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### Mayor's Message



It used to be that professional, transparent and sound fiscal management was rewarded. But in the state of New Jersey, that is clearly no longer the case.

Let's frame the discussion: The US economy has been

in a recession since the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007 (I know the pundits haven't announced it yet but when they do, that's when we will be coming out of it) the national unemployment rate will breach 5% very soon (sadly, residents in this great state are losing their jobs) the stock market (whether your unit of measurement is the Dow, Nasdaq, or the S&P 500) has been down since the middle of October and people either reading (or writing this note) are generally not as upbeat as they have been in previous years. Yet here we are, in the midst of one of the worst periods since the crash of '87, and our financial wizards in Trenton are saying, "if you think its tough now, wait till you see this!!"

Apparently, facts don't get in the way of bad business decisions. We are all aware that the State is in serious financial trouble and that situation is clearly the result of the leadership in Trenton for the last 8 years. Municipalities, including Old Tappan, have been asked to do more with less for over a decade and yes, we have responded in kind: local budgets have been efficiently managed, services have been improved and State mandates have increased. Local communities have responded magnificently, and I applaud each and every one of them. You are the best of the best.

"State Aid," the euphemism for returning money back to the communities, has been reduced year after year. Now, the new budget from Trenton wants to punish everyone, but to a greater degree they are targeting the small communities of 10,000 and under who will feel a disproportionate cutback in funds. The problem with this is that there are mountains of data that prove that small communities are run quite efficiently, with substantially fewer State dollars than the so called larger, more efficient communities. Every reasonable measure firmly supports the smaller is better theory. If we can see it and prove it, why can't they?

Once again, Trenton is acting irresponsibly.

Local budgets have been worked on for the last 4 months or more. Municipalities are mandated to present their budgets NOW. So what does the State do? They announce new funding numbers which will leave enormous holes to be filled by local legislators. The State has mismanaged pension monies that we are still paying for while we are continually faced with skyrocketing health insurance; these two items have been the largest, negative tax drivers for all communities over the last several years. Add to this the additional work levied on small communities without any source of funds, things like storm water management, recycling, COAH management and restrictions, training, data collection, and a myriad of regulations, all without the resources to accomplish them. And yet, time and time again the small communities have complied with a professionalism, desire and work ethic to protect the interests of all their residents. I am particularly proud of every single borough employee, volunteer and resident who contribute to make Old Tappan the town that it is today.

I truly understand what our leadership in Trenton is trying to do: they need to start somewhere. But why start at the local level? Why not take care of your own house first by reducing the bloated workforce and concomitant salaries and benefits which we are all paying for? Why not try and reduce

spending, while eliminating their pet projects. I believe that it is time for common sense, along with new ideas and new leadership to step up. I would strongly suggest that Trenton stay out of the local taxpayers pockets, stop trying to fix what is not broken, and start by getting their own house in order. You want an idea on reducing our budget shortfall: ELIMINATE THE HOMESTEAD REBATE CHECKS. I recognize that this isn't politically expedient to the powers that be but, you can't tell me that this doesn't make good, sound fiscal sense, can you? You will save billions of dollars with this one move while covering the State's annual interest expense, no small accomplishment indeed.

I urge all residents of the State of New Jersey to say "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH." It is time we take a serious stand against these changes. The State of New Jersey is not in financial straits because of local mismanagement; yet, the county and State would like you to believe we are. Rather, we are in this predicament because we can't control our spending habits and hence, they feel a need to put a little more pressure on us. Given what's happening locally and globally, let's hope we don't crack under the pressure. Because, the long term impact will be a precipitous decline in the quality of life that we currently enjoy and potentially the loss of the best financial managers in the state: your local elected officials and their professional employees. Thank you.

After one of the most outrageous and forcefully contested campaigns Old Tappan has seen in many years, Mayor Victor Polce and Councilmen Victor Cioce and Matthew Nalbandian were re-elected to office by wide margins. We extend our congratulations to all the candidates for participating in the democratic process, and our best wishes for continued success to the winners.



Top: The Honorable Allan Bell administering Oath of Office to Mayor Victor M. Polce. This will be Mayor Polce's 3rd term.



#### O'Brien Joins Staff at Borough Hall

On January 15, 2008, Patrick O'Brien, CPM, BS, MAS, was appointed by Mayor Victor M. Polce to serve as the Borough Administrator of the Borough of Old Tappan. Mr. O'Brien comes to Old Tappan with a wealth of experience which will only serve to enhance the quality of work required by that position.

Prior to coming to Old Tappan, Mr. O'Brien served for three years as Administrator for the Borough of Bogota. Previous to that position, he served as a supervisor in the security division for Hackensack University Medical Center. Mr. O'Brien also served seven years for the Bergen County Department of Public Safety including two years as Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Safety Training and Education. Mr. O'Brien was Director of Public Safety during the tragic events of 9-11.



Mr. O'Brien's extensive public sector experience in budgeting, grants, development and renovation of public facilities and infrastructure will benefit the Old Tappan Community. He is especially excited to continue the work on the new Police Station and the Bonnabel Park site. He also looks forward to bringing his experience to the members of the Public Safety Community serving our residents.

Mr. O'Brien holds a Master's Degree in Administrative Sciences, a public sector administrative degree and is a Certified Public Manager. In addition Mr. O'Brien is an Adjunct Professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University teaching Public Sector course at the graduate and undergraduate level.

"I am looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council, they are dedicated public servants and I have been impressed by their commitment to the residents of old Tappan', stated O'Brien. "The staff at Borough Hall and all the municipal agencies is among the most professional I have encountered". I am looking forward to meeting the residents and serving the community, my experience thus far has been very rewarding.

#### OLD TAPPAN MOURNS THE LOSS OF WARREN DEMAREST



Warren Demarest, a lifelong resident of Old Tappan, passed away on March 12th, at the age of 83. Mr. Demarest was a World Ware II veteran of the US Army.

Upon his retirement in 1989 as Vice President of Laurel Hill Trucking, Mr. Demarest took on the job serving as a school marshal at the Herrick Drive

and Washington Avenue post. He retired from that position in 2006.

Mr. Demarest is survived by his wife Jule, son Warren & his wife Lori of O.T., daughter Christie & husband Frederick Barta of O.T., son Peter & Wife Louanne, daughter Mary Elin & husband Fred VanRoessel and daughter Suzanne & husband Matthew Cleaver.

### New Police Station Ground Breaking

During the break at the January 5, 2008, reorganization meeting, members of our police department and the Mayor & Council broke ground for the new police station.

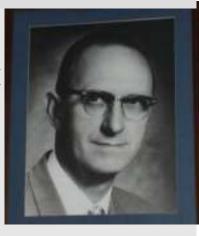
From left, Architect Joe Cecco, Police Commissioner John Kramer, Mayor Victor Polce, Chief Joe Fasulo, Captain Tom Shine, Fire Sgt. Jim Butler & Officer Brett Terjanian.



#### FORMER OLD TAPPAN MAYOR PASSES

Malcolm S. Davies, who served Old Tappan as mayor and in other roles, passed away, Thursday, February 21, 2008, at the age of 89. Mr. Davies, a republican, served for eight years as a borough councilman. In 1967 he was elected mayor and served a four years. In the 1980s and 1990s, he was a Planning Board member and secretary.

Councilman John Kramer, a retired borough police chief, said Mr. Davies was a dedicated public servant. "At the time he was police commissioner [in the 1960s], I was a young officer and



was down with an illness and out of work for two weeks," Kramer recalled. "He personally came to my house to deliver my paycheck. He was just a wonderful man." Mr. Davies was born in England and grew up in Haverstraw, N.Y. He moved to Old Tappan in 1948 after marrying his wife, Margaret, a borough native. He worked at Lederle Labs in Pearl River, N.Y. In addition to his wife, survivors include his son, John Davies, of Catskill, N.Y.; a daughter, Peg Vaughn of Old Tappan; and five grandchildren.



Property taxes are due on 5/1/08. There is a 10 day grace period until May 12, 2008.

#### 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.

#### Meet Your Tax and Finance Department Crew...



From left to right...

Sherry Giampaglia is the Borough's Accounts Payable Clerk. She is an Old Tappan resident and joined the Borough staff in February 2007.

Rebecca Overgaard is the Borough's Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer. Becky joined the Borough in June 2007 with 24 years

experience in municipal finance. **Susan Owens** is the Borough's Payroll Accounting Clerk. She joined the Borough staff in October 2007. **Kathy Shalhoub** is the Borough's Deputy Tax Collector. Kathy has been with the Borough for four years. You will see her smiling face each quarter when she collects your taxes or sewer utility bill. All four employees of the Tax/Finance department are dedicated to dealing with people in a fair, pleasant and helpful manner.

**D**Id you know that most water pollution does not come from manufacturing and other commercial sources, but from runoff from our streets, parking lots, driveways and lawns. This is the reason that our federal, state and local governments have enacted certain laws and ordinances to protect our drinking water, these are know as the "Phase II Stormwater Regulations". Old Tappan is not alone in the ordinances and requirements that you have been reading about, most towns in New Jersey are required to have similar ordinances.

You may have noticed that most of the storm drains on the borough streets have had a label installed on them, this is part of the regulation and is to help remind us that what goes into these drains goes into our waterways. Virtually all of the storm drains in Old Tappan drain to the reservoir right here in town or go to the Hackensack River, this is the source of our drinking water that is supplied to us by United Water. We all need to do our part to protect and improve our water quality for our future.

One ordinance that is required covers "yard waste" and the section that will directly impact us all deals with leaves and grass clippings that are not containerized. This would be during our leaf collection season specifically, for 2008 that would between October 13th and December 2nd. Leaves and grass may not be placed in the street more than 7 days prior to a pickup, so nothing can be place in the street before October 6, 2008. During the season we will make every attempt to give everyone a weekly pickup, please do not place leaves in the street immediately after yours have been picked up. Leaves and grass clippings must also be kept 10 feet from any storm drain. This is the only time of the year that you may place yard waste in the street for collection, at any other time it must be in a container that will be picked up by your garbage contractor. If you have a land-scape contractor please advise them of the regulations.

Another of the required ordinances covers the storm drains and what can and cannot be allowed to drain or be placed in them. Besides stormwater some examples of other allowable discharges into storm drains are from basement and crawl space sump pumps, foundation and footing drains, residential car washing and swimming pool discharges (filter backwashing is not allowed), irrigation, sidewalk and driveway washing. There are some others but they are not related to residential discharges. Any other items are strictly prohibited including leaves, grass clippings and pet waste. This also includes items you expect such as paint, oil and other chemicals as well as soda cans and other floatable items that can harm wildlife in our waterways. You can visit <a href="www.oldtappan.net">www.oldtappan.net</a> for full ordinance details, as well as <a href="www.njstormwater.org">www.njstormwater.org</a> for further details.

## Tire Recycling Computers / Electronics Program

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

Bergen county Community Services Building 327 East Ridgewood Ave, Paramus Saturday April 19 2008 Saturday August23, 2008

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah Sat. June 14 2008Saturday November 1, 2008

#### 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

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 April 6, 2008 Sunday June 29, 2008 Sunday October 19, 2009

Bergen County Utilities Authority Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie Saturday Match 8, 2008 Saturday July 19, 2008

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road Saturday May 17, 2008 Saturday September 13, 2008 Saturday November 15, 2008

Collection Hours 9:00 Am to 3:00 PM (rain or shine )

## Brought to you by the Senior Advisory Committee....

#### RENEW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

The Old Tappan Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is sponsoring a program offered by the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) whereby they will come to Old Tappan with a van equipped as a mobile office. This program will permit people to renew their driver's license or obtain an official state ID card on site without going to an established MVC agency. NJMVC regulations permit you to renew a driver license any time during the six months prior to expiration. As yet we do not have a date when the mobile unit will arrive but we are hoping for April or early May. Therefore if your current driver license or ID card is due to expire between approximately April through September you can take advantage of this program. Please note that this program is not restricted to Old Tappan seniors but is open to people of all ages from any town in New Jersey. Reservations for this program are required and you will also be asked to provide appropriate identification per NJMVC regulations. If you are interested in taking advantage of this program please call 201-722-4711 to make a reservation or to obtain additional information.





The Women'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 through the guidance office at Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan or by contacting the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at 201-358-0855. Completed applications must be received by Monday, May 5.

#### Old Tappan Elementary PTA

Each Year the Old Tappan Elementary PTA offers two \$1,000 Martin G. Podmayer Awards to students, graduating from high school, who plan to continue his/her education at a four-year accredited college. The Old Tappan Elementary PTA will also be offering one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for a graduating student who will pursue training in a technical or vocational school.

To be eligible to apply, the student must be a resident of Old Tappan and a graduate of Charles DeWolf Middle school.

Applications are available at the Old Tappan Guidance Department or can be obtained by contacting Meg Loudon at 201-50-0470. Completed applications are due by March 12.

The Old Tappan Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety Program in April. This is an 8-hour classroom refresher that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust your driving. The classes are taught in two, four-hour sessions spanning two days, and the course costs \$10. Completion of the course entitles you to a discount on your automobile insurance which is good for 3-years. The classes will be held in the OT Firehouse and are scheduled for Monday, April 7th and Tuesday, April 8th from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm, which includes a 30-minute break for lunch. If you are interested in taking advantage of this program please call 201-664-4282 to make a reservation or to obtain additional information.

**The Golden Age Club of Old Tappan** is a great way to keep in touch with old friends and to add new ones into your life. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month and host a luncheon on the 3rd Thursday at 12:00 P.M. We have trips scheduled and all seniors are encouraged to join us.

April 17 - Papermill Theater to see Kiss Me Kate

May 22 - Tram Tour of Botanical Gardens and lunch at Mario's Arthur Ave. June 12 - Thimble Island Cruise and lunch at the Chowder Pot Restaurant

Addition information call Jean @ 201-664-4282

#### **MATT'S PROMISE**

5K Memory Run/1.7 Mile Walk will be held on April 13, 9:30 a.m. (8:30 registration) at Stone Point Park in memory of Mike LaViola, who died of cancer at the age of 20. The event will raise funds to help support research and treatment for diseases that strike young people. To register, visit the website at



www.MattsPromise.org



The Old Tappan Lions are currently preparing the 2008-2010 edition of the Old Tappan Lions Club Telephone Book

So that all Old Tappan residents, who wish to be listed, are listed in the book, we ask that residents check the current 2005 - 2007 telephone book to see of they are currently listed. If you don't have a copy, there are copies in the library you may consult.

We have found that "do not call" lists have bumped persons from the lists we use to make the directory, when in fact, some of these people wish to be listed in the local Lions Telephone Book.

If you find you are not listed in the Lions Telephone Book and you wish to be listed, please e-mail Don Fultonberg at the following address, <u>donarl@optonline.net</u>. Include you name, address and phone number.

#### Provisional Driver's License

Obtaining a license:

Must be 17 years old.

Complete approved behind the wheel driving education course.

Complete 6 months driving experience with a validated special learner's permit.

Pass road test.

Restrictions on a Provisional License:

Can operate a passenger automobile with one additional passenger in the vehicle besides persons with whom the holder of the provisional license resides. The passenger restriction does not apply when the holder of the provisional license or one other passenger is at least 21 years old.

The holder of a provisional license under age 21 shall not drive between the hours of 12:01am and 5:00am.

The holder of a provisional license shall not use any type of interactive wireless communication device.

The holder of a provisional license will ensure that all occupants of the vehicle are secured in a properly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or child restraint system.

The restrictions on a provisional license shall remain in effect until the holder of the provisional license obtains a basic driver's license from the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles.

Effective March 1st the use of a hand held cell phone while operating a motor vehicle became a primary offense.

Tinted windows, other than factory installed are illegal on the windshield, front passenger and drivers side windows.

#### The Hillsdale Board of Health invites residents of the Pascack Valley to attend our annual Health Fair offering: Health Profile \$21.00 Health Profile + PSA \$43.00 Thyroid Profile PSA \$24.00 (Checks payable to Accumed Diagnostic Labs). Appointments start at 8.90 AM No lood or think for 12 hours - water it allowed Shingles Vaccine (Zostavax - Herpes Zoster) \$165.00 (Checks payable to 'Hillufale Board of Health' | Appointments start at 10:00 AM theadline for us to receive check is March 20thi scluded will be free blood pressures, chiropractic & podiatrist, massage therapy. respiratory therapist, women & heart disease, body fat analysis and more. Brown Bag - Bridg your medicultions to discuss with a registered pharmacist esentatives from home health care agencies, physical therapy & Hospice will atter 0.00 API - Lecture on Vitamin Supplements MARCH 29, 2008 Hillsdale United Methodist Church 349 Hillsdale Avenue Hillsdale, NJ 07642 To make an appointment or for further information, please call 201/666-4800, ext. 1525 of GSapanara@Hillsdalenj.org

**Huge Garage Sale** 

Saturday April 26, 2008

Trinity Reformed Church and Chapel

**Donations Welcome** 

(No clothing or large furniture please)

Food Available

For information call

201-664-7652

#### Woman's Club of Old Tappan News...

#### HUGE RUMMAGE SALE MAY 31ST - SAVE YOUR TREASURES TO DONATE

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan will be holding its 3rd Annual "Huge Rummage Sale" at the Fire House from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday May 31st to benefit community projects and charities. The Woman's Club cookbook and homemade baked goods will also be for sale. Donations from the public will be accepted at the firehouse from 4PM to 8PM on Thursday May 29th and 9AM to 7PM on Friday May 30th. Household items, small furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, tools, collectibles, small appliances, fabrics, jewelry, paperback books. (No clothing, hard cover books or large furniture.) For information call Debbie at 201-573-1950.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB THANKS COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT OF MILITARY

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan would like to thank the community for their wonderful response in joining with them in a project that extended from September 2007 through

February 2008 by donating over 60,000 product coupons that were then sent by the club to be distributed to military personnel and their families. The Woman's Club also thanks everyone at the T. Baldwin Demarest Elementary School for their overwhelming support of our military. When asked if students would like to make Valentine's cards that the Woman's Club would send to service men and women, the entire school, kindergarten through fourth grade, responded with heartfelt cards and letters.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY

The GFWC / NJSFWC Woman's Club of Old Tappan, federated in April 1963, is celebrating its 45th Anniversary this year. The 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. For information call Anita at 201-767-1518 or Pat at 201-768-8128

> Submitted by: Pat Royall, Communications Chairman, Woman's Club of Old Tappan 23 Churchill Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675 Ph: 201-768-8128 Email: kmroys@aol.com

# OT Volunteer Fire Department

LINE OFFICERS SWORN IN On Saturday, January 5th, 2008, the Line Officers of the Old Tappan Volunteer Fire Department were administered their oaths of office by Mayor Victor Polce at the Borough's Reorganization meeting. The Line Officers of the Fire Department lead and direct the members of the

department in their firefighting duties and training. The Line Officers for 2008 are Chief of Department Nicola Lepore, Deputy Chief Tom Jung, Captain Jim Butler, and Lieutenants Tom Tracy, Frank Mazza, Dave Keil and Chris Reilly. After the swearing in, members of the Department with their guests and well wishers went to the Department's Quarters for a buffet luncheon. Chief Officers from neighboring Departments stopped by to congratulate Chief Lepore and his Line Officers and wish them a safe 2008.



Top: Mayor Polce administers the oath of office to Chief Lepore

Submitted by Bill Auth



Top: Mayor Polce (left) administers the Oath of Office to (from left to right) Deputy Chief Jung, Captain Butler and Lieutenants Tracy, Mazza, Keil & Reilley

Left: Chief Lepore presents Councilwoman Haverilla the Fire Commissioner badge



The Old Tappan Fire Dept has a very active fire prevention program. We teach kids how to "Get Out and Stay Out" in a safe and secure manner. We also teach adults and senior citizens how to maintain smoke alarms and also how to develop a family escape plan for their home. Tours of the firehouse to any community group in Old Tappan are always available

For more information contact

Ron Binaghi @ 201-768-3135.

Online registration for the Northern Valley Sum-

mer 2008 Basketball Program begins March 31. Team will be formed at the following levels (The grade listed is the grade currently in now)

Boys Grade 3/4 \* Girls Grade 3/4

Boys Grade 5/6 \* Girls Grade 5/6

Boys Grade 7/8 \* Girls Grade 7/8

Play is in the evening and is against other towns in our general area. Season begins mid June and run until the end of July. Home games will be played at Stone Point Park and all are welcome to come and watch a fun evening of basketball.

Please go onto the Old Tappan website (www.oldtappan,net) and follow the links to Recreation and Online Registration. All players will receive an O T Basketball Jersey.

For further information please contact Peter Soumas at OTHoops@gmail.com

I would also like to thank all of our coaches, volunteers and most of all our players (from Kindergarten through  $8^{th}$ Grade) for a successful 2007/2008 program. We have more players participating in basketball in Old Tappan than ever before and it is a joy to see the growth and spirit in our program. Registration for the 2008/2009 season will be announced in the Fall issue of this newsletter.

#### **OLD TAPPAN SOCCER**

Old Tappan Fall Soccer registration for grades kinder garden through eighth grade will be from June 1 through June 30, 2008. To register please go to our website, www.oldtappansoccer.com.



Summer Recreation Camp 2008....

to be re-named....

#### Camp Serendipity



Some of our Borough residents may remember Camp Serendipity from their youth in Old Tappan. This name truly reflects what a town camp should be for its children. Our hope is that the children will be pleasantly surprised by some of the unexpected "discoveries" they may come across this year at Town Camp...

Children will participate in Jr. Forensic Investigations ... Water Day... and other fun activities and events. Look for details on this and all events in the near future.

Camp Serendipity Dates:

July 15-17, July 22-24 and July 29-31 Time: 9am-12pm

Also...please keep in mind that we are considering opening the Camp to entering 5th grade children if there appears to be an interest in this.....

Contact Gloria Wiesner @ 201 664-1849 ext 223 to discuss any comments or questions you may have on Camp Serendipity...

#### Trees, Troops and Much More

As part of Old Tappan Social Services Wish Tree Holiday Program, Bank of America in Old Tappan and Girl Scout Troop #1460 each collected gifts for area residents. Bank of America has participated in this annual program for several years. Two additional area businesses, Butterworth's Bagels and Starbucks, generously joined in the program this year making it one of the most successful collections ever. The businesses displayed 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, 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 you, our community volunteers and supporters to meet our objec-

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many businesses, churches, schools, organizations and individuals, that often go unrecognized for all their

contributions throughout the year. It is only a truly dedicated, vibrant community that can work together so successfully to improve the lives of their residents. We are privileged to work with each of you.

If you know of any one who may benefit from one of our services or you would like to contribute to any of our programs, please feel free to contact Old Tappan Social Services at 201-664-1849 Ext. 233. Donations are always appreciated.

Old Tappan Social Services Local Assistance Board

# INTRODUCING THE NEW CLUBHOUSE AND RESTAURANT AT THE OLD TAPPAN GOLF COURSE

In just a few short weeks, Old Tappan will unveil its newly renovated Clubhouse at the town's crown jewel....the Old Tappan Golf Course. Constructed by builders and town locales Phil Griffin and Pete Spagnuolo, this custom facility will incorporate the same fine craftsmanship and quality their premiere homes have come to represent in our area.

The new restaurant, soon to be named, with its upgraded facility and amenities, will continue to service the members of the Old Tappan Golf Club while also providing residents and out-of-towners with a very desirable alternative to other establishments in the area. With large screen TV's and a built-in fireplace, as well as the opportunity to sit outdoors under a new canopied deck, the concept is to offer patrons a new and unique backdrop to casually dine and socialize with friends and family.

Perhaps most significant, restaurateur Phil Griffin will bring his two decades of expertise from Piermont's *Pasta Amore* and *The Landing* to ensure the finest-quality food, spirits and service are provided in arguably one of the most scenic settings in the Northern Valley area.

In addition to its day-to-day operations, the restaurant will host other outings and functions and provide take-out food as well. Additional information on their complete offerings will be provided to all members and residents soon.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the grand opening of the new Clubhouse and restaurant. Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward seeing you and your family at the Club in the very near future.

#### OLD TAPPAN FIRST AID CORP

At the Corps' annual installation dinner, held in December, Mayor Victor Polce swore in Captain Karen Patrico along with Lieutenants Sue Gallagher and Marie Zeller. This capped a busy year for the entire membership, who responded to 391 calls in 2007.

The Corps always welcomes new members, especially for daytime emergencies. If you've ever entertained the thought of volunteering

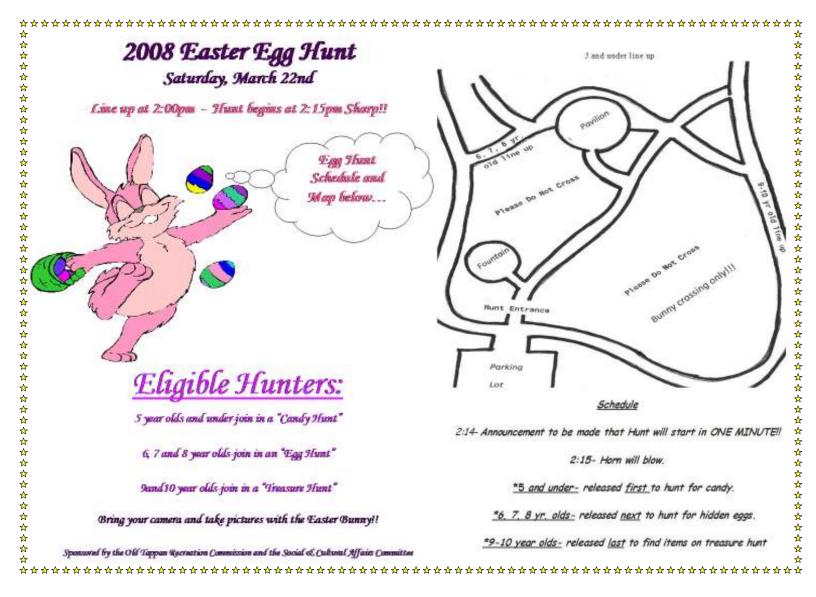
and would like more information, please call (201) 666-9030.

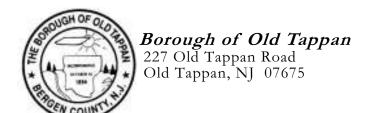
Last year's annual appeal was heartwarming, allowing the Corps to continue doing its job of providing emergency services to the residents of Old Tappan. Part of those monies will be spent initiating the "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) program in 2008. More information on this will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

Kudos to our newest members: Bill Howe, Doug Kim, Johanna Lee, Robert Scirocco, and Trent She.

And, on a belated note, congratulations to the winners of the Candy Counting Contest, held during the Corps' open house in October—







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