

# SPRING 2010 Issue



## Old Tappan News

### Mayor's Message



I believe there is no more critical a task for a governing body than the adoption of the budget. Over the past eleven years, the overriding focus of this Mayor and Council has been to fashion a budget which is fiscally prudent within the overall context of managing our community. It is important to remember that one of the major components of managing the business of a Borough is truly a FINANCIAL one, and must always be looked upon from that perspective. Goals such as sharing services with neighboring communities, preserving open space, or providing our blue chip library with the necessary resources to renovate their building, are all viewed in the context of their present, and future financial implications. This administration has not, nor will we ever, compromise our long term financial health for short term political gains.

Since January, the Council and I have worked diligently through numerous budget sessions. Last December, in preparation for the budget process, each department received a letter from me requesting that its operating budget would be reduced by 10% from the previous year. Even though a good start, unfortunately, we found this would not be enough. As the process started in January, we learned that the town's revenues were considerably lower than in previous years. Our interest income from investments was down dramatically (mainly due to declining interest rates), while building permits also collapsed as fewer people renovated their homes than in the previous year. And as if that was not enough, in March we were informed that we had lost \$128,783 in state aid which further reduced our revenue. At that point, we quickly realized that we would have to reduce expenses much more than anticipated. The first step we took was to review every departmental request (including capital items which are needed to maintain our first rate services) and to meet with the heads of our various departments, boards, committees and commissions.

At the same time, we met with representatives from both the Police Department and the DPW, and our borough hall staff, to see if there was a way in which we could change the structure of their impending salary increase, to something that was more akin to the financial problems that are occurring today. After numerous sessions between us, we were able to work out agreements with the DPW and the police department to have their salaries frozen for 2010. Our borough hall staff also agreed to a salary freeze. Additionally, all departments would start contributing 1.5% of their salary towards their health care benefits, effective May 21<sup>st</sup>. I would like to thank them for their work, and willingness to share in the sacrifice, throughout the entire process.

With the assistance of our Chief Financial Officer, Rebecca Overgaard, our Borough Administrator, Patrick O'Brien, as well as our Municipal Accountant, Jeff Bliss, we have fashioned a budget for the year 2010 which will yield a slight municipal tax increase. This increase will total \$112 annually (or 5.8%), for a home ASSESSED at \$626,000. Each and every council person and I deliberated long and hard about increasing taxes given the current economic environment that all of us are confronted with. In the end, we found that to cut any more from the budget would have a much more serious impact going into 2011, particularly if the economy continues to meander along a "repression" like pace. As hopefully you can see, the short and long term financial well being of this municipality (and consequently, your financial well being as a homeowner and taxpayer) is uppermost in our minds.

In 2010, the breakdown of your tax bill will be as follows:

- 15% for municipal services, which includes the operation of the Police Department and the Department of Public Works, the Borough's professionals, the Borough's many boards and commissions, the equipment utilized to ensure that our parks, streets and roads are maintained properly, the administration of the Borough, as well as funding for the Library. **This is what your Mayor and Council is responsible for.**
- 72% for the elementary schools and high school, which is determined by the local and regional boards and voted on in April. **The Borough of Old Tappan merely COLLECTS the tax.**
- 13% for the County Tax, which is determined by the County government. **The Borough of Old Tappan merely COLLECTS the tax.**

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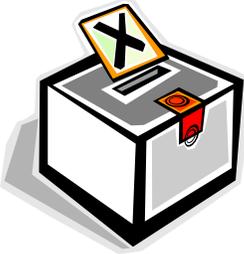
### Congratulations to Guy Carnazza and Anna Haverilla on their re-election...



*Mayor Victor M. Polce administering Oath of Office to Councilman Guy Carnazza. Photo by Thomas Moorhead/Northern Valley Press*



*Mayor Victor M. Polce administering Oath of Office to Councilwoman Anna Haverilla. Photo by Thomas Moorhead/Northern Valley Press*



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

The Bergen County Board of Elections issues voter Registration Cards.

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. 14 if you have any questions.

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



*A Message from Police  
Chief Joseph Fasulo.....*

With spring upon us and thoughts of summer not being far away we all can breathe a sigh of relief that we survived another cold and snowy winter.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> overnight parking on the streets resumed in the Borough but we do ask that residents continue whenever possible to park in their driveways. It makes it easier to pick out the car that does not belong in the area as it's occupants could be committing a crime at your home or a neighbors.

Parents are reminded that underage drinking will not be tolerated. Both state law and borough ordinances prohibit drinking by minors on public and private property. Liability issues should be enough to make any parent think twice before allowing minors to drink in their homes. Giving a minor alcohol is like handing them a loaded gun. Don't Do It!!!

The Police Department has been using the Nixle Notification System over the past several months with great success. Sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to receive important notifications. We will also be testing a new phone notification system over the next several weeks to insure all is working properly.

Along with spring comes the flourishing of flowers and the like but also the flourishing of door to door solicitations and home improvement scams. Do not get caught up in one of these fantastic deals. Do the research on your contractor and never hire someone who mysteriously shows up with the deal of the century that you can't refuse. Also, do not get caught up in internet fraud scams. A great source of information can be found on the FBI website at [www.fbi.gov/majcases/fraud/fraudscemes.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/majcases/fraud/fraudscemes.htm).

The Police Department will also be hosting the Senior Picnic at Stone Point Park on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for a relaxing day of good food and friendship.

With all the activities taking place around the recreation areas we ask that you be mindful of your speed and parking regulations.

Child seat installations are conducted by our trained technicians but we ask that you make an appointment several days ahead of time due to scheduling conflicts that occur periodically.



*Pictured above is Mayor Victor M. Polce honoring "John E. Rooney" for his exceptional service to the Borough of Old Tappan, his lifetime commitment to serving others and most especially as friend to all who know him.*

**PROCLAMATION HONORING LEON LEPSALTER:** Leon Lepselter has been a resident of the Borough of Old Tappan since 1979. He has served on the Technology Committee, Telecommunications Committee and the Bonnell Park Committee comprising over forty years of service to the Committees of the Borough of Old Tappan. Leon selflessly offers his experience in technology and expertise gained from his forty years of service to New York Telephone Company and nine years to Verizon. Leon Lepselter has contributed over ten years both as engineer and maintaining steam trains in Mount Hope and Steam Town, Pennsylvania keeping the Steam Trains "running". Leon has a strong love and dedication to the Borough of Old Tappan and feels strongly the need to give back to the community for the many good years and good friends. Leon is happiest with his wife Helena at his side, the love of his dog, a model train in his hand and serving the people and the community of Old Tappan with a great deal of dedication and devotion.



*Pictured above is Mayor Victor M. Polce honoring Leon Lepselter for his exceptional service to the Borough of Old Tappan, his lifetime commitment to serving others and most especially as a friend to all who know him.*



Property taxes are due on 8/1/10. There is a 10 day grace period until August 10, 2010.

**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.



**Spring Renovations in Your Plans?**

**NOW may be the time to start planning**

**A brief update from the Planning Board of Old Tappan**

Considering all the snow on the ground, it's hard to believe that spring is right around the corner. Typically the building

department is flooded with permit requests in March, hoping for a construction/renovation project to start at the first thaw. But do you realize that if your project requires an application before the Planning Board, it could be 3 months before your permits are issued? That might put your "spring project" on your contractor's July "to do list". (and in July, your contractor may be fully booked, making your Spring Project more like a Christmas or Hanukkah gift!) Don't let that be YOU!

In late spring and early summer, our agenda get filled with applications from homeowners who did not realize a variance might be required. Additionally, New Jersey Land Use Laws dictate the time line, which includes a review, published notices, as well as a waiting period of 45 days from Planning Board approval before permits can be issued! NOW is the time to evaluate your project with our zoning and building officials.

Currently our planning Board is concentrating on revisions for the Master Plan and also examining the FAR ordinance. Applications are being processed quickly thanks to a light agenda, so if you are considering a project that might require a variance, NOW is the time!!!

The Planning Board Office is open on Tuesdays from 1 to 3, Wednesday from 830 to 3 and Thursday from 830 to 1030. Appointments during other times are available, please email our Land Use Administrator, Roe (Rnoll@oldtappan.net) and she will be more than happy to advise you, as well as guide you through the process. The Planning Board office phone extension is #22.

The procedure is not as daunting as it appears; don't be put off by the application! Roe will help make it easy for you, and will definitely advise if your project is better handled by an attorney than yourself!

Below are a few excerpts from our FAQ page, for the complete page, see [http://www.oldtappan.net/pb\\_faq.cfm](http://www.oldtappan.net/pb_faq.cfm)

**Q. What exactly is a variance?**

A. The concept of a variance applies when a homeowner wants to do construction or an alteration to their property that does not comply with local ordinance. When they are denied a permit by either the zoning or building offices, they may appeal by way of an application to the Planning Board. The Planning Board will hear and evaluate the situation, and can "vary" or adjust the detailed terms of the ordinance to provide "variance relief". Variance relief is based on the applicant's ability to **prove** or provide evidence that compliance with the ordinance is either impossible or would cause a hardship.

**Q. What else does the Planning Board do?**

The Planning Board also reviews and evaluates plans submitted by applicants who want to develop their land for many different uses (residential, commercial, industrial) and can approve these plans citing conditions or restrictions in their decisions. The Planning board reviews plans for compliance using the Rules and Regulations that govern the subdivision of land and using zoning bylaws. The Board is also responsible for the Master Plan of the town.

**W**e 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 witch 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.

**Tire Recycling  
Computers/Electronics Program**

Homeowners wishing to dispose of tires, computer or electronic equipment such as a TV, VCR, radios, etc, are invited to bring these materials to the following locations:

Bergen county Community Services Building  
327 East Ridgewood Ave, Paramus  
Sunday, April 25, 2010  
Saturday, August 21, 2010

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, June 26, 2010  
Saturday, November 6, 2010

Collection Hours: 9am-2pm (rain or shine)

**Household Hazardous Waste Events**

Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the locations listed below. To determine the materials that will be accepted please go to [BCUA.org](http://BCUA.org) Look under Solid Waste recycling and than Household Hazardous Waste for a list of items which will be accepted. Locations and times are:

Bergen Community College  
400 Paramus Road, Paramus  
Sunday, June 13, 2010  
Sunday, October 17, 2010

Bergen County Utilities Authority  
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie  
Saturday, July 17, 2009

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, May 15, 2010  
Saturday, September 11, 2010  
Saturday, November 20, 2010

Collection Hours 9am-3pm (rain or shine )

For more information click on to the BCUA web site or look at the hazardous waste flyer at <http://www.bcua.org/files/2010%20flyer.pdf>

The Old Tappan DPW yard will accept and recycle unwanted electronics which contain significant amount of toxic and precious metals. Look for the storage box in the rear of the yard.



**Mayor's Message**  
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Hence, only \$15 out of every \$100 of your tax dollars paid for all the services provided by the Borough.

Old Tappan continues to maintain one of the lowest tax rates in Bergen County while providing first class services. Additionally, this "business first" approach has resulted in a bond rating of Aa3, which is among the highest for municipalities in the Pascack and Northern Valley areas. This Mayor and Council will never use long term borrowing to support our day-to-day operating expenses. However, when revenues continue to stagnate and we encounter substantive increases in health care and pension benefits, along with a reduction in state aid, there is only so much that we can do to mitigate our, hence your, financial risk.

Your Mayor and Council are dedicated to getting the most out of your tax dollars. You will continue to see the results of our efforts in 2010, and beyond. Over the past eleven years, this administration has clearly shown a pattern of fiscal responsibility and concern for our collective financial futures. We believe in and are committed to bettering Old Tappan through sound planning and prudent investment in our infrastructure (particularly when economic conditions warrant such action), with particular emphasis on the present and future financial well-being of this town. Remember, our goal is to ensure that Old Tappan continues to be the extraordinary place it has always been, and that YOUR financial investment in this community is truly, a profitable one.

## Bonnabel Nature Park at Lachmund's Bend

The flag's been raised, the sign's been installed  
Everyone's welcome, no need to be called.

Bonnabel Park has come into being  
Now its open for all to enjoy seeing.

Come relax and sit by a tree  
A river with fish you will see.

Trees have been trimmed, dead branches picked up  
Work was done by crews with saws and a chipper truck.

Along natural paths you will come to find  
Benches and tables provided to rest and dine.

Visit the peace and beauty of the park  
Open to all from morning to dark.

*Author Unknown*



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER...

**WOMEN'S CLUB RUMMAGE SALE** on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the Old Tappan Fire House. More info. on page 10

**TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE** from Fri., June 11 through Sat., June 13. More information on page 6.

**SCOUTS FAMILY FUN EVENING** Friday, June 11, at Stone Point Park. More information on page 11.

**O.T. MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SENIOR LUNCHEON** on Thursday, May 27, 2010, 12:00p.m., at the Korean Presbyterian Church All seniors welcome!

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** to be held on Monday, May 31, 2010. More information on back cover of newsletter.

**OAKES PARK CONCERT SERIES** during July and August. The Social & Cultural Affairs committee is hard at work setting up a spectacular schedule of concerts for this summer

**OLD TAPPAN TOWN DAY** to be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 with a rain date of Sunday, September 12, 2010. The Town Day activities will take place at Stone Point from 12 to 5:00 pm.

**MAYOR'S TROPHY GOLF OUTING** sponsored by the Old Tappan Municipal Alliance is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2010, with a rain date of Monday, Sept. 27, 2010. The purpose of the *OT Municipal Alliance* program is to promote public awareness concerning alcoholism and drug abuse as well as determine problem solving strategies for our community's unique substance abuse & prevention needs for all ages.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** is the second full week in October. Keep a look out for information on the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. open house usually held on the Tuesday of that week.



### ENERGY AUDITS

In keeping with a conservative view on fiscal restraint and the environment, the Town authorized an energy audit of all Borough buildings by an outside consulting firm. A number of changes in the towns energy use were suggested including the upgrade of lighting and lighting control systems which would produce the most significant returns on investment. A simple but effective example is the transition from traditional manually-controlled, incandescent lighting to automated LED's (Light Emitting Diode) lighting. According to the audit, the energy savings realized by this simple conversion would be recouped in only one year's time. If, as planned, the lighting portions of the audit were implemented in all Boroughs buildings, the annual savings would be approximately \$14,000. If energy prices increase the savings would be even greater. These are but a few of the actions taken by the Mayor and Council to conserve our natural resources, reduce operating expense and continue our focus on fiscal and environmental responsibility. Energy conservation is a Win -Win for all residents of Old Tappan. We are grateful to be playing a leading role in moving our Town towards a low-cost, sustainable future. We encourage all residents to do their part at-home to join us in "Goin-Green".

**Your Ideas are Welcome!** If you have an idea to help support the "Goin-Green" initiative, please contact the Old Tappan Environmental Commission, the Borough Administrator or visit us on the Old Tappan Website at [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net)



**Message from Fire Chief & Fire Marshal Nicola Lepore.....**

## Approximately 1500 people die annually from CO poisoning.

**As a result of a mother and her children's near fatality in a neighboring town recently due to a lack of Carbon Monoxide detectors, I have once again published this important message.**

CO enters our body through normal breathing. Once inside our body CO quickly bonds to the hemoglobin in our blood denying oxygen molecules the opportunity to attach. Essentially, our body starves as less oxygen is allowed to make its way to our organs. Excessive CO concentrations in our blood can lead to lead to irreversible brain damage and death. In fact, CO poisoning is the principle reason people die in building fires rather than succumbing to the actual heat of the fire.

Fortunately we, we do have an easy defense to combat the possibility of CO affecting our families in our homes, *purchasing and installing a CO detector.*

CO detectors can be purchased at any local discount or home improvement store and range in cost from 25 to 60 dollars. It is important to know that all CO detectors operate and alarm using the same detection principle so extra cost usually translates to extra features, not more protection. I recommend purchasing CO detectors that plug in to a wall outlet and have a battery backup to provide detection during power outages.

CO detectors work on saturation. This means they need to be installed in an area with little or no air movement. It is best to follow local codes and manufacturers installation instructions when choosing a location to avoid false alarms.

Because CO is neutrally buoyant it is recommended to avoid purchasing combined CO and smoke alarms as this type force you to mount the detector at ceiling level. These detectors will not provide as much comprehensive protection as a detector that is plugged into a wall outlet at floor level where most sources of CO are found.

Studies have shown that children (under 8 years of age) and seniors (over age of 55) are ten times more susceptible to the affects of CO, so it may be a good idea to install CO detectors in bedrooms and nurseries.

### **Five easy steps to Carbon Monoxide Safety:**

Check the color of the flame of your gas appliances

- Anything other than blue needs immediate attention
- Have all gas appliances checked annually by a certified contractor

Check all exhausts and flues from gas appliances or chimneys

- Be sure they aren't blocked by dirt, debris, leaves, animal nests & snow

Do you or your family members have any unexplained illness?

- Flu like symptoms including fatigue, muscle pains, upset stomach, lethargy, dizziness, headaches or reddening of the skin.

Do not operate any vehicles, gas BBQ's or gas heaters in garages without adequate ventilation.

- Do not warm your car in garage.

Install a Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector

- Maintain the detector semi annually with fresh batteries and cleaning

If anyone in your family suffers from any symptoms of CO poisoning or your detectors sounds a continuous alarm, immediately evacuate the premises and move to an area with fresh air.

Remember, CO cannot be seen, smelled or tasted so do not rely on your senses to determine whether the alarm is false or real.

Once you and your family are safely evacuated, call 911 and let the Fire Department investigate the alarm for you. The Old Tappan Fire Department has equipment to test the CO level in your home. Do not return to the premises until the fire department or a representative from the gas company tells you that it is all right to go back inside.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding carbon monoxide or CO detectors, please feel free to contact my office.

### **Safety tips to remember:**

- Change batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks.
- If you have a wood burning fireplace or stove, be sure to have the chimney cleaned and inspected for cracks before using them.
- Having your furnace and or boiler serviced before the heating season to ensure proper operation, this could be a source of carbon monoxide if not serviced properly.
- Be sure your homes have a clear and visible house number. If we cannot find your address we could waste precious time when responding to your home with a fire truck or ambulance.

Once again, feel free to contact me at my office or Fire Headquarters for any fire safety related questions and concerns.

## THE OLD TAPPAN FIRST AID CORPS

are looking for some individuals who would be interested in serving their community with the ambulance corps. We are especially in need of people who are often in town during the day time. After training and certification, you would help Old Tappan between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM. You WILL NOT be required to be available every hour of every day but any time you do supply would be beneficial to the ambulance corps ability to supply fast help to people in medical need. You can make a difference by joining the Old Tappan First Aide Corps at 201-666-9030.



### Need a Crutch??

### Free Medical Equipment Available



Crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and other medical supplies are available for short-term or long-term use by any Old Tappan resident.

Simply contact the Old Tappan Volunteer First Aid Corps at (201) 666-9030.

Donated by generous townfolk, our inventory includes not only crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs, but also commodes and commode supports.

If you would like the equipment within 24 hours, please call the Old Tappan Police Department 201-664-1221 and they will relay the message to us.



# BOROUGH TO HOST TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Borough of Old Tappan will be hosting a town-wide garage sale the weekend of Friday, June 12th. This Garage Sale will give borough residents the opportunity to part with yesterday's treasures and find today's bargains.

The Town-wide Garage Sale is an event sponsored by the Social & Cultural Affairs Committee of the Borough of Old Tappan. Residents wishing to participate can fill out the form below and drop it off with payment of \$10 to the Borough Hall on Old Tappan Road. The form can also be found on the Old Tappan website: [www.OldTappan.net](http://www.OldTappan.net). The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 2nd.

Participants will then have their own garage sale at their residence. The town will promote the sale in area newspapers. A map and list of participants' addresses will be printed and available for distribution to garage sale customers at the Borough Hall by Wednesday, June 9th.

All proceeds will benefit the Social & Cultural Affairs Committee which provides various town events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Concerts in the Park and Art in the Park.

Registration forms must be received by June 2, 2010



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Please complete and either mail or drop off with payment (please print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify what days and times you will be open:

Friday, June 11      Yes:  No:  Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 12      Yes:  No:  Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, June 13      Yes:  No:  Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Please make \$10.00 check payable to Borough of Old Tappan

MAIL TO:

Social & Cultural Affairs Committee

c/o Borough of Old Tappan, 227 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675

Any questions, please contact Anna Haverilla at 201-954-7573 or email at [haverilla@oldtappan.net](mailto:haverilla@oldtappan.net)



April 3rd was a beautiful day and it was perfect for a Easter Egg Hunt!! Attendance was great and all the children of families came with their little ones Eric the Easter Bunny made a special appearance and handed out treats to the children as he hopped along his way...All the children came away with baskets full of candy and a morning full of fun!! Many thanks to the Social Affairs Committee who put this event together for the children of Old Tappan and Jamie Cohen who was on hand for the great picture taking!

From time to time the Recreation Commission receives inquiries as to where sports fees go? Often residents are surprised to find out all the of the costs associated with running a sport for a season. The Recreation Commission would like to keep residents informed of these costs in order to provide a better understanding of the fees associated with each of the sports.

Here are some of our costs each year:

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- Uniforms
- Referee/Umpire Fees
- Equipment (bats, balls, helmets)
- Supplies (Trophies, First Aid kits, ball bag)
- Custodian Fees (indoor sports)
- Payment for clinics or training
- Community Pass annual fee
- Tournament Fees
- Improvements (scoreboard, fencing, pitching machines)
- Coaches background check and ID Cards



### *O.T. Baseball/Softball Opening Day*



# Camp Serendipity 2010

This year Camp will run from July 13-July 31  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Camp day will be 9am -3pm with a half hour for Lunch.

Registration will be opened on Community Pass on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Registration fee per child will be \$200.00.... This increase in registration has become necessary in order to implement needed upgrades to the Camp. Below you will find some engaging new programs which we will be implementing this year.

Each year at Camp Serendipity we have tried to bring new and exciting programs to the camp enhancing the day camp experience for our children. Here are some of the changes for 2010 that we would like to share with you:

- 1) Entering in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to a new Counselor in Transition (CIT) program. This program is designed to give the older camper an opportunity to experience leadership skills that could help them transition to Counselor role in the upcoming years...Details of this program are posted on the oldtappan.net website under Recreation/Golf....Summer Camp 2010
- 2) Explore Science: We have had this program in the past as a one day offering for the campers. Due to the high level of enthusiasm from the campers for this program, we will be offering Explore Science as a component of the camper's daily activities. This is a high quality program that explores fun science based projects and activities. The campers will a different Explore Science program each day (with the exceptions noted below), and participate in different, age appropriate fun science activities. Programs ideas include Bridge Building, Egg Bungee and Catapult, Film Canister Rockets.
- 3) Camp Groups will be broken into smaller sub- groups in order to offered more age appropriate activities for each group:

Cubs- will be kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and will participate in the following activities: Music, Explore Science, Playground, Field Games, Quiet Time & Arts and Crafts

Wolves- will be 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade And will participate in the following: Performing Arts, Explore Science, Playground, Field Games, Quiet Time, Arts and Crafts & Sports

CIT- will be entering 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and will participate in Arts and Crafts, Explore Science, Performing Arts and Sport/Field Games. After Lunch CIT training and work with groups

- 4) Water Games/Color Wars

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Camp session, drop off/pick up will be at Stone Point Park. The Groups will combine for water games and color wars activities. On these days, regular camp programs will not take place.

- 5) Counselor training and preparation has been revised for 2010. We have revised the job description for our counselors to require a greater degree of responsibly and experience. This year we will have Senior (experienced Counselors) leading each of the groups with either one or two Junior Counselors. These more experienced Counselors will increase the over all cost to run the camp, but will bring a higher level of professionalism to the camp.

We look forward to a fun and successful camp season for 2010....

Please feel free to contact Gloria Wiesner, Recreation Director, at 201 664-1849 ext 24 with any questions or concerns.

## WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN NEWS

### Save your Treasures to Donate

A huge Spring Rummage Sale sponsored by the Woman's Club of Old Tappan to benefit scholarships and charities will be held on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM to 4PM at the Old Tappan Fire House. The assortment of a little bit of everything, new and used, includes household items, small furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, tools, collectibles, small appliances, fabrics, clothing, jewelry, paperback books and much more. In addition, there will be homemade baked goods and the Woman's Club's cookbook "Treasured Recipes" for sale.

Anyone who wishes to donate items for the sale may bring them to the Fire House on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 8PM and on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9AM to 5PM. (Please, No donations of clothing, hard cover books, large furniture, computers, large electrical items or TVs).

Thank you for your past support. For information call Pam at 201-358-0855.

### Scholarship Award

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan is offering a \$1,000 Scholastic Award to a graduating high school senior who plans to continue a course of higher education. To be eligible, a student must have been a resident of Old Tappan for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to graduation. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, activities in and out of school, and community involvement.

Applications may be obtained online at the Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan guidance website at [www.nvnet.org](http://www.nvnet.org) or by contacting the Woman's Club of Old Tappan Scholarship Committee Chairperson Elaine Duncan at 201-768-6775. Completed applications must be received by Monday, May 17, 2010.

### Celebrating 50 Years – Join Us

2010 is the year the members of the Woman's Club of Old Tappan celebrate fifty years of service, centered on our community of Old Tappan and Bergen County, but also extending world-wide. Founded in 1960, the Club is non-sectarian, non-political, and non-profit, organized for the purpose of education, charity, and fellowship. It joined the New Jersey State Federation and General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1963.

The Woman's Club always welcomes new members. Guests and prospective members are invited to attend general meetings which usually are held at 7PM at the Old Tappan Fire House on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May.

The public is invited to hear, on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Lil Corcoran, Associate Director of Shelter our Sisters, Bergen County and on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Denyse Galda, Assistant Prosecutor and Chief of The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office's Juvenile Unit. Each will speak at 7:30PM for 45 minutes, followed by a short question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

For information call Christine at 201-767-9512

### Woman's Club of Old Tappan Cookbook "Treasured Recipes"

There are a 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.

**THE LIONS CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN** wishes to sincerely thank all those who have supported our White Cane collections for the blind in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Your contributions go to a variety of organizations for the blind, not least of which is Camp Marcella in Hibernia, New Jersey. We, as a club, are responsible for the upkeep of the recreation building which has a bowling alley and an assortment of game tables and activities which the visually challenged children can enjoy. We would also like to say that there are openings for this summer at the camp for visually challenged children, ages 5 to 17. If you know a child who would like to attend have their parents call Paula Tarantino at 201-709-4944.

**THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN** meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the upper firehouse at 12:00 PM. We are a small but active club and welcome any seniors that would like to join. This year we have traveled to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pa., enjoyed a Carnivale in Venice at the Brownstone and will be going to Doolans to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. In the future we will sample the food at the Culinary Institute, go to the Westchester Theater and Earhardts in Pa. for a tribute to the Grand Ole Opry. Non-members are welcome to go on trips if we have room. For more information contact Jean, 201-664-4282

# SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SAVE YOUR GIVEAWAYS**

**Saturday, May 22, 2010**

**9 am - 4 pm**

**Old Tappan Fire House**  
231 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675

**Items for Sale:**  
New and Gently Used Items  
Toys and Clothing  
Homemade Bake Table  
Treasured Recipes Cook Book  
on SALE \$10 (very limited quantities)

**DONATIONS OF NEW and GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR SALE**

can be dropped off at The OT Fire House

**Thurs. May 20<sup>th</sup> 4 – 8pm and Fri. May 21<sup>st</sup> 9am – 5pm**

(Please, NO DONATIONS of clothing, large furniture, TVs, computers, hard covered books, or any large electrical items).

**NO DONATIONS ON SATURDAY!**

Sponsored by: **Woman's Club of Old Tappan**  
Contact: Pam at 201-358-0855

Proceeds benefit local scholarships and many local charities

**PLEASE SAVE and DONATE YOUR ITEMS FOR SALE!!**  
We truly appreciate all of your support!



**Thank you Old Tappan  
for Helping Us in 2009!!!**

- Delivering (and occasionally preparing) over 500 healthy meals to seniors in their homes.
- Funding 24 weeks of fun foods and baked goods for the fantastic Friday Flixs at the Old Tappan Library.
- Donating over 400 gifts that were distributed throughout our community during the holidays.
- Maintaining a well-stocked pantry 365 days of the year!
- Providing emergency financial assistance for 15 individual requests.

We would like to extend a **Community Wide Thank You** for the continued support of our programs and services. It wouldn't be possible without each and every one of you working together.

If you know of someone who may benefit from our services or would like to become involved in one of our programs, please contact the Social Services Office at 201-664-1849 ext. 25.

**Thanks** to Butterworth's Bagels, Bank of America, Starbucks, and Curves for Women



As part of the Old Tappan Social Services Wish Tree Holiday Program, the Old Tappan Girl Scout Troops adopted Old Tappan families in need for the Holidays. Each Troop involved was given the particular family information from the O.T. Social Services and then proceeded to collect gifts to make a family basket to be presented to the family for the holidays.

Bank of America, Butterworths, Curves and Starbucks have also participated in this annual program for several years. These businesses display wish trees decorated with tags requesting special items for individual residents and families. In addition to our holiday programs, Old Tappan Social Services stays busy throughout the year addressing the needs of our residents. It may be by providing emergency financial assistance, soup for seniors, gift certificates, and/or our food/supply pantry. It may be arranging for emergency transportation, home care, shelter or food.

It may be a friendly visit, lawn assistance, or stocking shelves. What ever it is, we rely on our community volunteers and supporters to meet our objectives.



**Pictured is OT Troop 1460 - left to right - Danielle Runza, Skylar Kusnic, Michele Szegda, Amanda Tripodi, Anna Haverilla, Christina Haverilla, Isabella Porcelli, Kelly Walsh, Patti Walsh, Jada Usal**

**Scout News...**

**Family Fun Evening:**

The Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts of Old Tappan will be holding a Family Fun Evening on Friday, June 11th, for all registered scouts and their families. Scouts along with their families will enjoy games, food and ceremonies—even a rocket launch done by the Cub Scouts!!! The Girl Scouts will also be celebrating Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards as well as bridging ceremonies to the next level for some troops.

**Girl Scout Info:**

Have you ever worked with kids? Here is a way to help the community and give girls a positive, self-esteem building leadership experience! Also, if you were a Girl Scout leader and your kids are grown, we would love to have you back!

Interested? Contact Melissa Driscoll at [driscol@optonline.net](mailto:driscol@optonline.net)



Congratulations to NVOT sophomores Caraline Annichiarico and Nicole Gambino of Troop 729 who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award after eleven years of dedication to Girl Scouts! This is the highest award given to a Girl Scout. The requirements to earn the Gold Award are: the completion of three interest projects, learn about the community you live in, forty hours of a career award, thirty hours of a leadership position and sixty-five hours of a community service project. Caraline Annichiarico's project focused on the establishment of the "Simply Divine" meal delivery program for helping the residents of Old Tappan through Social Services. Nicole Gambino's project focused on saving the environment by establishing a recycling program for juice pouches at Old Tappan's T. Baldwin Demarest Elementary School. Their commitment has given them the opportunity to become leaders and serve their community; both Caraline and Nicole hope to inspire younger Girl Scouts to achieve this prestigious award.



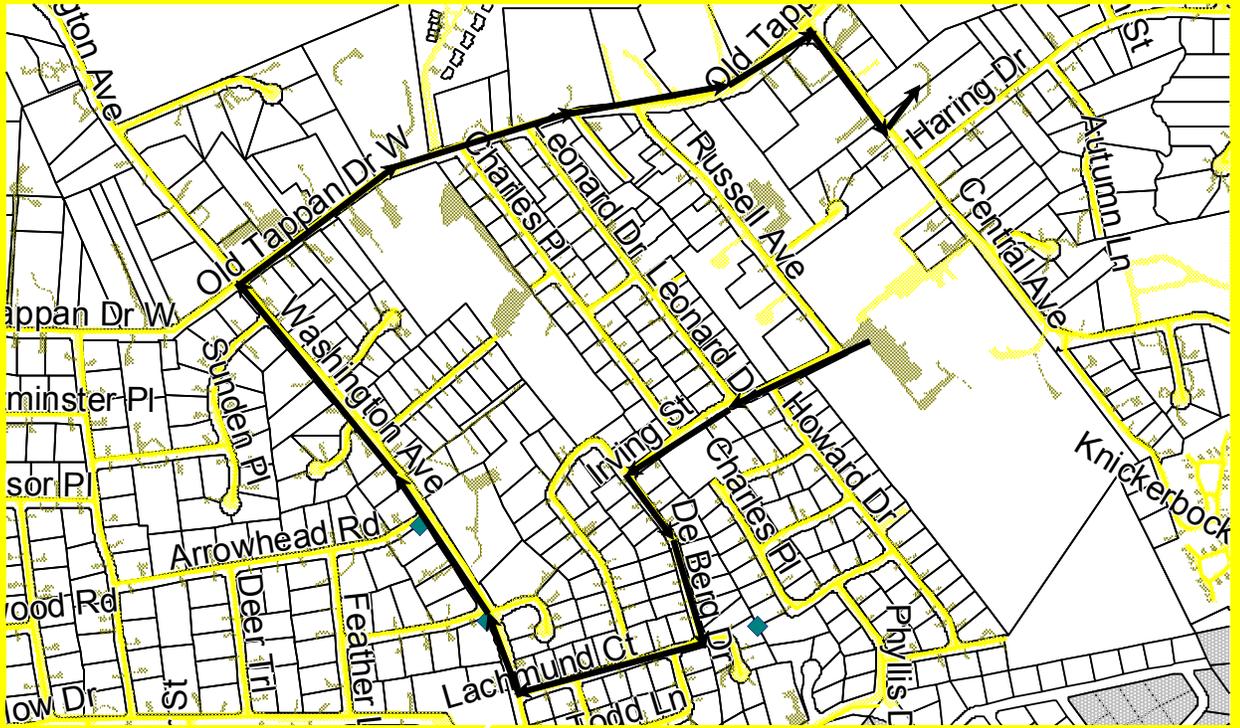
On Feb. 1, the Mayor and Council of Old Tappan honored the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boys Scouts of America by reading a proclamation praising the organization for making a difference through promoting scouting's core values. On hand to receive the honor were the members of Old Tappan Boy Scouts Troop 132. Pictured here, from left to right, are Ian Clarke, Eric Annsen, Joe Haverilla, Nick Haverilla, Mayor Victor Polce, Austin Geerinck, Dustin VanRiper, Max Auth, Luke Annachiarico, Ian Stanton and Liam Stanton.

**2010 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be held on **Monday, May 31, 2010**. The Parade will step off from the back of Northern Valley Old Tappan High School promptly at 9:30 a.m.. Follow the route as shown end with the participating organizations assembling in front of the memorials in Oakes Park on Central Avenue. The Memorial Ceremony includes parading the colors, the National Anthem, the Invocation, address by the Mayor, placing wreaths at the Memorial, the rifle salute and taps.

In the event of inclement weather, the Fire Department siren will be sounded at 8:15 a.m. to advise that the Parade is canceled. In that event, the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the Charles DeWolf School Gym at 9:30 a.m. Wreaths will then be placed at the Memorial by representatives of each organization making a presentation, after which taps will be played.

### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ROUTE**

We ask you to remind members of your organization, children and adults alike, that Memorial Day is a solemn occasion, dedicated to the memory of our countrymen who have given their lives so that we may enjoy our freedom. Let us treat their memory with dignity and respect, along the Parade route as well as during Memorial Services.



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