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NEWSLETTER

Last Year's Events Round-up...

OTFD WETDOWN... On August 19th the OT Fire Department held their "wetdown" to commission their new Ladder 63. The event was a great success with many firefighters from our neighboring towns joining in and many of our residents who came to watch and have a good time. The day ended with Deputy 65-1, Rescue 61, Engine 64, and Engine 62 in the line up to welcome new Ladder 63.



2017 Tree Lighting... Old Tappan held their annual tree lighting on Monday, Dec 5, in front of the Borough Hall. Mayor Kramer opened the evening, Father Merek said the blessing and the Girl Scouts were there caroling until Santa arrived on the fire truck.



HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL... On October 28th the Old Tappan Woman's Club in conjunction with Old Tappan Recreation held their Halloween Festivities. Starting off the event was the annual Halloween Parade. Everyone enjoyed hours of good weather, yummy snacks and fun activities.



Winder Wonderland... Bergen County held their 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland at Van Saun Park. Thank you to Jessie Cho and Joelle Kang from OT Girl Scout Troop 95535 for decorating Old Tappan's tree.



Old Tappan Superhero 5K...



The Old Tappan EMS held their first Superhero 5K and Kiddie Dash on Saturday, October 15, 2017. Thank you to Office Katie Weaver, EMT Kristen Rinaldi and Firefighter Mike Murphy for all the work did getting this 5K together and Congratulations for a job well done! The Superhero 5K was a fundraiser to support the Old



Tappan Volunteer First Aid Corps, the Old Tappan Volunteer Fire Co and the Police Officer's Association

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION... Bergen County Clerk, John S. Hogan, attended the September 18 Mayor & Council meeting to promote his "Around the County" initiative. Clerk Hogan presented the Mayor and Council with a reproduction of some of the town's historic documents. He explained how they have found and preserved historical documents from each town and have put together a collage of some of those documents that they are presenting to each town for display in their municipal buildings. On hand to accept this presentation were many of the members from the Old Tappan Historical Committee. Pictures from left to right: Dr. Bob Boyer, Council Liaison Tom Gallagher, Tom Mancini, Joe Capria, Mayor Kramer, Karen Goddard and Clerk Hogan.



Town Spotlight

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A Message from Mayor John M. Kramer

This winter season has certainly been one that we have not experienced in recent years. Extremely cold temperatures seem to have been the norm with a few welcome days of moderate temperatures that have allowed the snow to melt. (Think spring!!!)

I hope that you enjoy our new style Newsletter. New In-house printing capabilities will hopefully afford us the opportunity to provide extra Newsletters throughout the year.

January and February are the months that your Mayor and Council are hard at work creating the 2018 municipal budget. Representatives of all departments within the borough are invited in to our many budget sessions to determine their needs for the year. Since we too are all tax paying residents, all budget figures are carefully scrutinized.

Old Tappan's state mandated affordable housing updated component is set to be presented to the courts for its' seal of approval in February. Negotiations with the Council on Affordable Housing and an intervenor have been ongoing for all of 2017 and before. Once court approval is granted we will be protected from the so called "Builders Remedy" clause which overrides many of our zoning laws, through the year 2027. Detailed information is available on the borough's website.

Please make sure to check out our web-site www.OldTappan.net for up-to-date information on all happenings in town.

My best of all to you and yours for a happy and healthy New Year.

John M. Kramer

- Save the Dates ~**
- Pizza Bingo:** 2nd Mon of each month at the OT Firehouse located at 231 Old Tappan Road. Doors open at 11:30am
 - Blood Pressure Clinic:** 3rd Thurs of each month at Firehouse - Noon-1pm
 - Zumba:** Tues & Thurs, 9am, Old Tappan Firehouse
 - Chair Yoga:** Fri, 11:30am, Firehouse
 - Free Rabies Clinic:** Sat, Feb 3, 8:30-10am DPW Garage, 35 Russell Ave
 - Junior Police Academy:** Start date Mon, Feb 26
 - Easter Egg Hunt:** Sat, Mar 31 at Oakes Park
 - Lunch & Learn:** Thurs, Mar 8 at the firehouse
 - Memorial Day Parade:** Mon, May 28
 - Town Wide Garage Sale:** June 8, 9, & 10
 - Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs:** Sat, June 9, Bonnabel Park
 - Lunch & Learn:** Thurs, June 14 at the firehouse
 - Free Concert at Oakes Park:** Wed evenings at 7pm —July & August
 - Halloween Festival:** Sat, Oct 27
 - Tree Lighting:** Mon, Dec 3

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED... If you would like to volunteer for any program whether Fire, Ambulance, Recreation or any other Board or Commission email us at oldtappan@oldtappan.net or call 201-664-5322

2018 Old Tappan Reorganization...



Mayor John M. Kramer, administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Ron Binaghi, Jr.



Mayor John M. Kramer, administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Thomas Gallagher



Oath of Office Administered to Municipal Court Judge Warren F. Clark by the Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, P.J.S.C.



Congratulations to Albert J. Harnish, 2017 Volunteer of the Year Al has served on the Old Tappan recreation Commission since 2000 many of those years as the Board of Directors of the Soccer Association. The OT Recreation program is vital to OT and al has devoted countless hours for the children, their families and the entire community. Thank you Al!



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
THE 2017 ELECTION FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK**

PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, June 5th 6am - 8pm

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tue., May 15th. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., May 15th until 9pm

GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, Nov. 6th 6 am - 8 pm

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 16th. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 16th until 9 pm. 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 no later then 3pm the day before the election.**

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: Charles DeWolf Middle School Gym, 275 Old Tappan Road



Property Taxes:

Due date 2/1/18. There is a 10 day grace period until 2/12/18.

Sewer User fee:

Due date 3/1/18. There is a 10 day grace period until 3/12/18.

Annual Special Benefit Assessment bills have been mailed. There are various due dates so check your bill for your due date.

Do we have your correct mailing address: Many tax bills as well as other important notices from the Tax Collector are returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Property owners often neglect advising our office that their mailing address has changed.

Please help us to keep our records up to date. Requests to change mailing address must be submitted in writing. Please look for the form on the www.borougholdtappan.net.

Online bill pay from your bank: Please be aware payments that you initiate with your own bank through online bill pay should be scheduled in advance of any due date to allow a sufficient number of mailing days for the Borough to receive, process and apply the payment to your account. Payments from online bill pay are sent through the mail. We do not accept electronic payment for taxes. All payments must be received by 4PM on the 10th day of the grace period. The Borough is not responsible for late payments due to delays in mail service or bank processing. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR BLOCK AND LOT, LAST NAME AND/OR PROPERTY ADDRESS in order for us to apply the payment to the correct account.

Pay with Direct Withdrawal: An alternative to online bill pay is the Direct Withdrawal ACH bank draft program we have in place for both taxes and sewer flow fees. Please check our website for application forms and details or come in person to get an application.

Borough mailbox: On the front of the Borough hall for your convenience there is a mailbox to drop payments in when Borough hall is closed. All payments will be posted the following day. Do not use mailbox for regular mail.

Charles De Wolf Middle School

Presents:

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CLASSES

Where: Charles De Wolf Middle School

When:

29 March	(11:45AM - 12:45 pm)
3 April	(11:45AM - 12:45 pm)
17 April	(11:45AM - 12:45 pm)
26 April	(11:45AM - 12:45 pm)



Learn technology tips from middle school students!

- Facetime
- E-mail
- Taking Photos
- Texting
- Surfing the web
- Google Searches
- Directions
- Typing a document

Lunch will be provided!

*Computers provided
*Bring: laptop, Ipad, Cellphone!

For more info or to sign-up for a session, please contact Anna Haverilla at Haverilla@eldtappan.net or call 201-954-7573.

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS...

Pet Licenses expired on 12/31/2017

Renewal and new pet application forms for 2018 have be mailed out and are also available at Borough Hall and on our website.

FREE RABIES CLINIC - Saturday - Feb 3 8:30am-10am

DPW Garage 35 Russell Ave

Sponsored by the Old Tappan Board of Health

To renew your pet license on the day of clinic, please bring completed application, copy of spay/neutered certificate (if licensing for 1st time) & payment.



SENIORS LEARN TECHNOLOGY... The Local Assistance Board partnered up with Charles DeWolf to bring our Old Tappan Senior Citizens some technology lessons. Four sessions were held at CDW where the eighth-grade students served as teachers to our senior-citizen learners. The Seniors were served lunch and then were joined by their CDW "instructors" who answered questions about cell phone and tablet features, Facebook, Amazon, Excel, and Google. Thank you to Danielle Da-Giau, Old Tappan Schools Superintendant and Laura Sullivan, Supervisor of Instruction for Curriculum & Educational Technology, for helping bring these sessions to life. The next four sessions are scheduled to start on March 29th. Spaces are limited so please RSVP as soon as possible.



Tire Recycling, Computers And Document Shredding Program

Homeowners wishing to dispose of tires, computer and Confidential Document Shredding are invited to bring these materials to the following locations:

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road, Paramus
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS RD ONLY
Sunday, April 29, 2018
Saturday, August 18, 2018

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, June 9, 2018
Sunday, October 21, 2018

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

Household Hazardous Waste Events

Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the locations listed below. To determine accepted materials to BCUA.org. Look under Solid Waste recycling and than Household Hazardous Waste for a list of items.

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road, Paramus
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS RD ONLY
Sunday, April 15, 2018
Sunday, June 24, 2018
Sunday, October 14, 2018

Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie
Saturday, March 10, 2018
Saturday, November 17, 2018

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, May 12, 2018
Saturday, July 21, 2018
Saturday, September 8, 2018

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

For more information click on to the BCUA web site at <http://www.bcuu.org>

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.



The OTPD wishes everyone a happy and safe New Year. We would like to remind motorists to exercise caution in and around the area of our schools especially during the time of opening, and the dismissal of students. Please be aware of the presence of our School Crossing Guards and their very important role for keeping students safe.

Many communities within northern NJ, including Bergen and Rockland Counties, have experienced a series of stolen vehicles. During the past holiday season, Old Tappan had three cars taken from residents driveways during the night time hours. All vehicles were located by law enforcement and returned to their owners. In most of these cases, the keys or key fob for the car has been left inside the unlocked vehicle. This was the circumstance with the cars taken in Old Tappan. The suspects simply enter the unlocked vehicle and drive away using the key fob that has been provided for them. Old Tappan residents should make every effort to lock their personal vehicles and remove the key fob from the car to prevent someone from entering or taking the car.

The OTPD continues to receive many complaints from residents regarding various forms of scams. Most of these scams are initiated via telephone, but may be initiated in person, via mail or email. Residents should make every effort to verify call back telephone numbers or the telephone numbers that have initiated the scam. Anyone that would like more information regarding scams in our area, or residents having experienced a scam attempt should contact the OTPD.

The annual Bicycle Safety Day will be held at some point toward the end of the school year and the OT Junior Police Academy will begin in February. This is the second year the OTPD JPA is being offered and we are looking forward to the cadets enjoying the various programs presented and once again having a great experience. Officer Katie Weaver may be contacted for more information regarding the Bicycle Safety Rodeo and the OT JPA as the time draws near.

The OTPD would like to announce the promotion of Joseph Tracy to Lieutenant and welcome our newest member Patrol Officer Theodore Cebulski. At the September 5th meeting of the Borough Council, the Mayor and Council promoted Detective Sergeant Joseph Tracy to Lieutenant. Joe brings 30 years of experience and knowledge with the Old Tappan Police Department to his new position. At the August 21, 2017 meeting of the Borough Council, the Mayor and Council appointed Theodore Cebulski to the position of Patrol Officer. Ted is an Alternate Route graduate of the Bergen County Police Academy and has a Bachelor's Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Congratulations to both Officers on their recent appointments.



We wish all residents to be safe, and encourages our residents to be alert with regard to the safety of our community. Please join with us in making Old Tappan a safer and secure place to live. The OTPD appreciates everyone's assistance in helping us help you.

SENIOR ADVISORY NEWS

The Senior Social Society meets the first and third Thursday of every month at the Senior Center located at 247 Old Tappan Road. Meetings start at noon. There are three Lunch & Learns scheduled for this year; May 11th, June 8th and October 11th. Lunch & Learns are held at the Old Tappan Firehouse at noon. All Old Tappan seniors are invited.

Several trips are planned for this year; please check the Borough calendar on the OT website www.eldtappan.net. In addition they will also be posted on the Electronic Bulletin Board located in front of Borough Hall. Of course updated information will be given at every Senior Social Society meeting. All seniors are welcome to attend.

As in every social group, volunteers are needed and always welcome. Please see Dave Northrup, Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee or Anna Haverilla, Council Liaison, if you would like to help in any way.



The 2017 International lunch was again sponsored by the Local Assistance Board and featured Greek Food and Culture. Many thanks to Alison Orecchio, Diana Vogis Bedoyia, Bernie Wilkins, Stephanie Timotheou and all our young dancers. Seniors in attendance enjoyed a power point presentation on Greek Culture, some Greek dancing and, of course, delicious Greek cuisine.

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