for all children from Kindergarten through 8th Grade. It is one of the most popular sports in our town with more than 350 players participating in our basketball programs.

Our **Kindergarten, 1st Grade** and **Second Grade** programs for both **Girls and Boys** is run by professional basketball instructors who are skilled at working with younger players. They make it not only educational but a lot of fun. All new players in our program will receive their own basketball to work with not only during our scheduled times but at home as well. A variety of skills are taught which are addressed to the age of the players and gradually these players are introduced to game type situations. All players receive an **OLD TAPPAN BASKETBALL** reversible basketball jersey. We are proud to say we are only one of a very few towns in our area that offers basketball programs for our younger players and the response has been incredible!

OLD TAPPAN BASKETBALL continues with 6 wonderful programs for our older players.

- > **Girls Grades 3 and 4**
- > **Girls Grades 5 and 6**
- > **Girls Grades 7 and 8**
- > **Boys Grades 3 and 4**
- > **Boys Grades 5 and 6**
- > **Boys Grades 7 and 8**

Each of these groups will have practice/training sessions to begin the year and once the season begins they will have a practice and game each week. Teams of equal skill are formed, and equal playing time is stressed to our coaches. Games are officiated by high school players who graduated from our programs and this program has been a wonderful bridge from our program to the high school. All players will receive our **OLD TAPPAN BASKETBALL** reversible basketball jersey.

Registration Information: Old Tappan Basketball registration for this winter's season will begin on October 1 and will continue until November 30. All participants from last year will receive an email announcement as well. Online registration is done through our town's website at:

<http://oldtappan.net/basketball.cfm>

For additional information please contact: Peter Soumas at QTHoops@gmail.com

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Old Tappan recognizes that volunteerism is an integral part of the success of our tight knit community; and,

WHEREAS, Rea Epstein, Chair of the Planning Board of the Borough of Old Tappan exemplifies the volunteer model in the highest form of "Service Above Self"; and,

WHEREAS, Rea's unparalleled accomplishments serving the Planning Board for over 12 years, first as an alternate to the Board, appointed in 1998; then as member, and ultimately as Chair Person since January 4, 2004 remaining there for over six years and,

WHEREAS, Rea's leadership skills have been evident since her first day, her work ethic has been impeccable, her character exemplary, and her heart has always been in the right place; and,

WHEREAS, for over twelve years, Rea Epstein made the unselfish commitment that true volunteers make, serving her community to the very best of her ability giving up endless hours making difficult decisions and always basing her decisions on "What is Best for Old Tappan and its Residents"

WHEREAS, Rea's husband Howie, and her children Melissa, Marc and Jill have generously shared wife and mother to the benefit of all the residents and businesses of Old Tappan and our gratitude to Rea and her family is immeasurable;



OLD TAPPAN SENIOR CENTER

In a way to preserve the Old Police Department Building and give our seniors a place of their own, the Mayor & Council have plans underway to convert the now vacant building into a full service senior center. This building has served as a school house, a borough hall and as recently as early 2009, as a police department. The building will retain its external original charm with an architecturally designed elevator enclosure to the rear of the building.

The upper level of the firehouse has been utilized by any number of borough organizations and will continue to be available for senior use as needed. The upper level will serve as the main activities room with both men & ladies lavatories. The lower level already has a conference room, kitchen, and storage facilities. Lower level lavatories will be upgraded as well. Both levels will be served by an external elevator in addition to the already existing handicapped ramp.

Our hope is to fully fund this project with federal dollars through the Community Development program. A \$74,500.00 grant has already been awarded to Old Tappan for the beginning phase. Construction will be delayed until an additional grant is received which will enable the entire renovation to take place at one time. If all goes according to plan, we would hope for completion at this time next year.



WOMAN’S CLUB INFORMATION FOR THE FALL 2010 OLD TAPPAN NEWS

Save the Date! Woman’s Club to hold First Annual House Tour on May 15, 2011

The Woman’s Club of Old Tappan’s First Annual House Tour of magnificent Old Tappan houses will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Proceeds benefit Gilda’s Club, other charities and local scholarships. Tickets purchased in advance are \$25, and on the day of the Tour \$30. For ticket information, contact Christine Brignola at 201-767-9512. No pets, no children under 12, and no cameras are permitted.

Guests Welcome to our Meetings

We welcome new members. Guests are invited to our meetings which are generally held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 7:00 PM at the Old Tappan Fire House. The September 21st meeting featured Maggie Coudriet, a return speaker on Autism. Our annual Member/Guest Pot Luck Supper is on October 19th. The November 16th program is a holiday craft workshop. January 18th offers a game night. For information call Christine at 201-767-9512.

Ragamuffin Parade on Saturday, October 23 (Rain date October 30) – Check-in at 9:00 AM at Oakes Park

The Woman’s Club, PTA and Recreation Commission co-sponsor this fun-filled event. There are participation ribbons and refreshments for all.

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4 at the Old Tappan Fire House

The Woman’s Club will be having a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4 (snow date Dec 11) from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, this year at the **Old Tappan Fire House**. Admission is \$7.00 per person. The price includes breakfast, games, crafts, goodie bags, and an individual visit with Santa. Bring your cameras to capture the moment. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket reservations call 201-750-7365.

Woman’s Club of Old Tappan Cookbook “Treasured Recipes”

There are a very limited number of Woman’s Club “Treasured Recipes” cookbooks remaining – a collection of 500 favorites in an attractive padded 3-ring binder format. Cost is now only \$10.00. Call Libby at 201-767-1097.

Student Award Recipients

The Woman’s Club of Old Tappan congratulates the students who were recipients of its awards in 2010. Graduating seniors from Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan, Sara Greenberg won the \$1,000 Woman’s Club of Old Tappan Scholarship and John McKenna received the \$250 Musical Theater Award. Six eighth grade graduates of the Charles DeWolf School were presented with \$100 Bonds: Spanish Award –Gabriella Ferrara; Science Award –Jessica Ledingham; Athletic Award –Catherine Fleming; Achievement Award –Clayton Wiggers; two Alice Gaffney Memorial Math Awards –Catherine Fleming and Yukyung Park.

Babysitting Clinic a Big Success

The Woman’s Club of Old Tappan and the Old Tappan Public Library co-sponsored a very successful Babysitting Clinic, a free two-session course attended by 5th through 8th grade students, held at the Old Tappan Public Library on September 7th and September 14th.

Among the many aspects of babysitting addressed were care of babies and young children, information needed to have at hand for each babysitting assignment, health emergencies, first aid issues, home security, and fire safety.

The sponsors would like to thank the excellent instructors: Tom Gallager of the Old Tappan Fire Department, Mark Geerinck of the Old Tappan First Aid Corps, and Sergeant Jim Butler of the Old Tappan Police Department.

In the photo Old Tappan First Aid Corps Crew Member Mark Geerinck and Babysitting Clinic students are shown sharing in a lively discussion about first aid procedures.



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WOMAN’S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN’S

*First Annual
HOUSE TOUR*

of magnificent homes in Old Tappan

*Sunday, May 15, 2011
1 - 5 PM*

*For Ticket Information
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*Proceeds benefit Gilda’s Club, other charities
and local scholarships*

*Advanced Ticket Price: \$25. ea
(\$30.00 day of the Tour)*

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The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club's (NJSFWC) 2010-2012 Special State Project is Gilda's Club and The Wellness Communities of New Jersey. Over the next 2 years, the NJSFWC clubs, of which the Woman's Club of Old Tappan is a member, will raise funds, volunteer their time, and provide a variety of "in kind" donations to the 4 Gilda's Clubs and The Wellness Communities located in New Jersey

At the Old Tappan Mayor and Council Meeting on September 20, Mayor Victor M. Polce issued a Proclamation which applauded the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the Woman's Club of Old Tappan for their support of Gilda's Clubs and The Wellness Communities. The Proclamation appointed the month of October, which is National Breast Cancer Month, to honor the memory of Gilda Radner, who inspired the establishment of free psychosocial centers to support cancer patients and their families and friends.

Photo: Mayor Polce is pictured at the Proclamation presentation with Woman's Club of Old Tappan members, l - r: Marlene Northrop, Sue Joshi, Pat Royall, Nancy Maida, Joan Glielmi, Elaine Duncan, Libby Weidmann, President Christine Brignola, Mayor Polce, Diana Savadjian, and Anita DiLiberto.

CRAFTY LADIES CRAFT SALE

The CRAFTY LADIES 16th annual CRAFT SALE will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Chapel building on the grounds at Trinity Reformed Church, 292 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY, formerly known as the Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless in Bergen County.

The crafts are of high quality and sell at reasonable prices. There will be non-seasonal as well as holiday and gift items.

There will also be for sale new & gently used holiday & gift items of exceptional quality that have been donated for this purpose. Included are knick-knacks, jewelry, books, toys, household & personal items.

A snack bar will be selling beverages, breakfast, lunch and gourmet baked goods.

More than \$43,000.00 has been donated to the IRF over the past 15 years. The CRAFTY LADIES thank you for your generous support in the past and ask for your support again this year. Please bring a friend.



Look Who's Been Volunteering....

Do you recognize anyone in the pictures? These young residents have been actively participating in the many community-based programs offered by Old Tappan Social Services. Classes collected goods for the annual Have-A-Heart Pantry Drive sponsored by the OT Girl Scouts. School and CCD groups assembled baskets for seniors. Other volunteers stocked shelves in the pantry or picked up and delivered biweekly meals to residents, while Girl Scout, Taylor Parcells, accomplished her Silver Award by organizing a town wide pantry collection. Our volunteers rarely get recognized for their time and efforts, but they are the



heart and sole of our programs! We thank all of you who help us help others! If you know someone who might benefit from our neighborhood



programs or would like to volunteer your services, please call the OT Social Services office at 201-664-1849 Ext. 25.

Please watch for our Giving Trees, which will be located in local establishments around town this holiday season, and the annual fund-raising letter. Our programs are totally dependent on donations and your continued support is greatly appreciated!



Old Tappan
Social Services
Local Assistance Board



OLD TAPPAN LIBRARY NEWS...

A library card is the "smartest" card in your wallet. It's free with no monthly bill. Our patrons compliment our "amazing music cd collection," "the best selection of dvds," "I just read the review in the paper and you have this book already!" "Your audio-books are lifesavers on my commute to work." If we don't have what you're looking for, we'll get it for you. Free. Visit us on www.bccls.org.

We have lots of programs taking place at the library for children and adults. Children's programs include Mommy & Me, Story Hour, Kinder Crafts and Cool Kids.

Adult programs include yoga classes on Monday mornings (regular & chair yoga), Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Newly released movies are shown on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00pm. If you are a bridge enthusiast, join our "Bridge for Fun" groups on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:00pm or Couples Bridge on Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm. We also have two book discussion groups, The Mystery Book Group and Eclectic Book Group, who are always looking for new members.

For further information about any of our programs, please call the library at 201 664-3499. The library also has a Facebook page and all special programs will be listed.

Are you an artist or photographer? The library has an "Artist of the Month" program. Artwork is displayed in the Douglas Bennington Community Room. If you are interested in displaying your work, please call the library.



The Old Tappan Lions Club...

would like to congratulate graduating senior Andrew DiMola on his selection to be the recipient of the \$2000 Old Tappan Lions scholarship award. Andrew intends to enroll at the University of Delaware and major in English or history. We wish him the very best in his endeavors.

Each year the Old Tappan Lions congratulate the graduating kindergarten class by giving each child a book whose title is selected by the teacher. This year each student received a copy of "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble".

Eight graduates from the middle school were also given subject awards which included a congratulatory certificate and a savings bond.

The Lions will soon be engaged in the fall "white Cane" mailing which will be soliciting funds the O.T. Lions will use to support our many charities involved with helping the visually impaired. We hope you will be generous. Join the Lions Club, call Ed Zaccone, 201-666-5599.

**Brought to you by
the Senior Advisory Committee....**

The Mayor and Council established the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee in October 1996. The function of the Committee is to inform the Mayor and Council and the residents of Old Tappan of the special needs of Seniors who reside in the Borough, and to reaffirm the dignity and value of the older adults in the community. Further, it attempts to provide Seniors with information and services available that will help them improve their quality of life.

Toward that end the Committee runs two free "Lunch 'n Learn" seminars each year that include a buffet lunch plus a speaker who will discuss a topic of interest to Seniors. The Committee also hosts a Holiday Brunch during the December holiday season. All functions are held in the upper level of the firehouse and are free and open to all Old Tappan Seniors. The next Lunch 'n Learn will be held in October. Please watch the announcement board in front of Borough Hall for specific dates.

Also of interest to Seniors is the "55 Alive" Driver Safety Program sponsored by AARP and hosted by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. As we all put a few more miles in the rear view mirror, it seems more and more has changed when it comes to our cars and the rules of the road. Familiar streets and road signs we used to know like the backs of our hands have changed to accommodate more cars and faster traffic. But it's not just our cars or the streets that have changed. So have we. Age-related changes such as reaction times, medical conditions affecting the heart, eyes, muscles, and brain, and the medicines used to treat those symptoms—can all affect our fitness to drive.

With these changes in mind, it's good to review the elements of safe driving periodically so you can remain safe and confident behind the wheel. The AARP Driver Safety Program helps us do just that. It's designed to give you a chance to update your driving skills to respond to changes in yourself, your vehicle and the roads. AARP Driver Safety Program classes run a total of eight hours and usually take place over two consecutive days during April or May, There is no driving or scored testing involved. Current class fees are \$14.00 (\$12.00 for AARP members). Classes are open to all NJ residents and are limited to 25 attendees. You will receive a certificate of completion after attending the course. Presenting this to your insurance agent can often result in a reduction in your premiums.

Currently, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee meets throughout the year on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM in the Borough Hall conference room. All meetings are open to the public.

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN 2010 MAYOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD

The Borough of Old Tappan recognizes that volunteerism is an integral part of the Borough's success, without which our many recreational and social programs would cease to exist. Volunteers have given tirelessly their time throughout the years to benefit the residents of Old Tappan. They have provided and expanded athletic programs to benefit the youth and adult community. Not long ago, only Little League baseball was offered to our youths. Now Old Tappan can boast about its accomplishments in expanding League sports to include baseball, soccer, softball and basketball for girls as well as boys.

Our volunteers have constructed field houses and playground facilities, provided funds for our libraries, sat on various municipal boards, led Girl Scout and Boy Scout activities, worked PTA and PTSA functions, have served on the fire department and first aid corps. These are only a few of the many activities provided by our volunteers.

Volunteers provide services and fill the needs of many that would otherwise not be met. We owe our volunteers our gratitude and respect. The Old Tappan 2010 Mayor's Award can recognize those groups and individuals who have given so selflessly of their time and talent in service to others.

The Rules:

- All volunteer activities must be performed within Old Tappan.
- Only residents of Old Tappan are eligible to receive the Old Tappan 2010 Mayor's Volunteer Award.
- Residents of all ages are eligible.
- Any individual, or group, or family engaged in volunteer activities that benefit the community may be nominated.
- If more space is needed than provided, please attach additional information to this application. Additional supporting materials may also be attached to the application.
- No candidates for public office shall be eligible.

Application Deadline: The nomination form and any supporting materials should be returned to Borough Clerk, Borough of Old Tappan, 227 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675 by Monday, November 15, 2010.

OLD TAPPAN 2010 MAYOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATION APPLICATION

NOMINEE:

Please specify if nominee is an individual _____, or a group ____.

Name: _____
If individual, indicate Mr. Ms. Miss Mrs.; If nominee is a group, enter full name of group *Day Time Phone Number*

Contact Person: _____
If nominee is a group, enter name of contact person *Day Time Phone Number*

Address: _____ Old Tappan, New Jersey 07675

SUMMARY: (To be completed by the nominator) Indicate why you feel this nominee is eligible and deserving of this award. Your statement should include a description of the nominee's volunteer activities within our community, the community or recipient need(s) addressed, any noteworthy achievements, unusual challenges overcome, any innovations utilized, and the length of service.

Indicate any volunteer activities that the nominee may have contributed elsewhere in Bergen County and the State of New Jersey.

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____ *Day Time Phone Number*

Address: _____ Old Tappan, New Jersey 07675

DEADLINE: Return the completed application and any supporting materials to Borough Clerk, Borough of Old Tappan, 227 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675 by Monday, November 15, 2010. The recipient of the 2010 Mayor's Volunteer Award will be notified by the Borough Hall. The award will be distributed at the Mayor and Council Meeting of December 6, 2010.

*We would like to extend our sincerest Thanks to
all of the following contributors who helped make
Town Day the success that it was...*

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Town Day Participants...

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Town Day Committee
OT Police Department
OT First Aid Corp
OT Boy Scouts
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Recreation Commission
Department of Public Works
OT Fire Department
OT Girl Scouts
OT Cub Scouts
OT Education Association
OT Board of Health
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