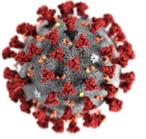




This summer will go down as one of the warmest that we have experienced in recent years. *Fear not*, Labor Day is rapidly approaching bringing with it some reasonable seasonal temperatures.

There are several issues that I would like to briefly address.



COVID-19 Statistics show that the number of illnesses related to the disease in Old Tappan leveled off at an approximate total of 71 by mid-July. Unfortunately three deaths were noted among our senior population. Recently, as reported by our Northwest Regional Health Commission, the number of new cases has risen from the above number. These recent cases are attributed, by in large, to our young adult population. While some have varying symptoms and some may be asymptomatic, they can still carry the virus and in likelihood may pass it on to others, maybe a senior or one with health issues. All of us should practice CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe.

WEAR A MASK - WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY - SOCIALLY DISTANCE

ECONOMY I need not remind you that this economy has affected all of us to one degree or another. During budget meetings in January and February and seeing what might occur in the coming months, your governing body crafted a 2020 Municipal Tax Budget with a 0% increase over 2019. The increases you may note on your tax bill are due to Bergen County and our schools' assessments.

Rumors continue to abound regarding Foodtown in the Bi-State Plaza and the former Charlie Brown's Restaurant. Property owners of both continue to work towards filling both venues. In the meantime, I would encourage you to support our local Old Tappan businesses. They need your support in order to survive this economic downturn.



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

LAW AND ORDER 2020 has brought about many changes in the OT Police Department. Chief Thomas Shine retired and Captain Joe Tracy was elevated to fill that rank. Detective Robert Wacht was promoted to Lieutenant replacing the recently retired Lieutenant Brett Terjanian. Patrolmen Peter Miele and Jason Rothenburger were promoted to Sergeants. Additionally, two new patrol officers were added to the department. Congratulations to all and best wishes to our retirees.



Congratulations on your retirements!!



Recently, in several states the police profession and its officers are unfairly cast in a negative view. Unfortunately this, and the defunding of police departments, has to do with politics and one which is fueled by the media. I consider us to be fortunate to live in a state where that is not the case. By-in-large, our government leaders on most all levels recognize the value and professionalism of its law enforcement leaders and officers. Officers here in Old Tappan and throughout Bergen County and the state are held to rigorous standards set forth by the current Attorney General and those preceding him. Basic training and continuing required training programs are the norm of the day. I am proud to say that law enforcement was my career and I am proud of the officers that continue to serve



professionals dedicated to supporting and improving Old Tappan's infrastructure. From parks and roads to sewer pumps and recycling, and much, much more, looking to maintain and improve the quality of life for our residents. We thank our DPW not only for their dedication during COVID-19 but for the hours of work they had to put in after Tropical Storm Isaias paid a visit to Old Tappan. We are pleased to welcome Robert McQuade as one of our new DPW employees.



Did you know playing golf is safer than playing basketball during the coronavirus pandemic?



Join the Old Tappan Golf Course

Social Services The Local Assistance Board is accepting donations for the food pantry. Items can be dropped off in the Borough Hall front vestibule Mon-Fri, 8:30 to 4pm. A list of needed products can be found at www.oldtappan.net. Gift cards are always welcomed & appreciated.

PUBLIC WORKS The OT Department of Public Works is an amazing, hands-on team of professionals dedicated to supporting and improving Old Tappan's infrastructure. From parks and roads to sewer pumps and recycling, and much, much more, looking to maintain and improve the quality of life for our residents. We thank our DPW not only for their dedication during COVID-19 but for the hours of work they had to put in after Tropical Storm Isaias paid a visit to Old Tappan. We are pleased to welcome Robert McQuade as one of our new DPW employees.

1ST RESPONDERS There are not enough words to say thank you to our OT First Aid Corps and all our healthcare providers serving on the frontlines of COVID-19. Thank you for your diligence, sacrifice and determination during such an unprecedented event such as the one we are facing now. Thank you so much for putting yourself at risk to help others. We appreciate everything you do.

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