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OLD TAPPAN NEWS SUMMER 2006

A Tradition of Spirit & Friendship



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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR POLCE

Summer is here! I hope all our residents will have a relaxing, fun-filled, safe season enjoying the wonderful events and recreational opportunities our beautiful Borough offers.

We kicked off the season as we honored our veterans with the most well-attended Memorial Day parade I can remember — my thanks to Council President Guy Carnazza for all his hard work in so capably organizing this annual event once again.

Our Golf Course is open and in even more beautiful shape than ever under the direction of Superintendent Paul Parascondolo and Golf Pro Doug Meeks. This exceptional facility offers a great opportunity to join friends for relaxation and exercise while enjoying some of the most beautiful scenery anywhere in Bergen County. And even if golf isn't your thing, everyone can enjoy the great food and ambience at the Club at Old Tappan restaurant, which is open to the public.

Our summer sports programs are in full swing, and our beautiful park facilities are in top condition for all to enjoy thanks to Superintendent Artie Lake and his DPW crew. The Public Library is offering a variety of programs for all age groups this summer.

See what I'm talking about by checking out the many photos throughout this newsletter and on our website www.oldtappan.net. Extensive information on golf memberships, sports, and our parks is also available on the website, in your Resident Handbook, or by calling Borough Hall.

Whether your choice is active participation or laid-back relaxation, Old Tappan offers something for everyone. So get out, enjoy these wonderful amenities, meet your fellow residents, and have a terrific summer. Then don't forget to mark your calendar for Town Day on Saturday, September 9, when we'll all come together after our summer break — I look forward to seeing you all there.

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SPOTLIGHT ON:
**MEMORIAL
DAY**

Memorial Day began as a day set aside to honor those who died preserving the Union in the Civil War. It was originally called Decoration Day for the act of decorating the graves of dead soldiers with flowers.

On June 19th, 1926, a joint resolution of Congress made Memorial Day a National Holiday to honor all Americans who died fighting in all our wars.

Since 1971, Memorial Day is celebrated by law on the last Monday in May.



Firing three rifle volleys over the grave originated in the old custom of halting the fighting to remove the dead from the battlefield. Once each army had cleared its dead, it would fire three volleys to indicate that the dead had been cared for and that they were ready to go back to the fight.



How We Observe Memorial Day in Old Tappan

Every year on the last Monday in May we hold a parade. Your Mayor & Council, former elected officials, members of our emergency services organizations, civic groups, scout troops, and sports organizations march through town to the music provided by our school bands. Ceremonies follow featuring a prayer, the national anthem, a speech by the mayor, and laying of wreaths on the monuments currently located in Memorial Park adjacent to the police station on Leonard Drive. This year we plan to relocate these memorials to our beautiful new Oakes Park on Central Avenue, where they will join the monument to the Sept. 11, 2001, victims of terrorism. In 2007 our parade will end at Oakes Park and our Memorial Day ceremonies will be conducted there.



*"To live in the hearts of those you
leave behind is never to die"*

~Robert Orr~



Flanders Field is a United States military cemetery near Waregem, Belgium.

Buried in this cemetery are the bodies of 368 members of the armed forces who died in World War I.

John McCrae's famous poem, "In Flanders Fields" describes the poppies blooming among the rows of crosses marking the graves.

In a tradition begun in 1919, Belgian schoolchildren learn the Star Spangled Banner in English and sing it every year on our Memorial Day while placing roses and American flags on the graves in gratitude to America and the American soldiers buried there.



"Taps", composed by the Union Army's Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield, got its name because it was often tapped out on a drum in the absence of a bugler. One account of the initial use of Taps at a military funeral reports that a soldier was buried when it was unsafe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave because of the proximity of the enemy, and it was decided that the sounding of Taps would be the most appropriate ceremony that could be substituted. The call was officially adopted by the U.S. Army in 1874.





Wanted – Stay at Home Moms and Dads

The Old Tappan First Aid Corps (OTFAC) is looking for stay-at-home Moms and Dads to join their ranks and help out with daytime calls, Monday through Friday. The OTFAC currently has 34 active members, with a large percentage either working or attending school outside of Old Tappan. This leaves only a small percentage of the membership in town and able to respond to daytime calls.

Your Minimum Commitment as a Daytime Member would be:

- One day per week, remain in town on your selected day(s) between 9:00 am-2:00 pm and respond to all calls during that time.
 - Take and pass CPR for the Healthcare Provider (paid for by State).
 - Take and pass EMT-B (paid for by State).

Your Reward as a Daytime Member is:

- Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).
- Reimbursement of registration fees when your children participate in Old Tappan Recreation sports.
 - Learn lifesaving skills that not only help your community, but your family as well.
 - The camaraderie of a terrific group of people.
 - The satisfaction of selflessly helping your community.
- The quiet euphoria felt when you know you made someone's medical emergency a little less stressful.

Not sure you have what it takes? Join now, pass the CPR course, and ride with the OTFAC as an observer this summer on the day or night of your choosing. If the end of August comes and you are still intrigued, enroll in your EMT-B training class starting in September. To get started today, contact Membership and Recruitment at (201) 666-9030.



The First Aid Corps would like to thank all of the children at TBD and CDW for the wonderful posters created for the First Aid Corps' annual poster contest. Congratulations to the contest winners:



First Aid Corps Annual Poster Contest Winners
(Photo Courtesy Ed Sakayama)

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Kindergarten	Sarah Shin	Michelle Buckley	Sydney Weinberger
1st Grade	Brady Gallagher	Gregory Aldano	Corine Issa
2nd Grade	Rachel Ferrara	Brittany Barry	Zac Marcus
3rd Grade	Katie Lee	Kaitlyn Farrell	Lauren Bilali
4th Grade	Kelly LaFronz	Jake Greenberg	Ashley Koo
5th Grade	Anise Charles	Eric Wong	Kaitlyn Policatro
6th Grade	Jessica Zimmer	Chris DeResa	Ryann Burke
7th Grade	Lindy Tsai	Chelsea Lawlor	Jessica Demarzo
8th Grade	Olivia Yaniga	Rosemary Chung	Andre Savadjian

First Aid Corps Trains in New CPR Guidelines

At the end of 2005, the American Heart Association (AHA) changed its guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). These new guidelines simplify the resuscitation training and improve its effectiveness.

If you are currently certified in CPR and have not been trained in the new AHA recommended guidelines or would like to become certified in CPR, contact Tony Esposito at (201) 768-6797. By mid-June, training materials on the updated guidelines will have been received from AHA and classes will resume at the Old Tappan First Aid Corps building.

SUMMER SAFETY

With the arrival of summer comes long days of relaxation and fun. Well deserved, and long looked forward to in the bleak months of winter, summer is the time of enjoyment. Please drive carefully to your vacation destinations and be alert for things out of the ordinary. Most of all, have patience and enjoy and share this time with friends and family around you. If you do have plans to be away for an extended vacation, please notify the Police Department and your friends of your plans and provide contact numbers where you may be reached in case of an emergency.

THANK YOU WARREN DEMAREST!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Warren Demarest for his seventeen-plus years with the Police Department as a School Marshall prior to retiring in May. He will be sorely missed by the children and parents who passed through his post and the officers who worked with him on a daily basis. Good luck, Warren!



POLICE HEADQUARTERS

June 1, 2006, marked the 45th anniversary of the Old Tappan Police Department. On that date in 1961, the first full-time police officer was hired and the transformation from a part-time marshal system took place. During the ensuing years, as the town's population expanded, the department grew to its present complement of thirteen officers.

The building now occupied by the police department was built in 1927 and served as a one-room schoolhouse for grades K through 8. In 1940, the three-classroom Charles DeWolf School was built and the Borough acquired the old building for use as a Borough Hall. In 1961, the police department occupied no more than 200 square feet of space in the basement. As time passed and the needs of the Borough grew, the police were incrementally granted use of the entire building by 1987.

As modern-day technologies have affected our everyday personal and business lives, so too have police services been impacted. Through the years, the department has functioned as a first-rate department. However, as time has passed, we have found that our infrastructure is no longer capable of meeting the needs of a modern-day police department. The population growth we have experienced and the increased number of services we provide now require us to invest in our police department infrastructure for the first time. Our objective was to design a building that will meet the needs of the community now and well into the 21st century, as well as complying with all code requirements dictated by the Attorney General's Office and Department of Corrections.

The architect's formal plans and specifications for the new headquarters are being prepared at this time. The new building is being designed in the colonial style of our Borough Hall. Some of the features will include a holding cell for prisoners; enhanced communications capabilities for police, fire, and ambulance, providing dispatching capability for **all** emergency services; gender-specific lockers and bathrooms to accommodate male and female members of our staff, replacing the single 1927 facility; a CAD system; video camera systems for security and interviews; fingerprint systems; State-mandated breath alcohol testing system; and a back-up generator system. The costs for these items, as well as other necessary furnishing items, are included in the preliminary construction estimates. Remember, this is a building that operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for your protection. Your safety is our primary concern.

We thank everyone who has taken the time to tour our current facility and view the preliminary plans, and once again extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to do so. We welcome the opportunity to hear your input.





OPEN SPACE

A Report from Mayor Polce

Old Tappan residents clearly stated their mandate to the Mayor and Council to acquire and preserve open space when they authorized an open space tax levy in 1999 and renewed it in 2004. This levy now raises approximately \$125,000 per year for the acquisition of open space.

So when developing governmental policies and priorities early on in this administration, one of our primary focuses was the preservation of open space in order to:

- withstand the modern-day challenges to our environment:
protect our water supply, keep our air clean, reduce noise pollution
- provide opportunities for active or passive recreational uses
- preserve the heritage of Old Tappan – green spaces and open air
 - effectively reduce inappropriate over-development

Our efforts have resulted in nearly 34 acres of open space being acquired in the past seven years

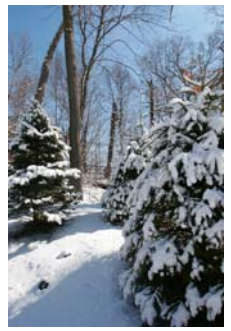
Description	Acreage	Purchase Price	Green Acres Grant	County Grant
Holbrook Court	0.6	\$390,000		
Prince of Peace Orangeburgh Road	0.3	donation		
Westwood Avenue Adjacent to Stone Point Park	3.0	donation		
Oakes Park Central Avenue	4.1	\$975,000	\$525,000	\$315,000
Haring Drive Adjacent to footpath	1.2	\$80,000	\$33,445	
Washington Woods On Washington Ave N.	7.5	\$1,696,500	\$220,000	\$850,000
Dorotockey's Run	11.1	donation		
Longview Subdivision Orangeburgh Rd	5.9	donation		

We take pride in the fact that we have been able to acquire all of these parcels at minimal cost to our taxpayers. We have been extremely successful at leveraging open space acquisitions with grant funding through the State Green Acres and the County Open Space programs. Other parcels were donated by developers as part of the

approval process. In all, the Borough has expended approximately \$1 million in acquiring nearly 34 acres of property within the Borough, most of which has been funded through revenues generated from the open space tax levy.

**And we're
not done!**

To acquire open space properties, a town needs a property owner who is willing to sell. We are currently in negotiations for the purchase of another parcel of environmentally sensitive property which is 3+ acres in size. This would be a valuable addition to our open space inventory and would be funded primarily with State Green Acres grant funds currently available to us and County Open Space grant funds for which an application is being filed.



At the same time, the Borough is moving forward with the sale of two parcels of property which are not needed for public use – one parcel located on Maple Street near Chestnut Field and the other on Leonard Drive next to the current police station. Each of these two parcels is just over ½ acre in size. The sale of these two properties will result in four new homes being constructed on lots which are comparable in size to their respective neighborhoods. The sale of these two parcels will help fund the construction of the new police station, which is to be located between the Borough Hall and the Department of Public Works on Russell Avenue, centralizing Borough operations in one area. Sale of Borough-owned excess land will meet the Borough's needs while preserving the character and integrity of the neighborhoods where these parcels are located.

**The Council and I
believe that this
approach is consistent
with our open space
preservation strategy**

The Council and I do not take the sale of Borough property lightly. In this case, the properties were not listed on the Borough's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The property on Maple Street, while in close proximity to Chestnut Field, could not be integrated into the field as a meaningful element because of its location and limited size. With the moving of the police station, the property on Leonard Drive is no longer needed or necessary for public use. The portion being sold will be developed with two single family homes consistent with the existing neighborhood. With the sale of this parcel, the veterans' memorials currently located there will be moved to Oakes Park on Central Avenue to join the memorial to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks already located there. The property on which the police station sits will remain as is at least

until the new police station is completed.



**Open space preservation
means maintaining
what has always made
Old Tappan so special.**

**Your Council and I are
steadfastly dedicated to
doing everything we can
to preserve and protect
open space
in a fiscally conservative
and responsible manner.**

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Tax Office has received the official certified 2006 Tax Rate from the Bergen County Tax Board. The 2006 Total Tax Rate is now \$1.93, up 4 cents from \$1.89. The County portion has increased 1.2 cents, the Local School has increased 2.4 cents with the Regional High School remaining flat. The Municipal portion, anticipated to remain flat, was increased by the Bergen County Board of Taxation by 4/10 of a cent due to rounding. This is a necessary measure as the total rate cannot be certified in fractions.

Due to the efforts of your Mayor and Council, Borough Auditor, and Chief Financial Officer, the 2006 Municipal Budget was prepared without an increase in the Municipal portion of your

tax rate. The Municipal portion of the tax rate has increased only three times in the past seven years.

Tax bills will be sent out no later than July 15, with the third quarter 2006 tax due August 1, 2006. While the Borough extends a 10-day grace period to August 10th, please note that if payment is received after the 10th, delinquent interest is calculated back to the due date, which is the 1st, at a rate of 8% on the first \$1,500 and 18% on amounts over \$1,500. Many taxpayers mistakenly believe that they are only one day late on the 11th. By NJ State statute, the due date is always the 1st and never changes. The remaining quarterly tax payments are due on November 1, 2006, February 1, 2007 and May 1, 2007 and will appear on this bill. Please note that tax bills are only sent out once a year for the next four quarters. It is up to the property owner to refer to this bill, noting the due dates for tax payments. Tax due dates, along with many other important dates, are listed on the Borough calendar which is mailed to each home in December.

Fair Property Tax Rebate

This rebate is for all property owners and tenants. Tenants apply when they file their New Jersey income tax return by April 15th.

Seniors receive an application in the mail in mid-May; all other property owners receive applications in July.

(Note: the filing due date for Seniors has been extended from June 1st to August 15th.)

Eligibility requirements:

Own and occupy a home in NJ
that was your principal residence on 10/1/05;
Have a gross income for 2005 of \$200,000 or less;
Home must be subject to property taxes,
with 2005 property taxes having been paid.

When you have received your application,
you may file
via phone at 1-877-658-2972
or online at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation
To ask questions, call 1-888-238-1233

Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief

The State of New Jersey provides tax relief to Seniors in need. Through this program, qualified Seniors have their property taxes frozen from the year they apply. You must file the application PTR-1 for the first year only, establishing a base year for this property tax freeze. After that, each year a PTR-2 form must be completed by the Senior, certified by the tax collector's office, and filed with the State of New Jersey. (Note: The filing due date has been extended from June 1st to August 15, 2006.) The State mails a reimbursement check to the Senior in mid-July for the difference between the established tax base year and the increase in taxes from that point on. For example, if property taxes in the base year were \$6,000 and increased to \$6400, a refund would be made of \$400. If they were to increase to \$6800 the following year, then a refund of \$800 would be received. If an increase would occur again the next year to \$7200, then a total refund of \$1200 would be received for that year.

To be eligible for this program, you must meet the income eligibility requirements. Those applying now for 2005 reimbursements must have a total income that is less than \$40,869 (single) or \$50,113 (married) for 2004 and/or less than \$41,972 (single) or \$51,466 (married) for 2005. Total income includes Social Security & all non-taxable income. In addition, you must be age 65 or older or receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits; have lived in NJ continuously for at least the last 10 years as a homeowner or renter; have owned and lived in your home for at least the last 3 years; and have paid the full amount of property taxes for the base year and each succeeding year.

For questions, call the State at 1-877-225-1312. Online information is at www.state.nj.us/health/senior/benefits/taxnfees.htm#rebates

To listen to information or order an application, call 1-800-323-4400. To check the status of a filed application, call 1-800-882-6597.

Sewer Utility Billing

Bills are sent out semi-annually to those property owners connected to municipal sewers. Second half billing (covering July 1 – December 31, 2006) will be sent out in early August, with payment due on September 1st.

The annual charge is \$486, with \$243 due each half. Seniors pay a discounted amount which was recently lowered by your Governing Body to \$379, or \$189.50 each half.

Tax & Finance Staff Members available to assist you
may be contacted at:

201-664-1849

Christine Cauvet, Tax Collector/CFO, ext. 227 or ccauset@oldtappan.net

Jeanne Travella, Deputy Treasurer, ext. 222 or jtravella@oldtappan.net

Kathy Shalhoub, Deputy Tax Collector, ext. 239
or kshalhoub@oldtappan.net

Bobbi Terhune, Accounting/Payroll Clerk, ext. 240
or rterhune@oldtappan.net

Please feel free to call or e-mail us with any questions!

RECREATION

For further information contact
Recreation Director Larry Weil
at Borough Hall from 8:30 am - 10:30 am
Mondays and Wednesdays (201-664-1849 X233)
or visit the Recreation webpage at
www.oldtappan.net

Gallagher Field Dedication Ceremony Speech by Mayor Victor M. Polce April 15, 2006

"It is indeed a great privilege and honor for me to be here this morning to dedicate and rename this Little League Field in honor of Edward J. Gallagher, Mayor of Old Tappan for 16 years, from 1980 through 1995. As I am certain most of you know, Ed Gallagher passed away in June of 2004, survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Lois, his three children, Tom, Doreen, and Matthew, and six beautiful grandchildren. Ed's legacy is unparalleled in this great town of Old Tappan. He threw everything he had into his public service. His devotion to the residents of Old Tappan was unending. And yet, when people talk about Ed Gallagher, sure they talk about all of his accomplishments as Mayor, but his greatest legacy, that is, what people most talk about, is his character, his integrity, and his professionalism. It is these qualities that tell the real story of his greatness."



"Ed was an avid supporter of the Borough's recreation programs. He loved baseball. He was a manager and coach of Tom's and Matt's Little League teams throughout the 1970s. As Mayor, he steadfastly supported all Borough youth programs and was seen every opening day of baseball and softball seasons throwing out the first pitch."

"When it was suggested that we name this field in Ed's honor, the Council and I felt that it made so much sense. For our Little Leaguers to honor his memory by playing at Gallagher Field is so fitting. The Gallagher family embraced this idea and helped us design this sign, with its inscription, "May all who share this field exhibit fairness, integrity and determination." Of course, fairness, integrity and determination were what Ed was all about. Anybody who has had the privilege of knowing Ed has learned from his example."

"Thank you for joining me this morning. We all look forward to watching many Little League games here at Gallagher Field."

Old Tappan Summer Day Camp Begins July 5. Resident children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade in September are eligible.

Northern Valley Eagles Flag Football Program Of Old Tappan

NEW Online Registration
Go to www.oldtappan.net
Click the Recreation link
Click on Community Pass

K, 1st, and 2nd grades
attending TBD school in Old Tappan.
Flag Football is fun, easy to play and a step of
development to the Junior program.
Runs from September to Mid November.
Party and trophies ceremony end of season.
Flag Football will not conflict with Soccer.

Registration Fee is \$35 for K and 1st grade and \$55 for 2nd grade.

For more information
President-Joe D'Amico/Old Tappan 201-722-0810
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Vice President-Peter Andresen/NV 201-660-8706
andresen99@optonline.net
Treasurer-John Geraci/Old Tappan 201-394-3213
3boysfromot@optonline.net
Equipment-Chris Hrbek/NV 201-750-6920
cghrbek@optonline.net
Recreation Liaison-Guy Germinario/OT 201-722-1118
guygrand@optonline.net

Basketball

Summer Basketball is underway. To all of our players and supporters: Have a great summer and please look for online registration in September for next winter. We will be offering a few pre-season clinics in the fall.

For additional information:
Peter Soumas-Commissioner
peter@soumas.net
Rebecca Gattoni-Girls Director
rgattoni@yahoo.com
John Brophy-Scheduling Director
jbrophy@perriergroup.com
Jim McLaughlin-Player Development Dir.
jim@mcLaughlinonline.com
Scott Shafer-Rules and Officials Director
Scott.Shafer@rrd.com

SOCCER

Soccer sign ups are in progress.
Visit the Old Tappan web site
(www.oldtappan.net)
for on-line registration.

2006 OLD TAPPAN MAYOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The Mayor's Volunteer Award is presented annually to volunteers who have distinguished themselves as exceptional in their service to our community. A plaque and proclamation are presented to each recipient at a meeting of your Mayor & Council. Nominations of worthy individuals and groups are sought each year; further information and the nomination form are available on our website www.oldtappan.net or at Borough Hall.

On April 17 Mayor Polce presented the 2006 Mayor's Volunteer Awards to two very deserving individuals: Dolores Alessi, nominated by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Elizabeth "Libby" Weidmann, nominated by the Old Tappan Woman's Club.

Dolores Alessi moved to Old Tappan more than 40 years ago and raised her four children in the Old Tappan community. Among her many volunteer activities, Ms. Alessi has served as a CCD teacher, a Girl Scout Leader, a teacher's aide at the T. Baldwin Demarest school, and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Old Tappan Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. In more recent years, through her involvement in and leadership of the Golden Age Club and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, she has focused her trademark steadfast determination to bettering the quality of life for Old Tappan's senior citizens by creating and organizing events such as the Senior Olympics, the Senior Information Expo, and the winter holiday party. Throughout all these activities, she has worked tirelessly for the benefit of others and, by doing so, has enriched the lives of so many of our residents. Ms. Alessi is well known as a straightforward and never shy public servant and advocate for causes of concern to her and those in our Old Tappan community.



Libby Weidmann with Mayor Polce

Photo by Greg Hart



Dolores Alessi with Mayor Polce

Photo by Greg Hart

Libby Weidmann's many accomplishments through the Woman's Club of Old Tappan have benefited Old Tappan residents since 1985. She was chairperson of the Community Improvement Project, created the concept of providing new residents with a welcome packet, and has organized and led the Woman's Club ever since in its preparation of these packets containing helpful information for new residents moving into the Old Tappan community. Twelve years ago, Ms. Weidmann began chairing the Woman's Club's annual Arts and Crafts Festival, which has raised and donated thousands of dollars for many causes, most of which benefit women and children. For years, she has chaired and coordinated the Club's Ragamuffin Parade, and recently she co-chaired the project to create the cookbook *Treasured Recipes*, which was published by the Woman's Club to raise additional funds to benefit the Old Tappan community. She is the heart and soul of the Woman's Club of Old Tappan, and accepts all responsibility with her smile and gentle demeanor.



Photo by Greg Hart

PROCLAMATION HONORING NVRHS AT OLD TAPPAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan varsity girls' basketball team, throughout the 2005-2006 basketball season, was rated one of the top teams in Bergen County; and,

WHEREAS, the Golden Knights, with an exceptional overall 21-3 record and a perfect 16-0 NBIL record, won the NBIL title;

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 2005-2006 Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan varsity girls' basketball team, do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Brian Dunn, and his basketball players:
Alexis Keller, Kaitlyn Kiely, Ashley Lamparello, Stephanie Tendler, Alyssa Carnazza, Alexandra Graff, Adriana Durso, Megan Tobia, Jamie Zavardino, Kayla Anders, Lisa Jaris, Chanel Van Dyke, Danielle Lauerman, Nicole Russini



Photo by Greg Hart

PROCLAMATION HONORING NVRHS AT OLD TAPPAN BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan varsity boys' basketball team defeated West Milford, 56 to 54, to win the State of New Jersey Group III Sectional Championship; and,
WHEREAS, the Golden Knights, with an exceptional overall 23-5 record and a near perfect 15-1 NBIL record, won the NBIL title;

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 2005-2006 Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan varsity boys' basketball team, do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Dennis Rossi, Managers Derek Albin, Derek Funsch, Brian Hoffman and Luke Lolas, and their basketball players

James Cooke, Nicholas Vallillo, Brian Corcoran, Anthony Daniele, Mark Gendron, Joseph Massaro, Douglas Parker, Ryan Veselsky, Charles Weinfeld, David Weinfeld, Matthew Bischoff, Samuel Hagopian, John Kardos, Bryan Stankiewicz

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Lunch & Learn

Sept. 14 at 12 noon at the Firehouse. Dr. George J. Carnevale, Clinical Neuropsychologist, will speak on "Aging, Memory, & the Brain."

Can the Internet help senior citizens??

In a word "YES", and in so many ways you will be amazed. Can you learn how to use it? Well, if you drive a car around the block, you perform more operations than it takes to tour around the world on the web.

You owe it to yourself and your family to at least give it a try. Learn how by coming to a very basic, free session. Call Recreation Director Larry Weil at 201-664-1849 X233 to register. If enough people are interested, a series of classes will be provided at no charge.



Marcel & Edie Ley celebrated their 50th anniversary by hosting a party for their friends at the Golden Age Club in April, and then took off for a reunion in Florida with over 60 of their original wedding guests. Congratulations to Edie and Marcel, and best wishes for many more happy years together!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Old Tappan Lions Club recently sent over 500 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state Lions Club facility for refurbishing and reuse. The Old Tappan Lions sincerely thanks those who contributed their old eyeglasses. The eyeglass receptacle is placed near the Blockbuster store in BiState Plaza.

The Lions will be sponsoring their semi-annual Blood Drive on July 12 from 2-8 pm at the Firehouse. Please consider giving blood during these summer months when giving is traditionally slow and supplies are low.

Interested in becoming a Lion? Women and men are invited and encouraged to join. Contact Jim Maher at 201-666-3555.

The Old Tappan Woman's Club is extremely proud of Libby Weidmann as the co-recipient of the 2006 Mayor's Volunteer Award as reported on page 10. We are grateful to have her as our most dedicated member. She has honored us all.

LIBRARY NEWS

New staff member

We are pleased to announce that Barb Farrell-Swenson will be joining our staff as a part-time professional Youth Services Librarian. Barb is eagerly planning our numerous summer reading programs for children from toddlers to elementary school.

Summer Programs

The summer reading theme is Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales. Family night will be held on Thursday evenings. Programs range from dog training demonstrations to "The Strange World of Reptiles" with snakes and an alligator! Information is available at the library, and all programs are free to residents. Call the library at 201 664-3499 to register.

Join our team!

The library is looking for individuals who would like to join our fundraising teams. We need people who are interested in working on our Capital Campaign Committee or people interested in helping to plan our exciting and competitive fall fundraiser. If interested, please call the library at 201 664-3499. (We promise that meetings will be infrequent and short!)

Summer Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm; Tuesday & Thursday 9am-9pm; Saturday 9am-1pm; Sunday Closed

Susan Meeske, Library Director



**Borough of Old Tappan
227 Old Tappan Road
Old Tappan, NJ 07675**

**PSRT STD
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U.S. POSTAGE PAID
WESTWOOD, NJ
07675
PERMIT NO. 147**

Town Day is Saturday, September 9

As Town Day grows, so does the need for more volunteers.

Please consider joining this fun and worthwhile committee.

Email us at TownDay@oldtappan.net to volunteer

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