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Dear friends and neighbors,

Your continued prayers are needed for Stephan Wiklinski, a 14-year-old boy who was seriously injured in a bicycle/motor vehicle accident on Sunday June 11th. Please pray for and support Stephen and his family as they endure this most difficult of time.

- Beware of scams whether they arrive by mail, email, phone, or in person. Don't fall prey to those who call demanding money for the release of a purported loved one who is being held in lieu of bail or by a supposed utility company demanding immediate payment under threat of service discontinuance. Be cautious of mailings seeking your donation of money to support their cause. Believe me when I tell you that it has happened here in Old Tappan on numerous occasions where tens of thousands of dollars have been scammed. If in doubt, call the police for assistance in determining authenticity.
- Line of site at intersections is continually being assessed by our code enforcement officer. If you live at an intersection where the growth of vegetation has reached a point where it is dangerous to both pedestrians and the motoring public, please take remedial action. Your cooperation in ensuring the continued safety of us all is certainly appreciated.
- While the County of Bergen has indicated that the completion of construction on the Old Tappan Bridge would be by summer, they did not specify exactly what part of summer. I can only tell you from my regular checks that things are continuing in a major way. By the way, Central Avenue has been milled and repaved. Hoorah!
- Last word was that the prospective tenant of the old Foodtown space will not be moving in. I've given up on projections, rumors, good information, etc. etc. etc. As you may know the Bi-State Plaza is under private ownership and the matter of fact is that I've received some mild heat from their representatives criticizing my reports to you in the past.
- I am happy to report progress on the construction of our three Pickle Ball courts at Stone Point Park. Watch for news of completion.
- Please remember to check out the town's website for information on upcoming events such as concerts, movies in the park, town day, and much more.

I had the good fortune of being invited to the CDW 8th grade graduation. We all wish the best of luck to our younger generations as they progress their way through life. They are the way of the future.

In closing I wish you all a happy and safe summer and once again, keep the Wiklinski family in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Mayor

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