



Mayor's Message



The New Year is a time of extraordinary optimism. We will continue to face significant challenges over the next twelve months as we have this past year. We are confident, though, that the challenges will be overshadowed by even greater opportunities. Year in and year out, your Mayor and Council has been committed to providing our Borough with first class services while being fiscally prudent. Towards this end, it is necessary that the police, volunteer fire and ambulance corps members and our Department of Public Works have the necessary resources to continue providing top tier services to our residents. Quite frankly, nothing short of that goal, is acceptable for our residents, or us.

The success of this administration over the past twelve years is due to the involvement and efforts of so many people. This is a team effort: from the extraordinary leadership exhibited by each and every council member, combined with the working relationships of the borough family. This collective effort has allowed us to achieve and exceed the goals that we set out each January. So let me begin by thanking all members of the borough family for not only a rewarding 2011, but for a truly outstanding job over the past 12 years. Without their collective and collaborative efforts, we would not have achieved the level of success that we've enjoyed.

As I have done each year, I would like to thank each council member for their hard work and dedication to the borough. Our Council President and Police Commissioner, John Kramer is the longest tenured councilperson this town has had. But John hasn't wasted those years: instead, his passion and commitment to excellence are second to none. Old Tappan is lucky to have him working for them, while I am lucky to count him as a dear friend.

Ron Binaghi Jr., a proud grandfather at an early age, has the work life balance structure down pat. His work with the golf course was strong, helping them navigate through a challenging, yet profitable, year as golf play dropped due to the sluggish economy.

Anna Haverilla brings to the Council a high level of energy, intelligence and enthusiasm which is always channeled in the right direction. An extraordinary human being with character beyond reproach, Anna's work throughout the year with so many departments was rather demanding and time consuming. But true to form, Anna demonstrated the type of leadership that we've all come to appreciate, and respect.

Being a vascular surgeon, Matt Nalbandian's attention to detail is rather precise. His work with the Board of Health, Environmental Commission and Library was direct, consistent and respectful. Matt will be on the finance team this year where his attention to detail will come in handy as we navigate thru the turbulent waters of our borough finances.

Guy Carnazza's work on the Recreation Commission is legendary: over the past twelve years he has crafted a group of residents who work very hard for the betterment of our children for all sports in our borough. The work that he and his team do in planning for Town Day is extraordinary, and his fireworks display that evening on the golf course, attracts thousands of people.

Vic Ciocce continues to be steady state for the borough. Although he has battled health issues the past few years, his quiet professionalism and demeanor on the Planning Board were always evident and he took great pains to ensure that our residents were always listened to and more importantly, respected.

Although the council members are perhaps the most recognizable individuals, the face of this municipality is your borough family. There are many faces who contribute mightily to the daily functioning of our great town. The three most recognizable faces are Becky Overgaard, Jean Donch and Pat O'Brien. As our chief financial officer, Becky continues to provide this town with exemplary financial work helping to ensure that our goal of providing first class services to our residents come within the extraordinary budgetary constraints that we are currently operating under. The position of borough clerk is one of the more important positions for any municipality. Aside from being a diehard Rangers fan, Jean quietly goes about her work in a manner that protects us every day of the year. She goes by the letter of the law and I appreciate all that she has done for us over the years. The knowledge and years of experience that Pat O'Brien brings to the table is absolutely huge. Knowledge is power: without it, we would not be able to flourish to the degree that we've been able to. We need information, lots of it, and quickly. Pat does an outstanding job of keeping us apprised every step of the way.

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Congratulations to Victor Polce, Ronald Binaghi, Jr. and John Kramer on their re-election...



Borough Attorney Allen Bell administering Oath of Office to Mayor Victor M. Polce



Mayor Polce administering Oath of Office to Councilman Ronald Binaghi Jr.



Borough Attorney Allen Bell administering Oath of Office to Councilman John Kramer

The following is information from the Tax Collector's Office:



Property Taxes are due 05/1/12. There is a 10 day grace period until 05/10/12.

Sewer User fee is due 3/1/12. There is a 10 day grace period until 3/12/12. (the 10th is a Saturday)

All property tax relief program information provided here is based on current law and is subject to change.

Senior Citizens: If you are 65 years or older you may apply to get a discounted rate of \$443 per year on your Sewer User fee. An application form is available at the Tax Office or on the Borough's website www.oldtappan.net. Once you have applied you **DO NOT** need to apply again.

NOTE:** Please be aware payments that you initiate with your own bank through **online bill pay** the bank is sending a paper check through the mail. The processing center that your bank uses to issue this check is most likely located out of state. Payments should be scheduled in advance of any due date to allow a sufficient number of business days for the Borough to receive, process and apply the payment to your account. 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.

An alternative to online bill pay is the Direct Withdrawal ACH bank draft program we have in place. Please check our website for application forms and details.



Pay Your Property Taxes with Automatic Checking Account Withdrawal

Take advantage of our new ACH Bank Draft Program!

The Borough of Old Tappan, Tax Collector's office now offers an ACH bank draft program (direct withdrawal) to our taxpayers. This service assures that your payment will be received in a timely manner as well as providing a safe and secure way to pay your taxes without the worry of mail delivery or coming to pay in person.

Quarterly property tax payments as billed will be debited from your **CHECKING** account on the payment due dates of August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. We do not draft from savings or equity accounts. You may enroll or cancel at any time, *provided a completed authorization form is received at least two weeks prior to the scheduled draft date.*

If you would like to enroll in this program, please complete the *entire* authorization form on the back. Be sure to **attach a voided check**. Incomplete applications will delay your enrollment.

Also Available for your Sewer Payments!!

Visit us online at www.oldtappan.net for your enrollment form or at the Borough Hall!!!

Would you like the convenience of paying your property taxes online with a check or credit card??

Save time and pay your taxes online at www.oldtappan.net

This convenient service is being offered on a trial basis. If enough people are interested and use this convenient service it may become part of your regular Property Tax payment process!



The 3rd party cost to residents using this service is as follows:

- \$1.05 for ACH or e-check
- \$3.95 using VISA debit card

2.95% for all other company debit cards and credit cards

A minimal user fee to cover Borough administrative costs will be waived during this trial basis.



Important Information For the 2012 Elections 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 - 8pm

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 18th. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 18th 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 than 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:

T. Baldwin Demarest School, School Street/Herrick Drive



Mayor's Message Continued from front page:

I would like to thank the police department, fire department, department of public

works, ambulance corps members and our ladies auxiliary for all they do for our town. Each and every one of them are what makes this town special.

I was recently asked: what are some of the challenges that I foresee in 2012? It is very clear to me that the budget process, for both the governing body and the local school board of education, will be the most challenging that it has been in years. It is so different, so much more complex than it has ever been. Yet for us, these challenges are placed in the context of the opportunities they present. The hallmark of this administration has been and will continue to be our collective ability to deliberate on issues openly and honestly. Fortunately, disagreements have been few and far between. Yet, they have been and will continue to surface where independent thinking is natural, and encouraged. We are fortunate to have and will continue to have a council that clearly articulates its viewpoint, and can accept when one's viewpoint is contrary to their own.

Furthermore, what we accomplished reflects not only our actions, but just as importantly, our character. The challenges of the past year have made us stronger, more resilient and more determined than ever to succeed. And, as we have seen in the work that we've done over the past 12 years, your borough family has shown that they care deeply about and support the fundamental values of what makes this such a great town.

We can't foresee all of the challenges that we'll face in the coming years. However, we do know that the environment we operate in is more unpredictable than ever before. This is a time when leaders-those municipalities that have the vision, the right strategies and the discipline to implement them successfully-will separate themselves from the rest of the Valley.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE...

Getting Greener: Not only are the days growing longer, they are growing Greener here in Old Tappan. Building on the momentum generated from achieving Bronze certification in *Sustainable Jersey*, the OT Environmental Commission and Green Team expect to initiate several new projects in 2012. Coming this spring, look for dates and details about our "Bike & Walk to School Day". We hope the parents of all TBD and CDW school students will encourage your children to participate.



On Sunday March 4 at the Old Tappan Library, the Commission will launch the inaugural presentation of our Eco-Lecture series. Our guest speaker, Melanie Rie, will present "Let's Keep it Clean and Not Harm the Earth" from 2pm to 3pm. This lecture—designed to appeal to residents of all ages—will examine the contents of every-day household cleaning products and show how they are "not all that earth—or people—friendly". Dr. Rie will show attendees how to make environmentally-friendly alternatives from common household ingredients. The Commission hopes to release a schedule for additional Eco-Lectures shortly.



Next time you visit Borough Hall, take a look at the Solar Energy Display in the lobby. The display provides data illustrating how much energy has been generated by the Photovoltaic panels on the roofs of several buildings including Borough Hall and the Fire Department. The display is extremely user-friendly and shows how our solar energy production helps conserve our natural resources. Please stop by and have a look.

Spring Clean-up courtesy of the Scouts: to celebrate Earth Day, the Old Tappan Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will once again participate in spring clean up at the Borough parks. Like last year, the scouts will tackle Stone Point, Stanaland, and Bonnabel Parks. Anyone can join the fun-- all you need is the will and a good pair of boots. We'll supply the gloves and the garbage bags. The Scouts and the volunteers will meet at Stone Point Park on Saturday April 21 at 12 noon. Rain date: Saturday April, 28.

Do you want to Get-Green??? For ways you can become a little 'greener', look to the Borough website for monthly 'Green Tips' courtesy of the OT Environmental Commission membership.



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The recently formed historical committee is seeking material relative to the history of Old Tappan. Artifacts, letters, articles, and items of interest regarding the history of Old Tappan are all welcome. Further information is available by contacting the borough hall.

REMINDERS FROM THE DPW & BUILDING DEPARTMENT.....

Please note that The DPW will no longer take hot water heaters and furnaces from the curb unless they have a sticker issued from the building department, nor will they be accepted at the DPW building.

- The first ten feet of your property at the curb is a "right of way", nothing should be erected or planted which will interfere with "right of way"
- To all Property Owners that Old Tappan General Code Article 3 section 100-14 requires Certificate of Occupancy upon change of ownership or tenancy. (Commercial or Residential). Applications are available on-line or at Borough Hall. This requirement ensures Building, Zoning and Fire Prevention compliance.

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 county Community Services Building
327 East Ridgewood Ave, Paramus
Sunday, April 29, 2012
Saturday, August 18, 2012

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, June 23, 2012
Saturday, November 3, 2012

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
Sunday, April 15, 2012
Sunday, June 10, 2012
Sunday, October 14, 2012

Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie
Saturday, March 10, 2012
Saturday, July 21, 2012

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, May 19, 2012
Saturday, September 8, 2012
Saturday, November 17, 2012

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

For more information click on to the BCUA web site or look at the hazardous waste flyer at <http://www.bcu.org/files/2010%20flyer.pdf>

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 OLD TAPPAN POLICE DEPARTMENT...

The Old Tappan Police Department would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year for 2012. As you well know, winter weather is upon us and we have yet to experience any significant snow fall, which is very different from what we had already experienced at this time last year. Our resident's assistance regarding snow removal is very much appreciated. Our Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel need swift and safe access to homes and properties in the event of an emergency. Clearing driveways and sidewalks of snow, ice and other debris enhance our ability to help residents in their time of need. Also, for motorist safety snow and ice must be removed from all vehicles before travelling upon the roadways. NJ Motor Vehicle Traffic Regulation 39:4-77.1 provides for penalties between \$200.00 and \$1500.00 for violation of this statute. Residents are also asked to refrain from placing snow and ice in the roadway after our hard working DPW has cleared the Borough streets.

The OTPD would like to remind all motorists to use extra caution in and around the area of our schools particularly 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 the students safe. These dedicated individuals take their responsibilities very seriously and request motorists take time and patience in assisting them keeping students safe.

In the past few months, communities throughout Bergen and Rockland Counties have been the target of residential and commercial burglaries. In November of 2011, The Old Tappan Police Department captured and charged individuals that were responsible for a large percentage of the residential burglaries. While the arrest has substantially reduced this type of activity in and around our area, Old Tappan residents should remain vigilant. OTPD has received additional calls from residents reporting suspicious activity and it is requested that residents continue to do so. Call the OTPD as soon as reasonably possible when observing suspicious persons or activity. The OTPD would rather respond to a report of this nature immediately and determine it to be nothing, than receive the information a day or two later and find it was indeed very important.

A WORD FROM YOUR FIRE MARSHAL NICOLA LEPORE..

While considering my message for the community this month, the recent tragic fire in Stamford, CT, came to mind. Three children and two adults lost their lives in this devastating fire. As part of my duties of Fire Marshal, I am required to check homes and businesses for smoke detector compliance on re sales and renovations. I am amazed at how many homes are lacking functional smoke detectors. Many homes have detectors that are improperly installed, devices that are not functioning, or detectors that are so old that they have become ineffectual. As a homeowner it is tremendously important to ensure your detectors are operational.

Pressing the test button is not always an indication that the detector is working properly. If you have detectors more than ten years old, they should be replaced immediately. Carbon Monoxide alarms have a life expectancy of only five years. Remember to change the batteries when we change our clocks in spring and fall. This is not a household item to ignore. Statistics show that the warning provided by smoke detectors is a key component to surviving a fire. As a code official and fire fighter I am asking all of you right now to check your smoke detectors, be sure they are properly installed and working.

The staff in my office welcome any questions you have regarding placement of smoke detectors and household fire prevention. If we all take a little time to be attentive to our home smoke detectors, Old Tappan may avoid a terrible tragedy, such as occurred in Stamford on Christmas day.

On another note, February 20th marked the 9th anniversary of the tragic night club fire in Rhode Island in which 100 people lost their lives. Allow me to impart some advice regarding fire emergencies in public venues.

Most people in public venue fires die as a result of a panicked response. It is a good practice to note exits when you are in an unfamiliar place. Behavioral studies show that people will always exit from the doorway they entered an establishment if an emergency occurs—even if it is not the safest route.

OLD TAPPAN VOLUNTEER FIRST AID CORP.

WANTED: Unpaid, part time emergency medical personnel

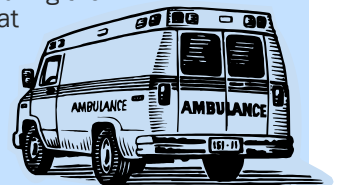
Requirements: need to be calm and intelligent

If you have time during the day and would like working in an urgent care situation, we have something to do that will challenge you. We'll train you to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and to repay us all you need to do is use your skills as a volunteer in the Old Tappan First Aid Corps riding in our towns modern technologically equipped ambulances. In some instances you'll deal with urgent medical situations but will work with other volunteer EMT's, the police, and firefighters saving lives. As of now, the hours are open but our greatest need is during the daytime.

WANTED: Unpaid Drivers needed Requirements: License

We are looking for drivers who have a clean license, are able to be calm and safe under pressure and be willing to take a 6 hour course (paid for by us) in order to drive our emergency vehicle/ambulance. While our greatest need is during the daytime hours, there are spots open on at least two evenings and nights.

For more information on either of these unpaid but highly satisfying positions, please contact the Old Tappan First Aid Corps at 201-666-9030.



The Borough of Old Tappan and The Old Tappan Police Department invite you to join NIXLE. Stay instantly Informed and trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information available. You choose the information you want, for the addresses you want all delivered for free by text message, email and or on the web. Sign up now at www.nixle.com. Register now—its free and easy!!

Volunteer of the Year Proclamations

OLD TAPPAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1932 with the encouragement of the Borough Council, an historic meeting was held at Lachmund's Hotel, (the current site of Bona-bel Park), where a group of men formed the Old Tappan Fire Department and selected Charles R. Lake President and Fire Chief. Prior to this the Borough of Old Tappan relied on River Vale and its modern "Fire Engine".

In the early days fire equipment consisted of brooms, Indian Pumps (five gallon portable tanks carried on the firefighters back and hand pumped) and hand extinguishers. Fire gongs and hammers were placed in various locations around the Borough (one remains in front of the Old Tappan Firehouse). Eventually these would be replaced with a whistle atop August Schaus's Garage. 1932 saw the first piece of fire apparatus, a crank starting, 30 gallon soda / acid truck manufactured by Republic. It carried a driver and one passenger in the front seat and two firefighters holding a handrail at the rear of the apparatus. In addition it carried a ladder and 150 feet of hose.

Originally the truck was housed at Cavallo's at DeWolf Road and Old Tappan Road, and later at August Schaus's Garage (now Super-cycles). In 1938 a new fire house was started at the corner of Russell Avenue and Old Tappan Rd, its present site. Over the years more equipment with larger capacity was purchased as the needs of the community grew. By World War II the borough boasted an engine with a 250 gallon capacity and at the end of the war a "surplus" engine with a 500 gallon capacity was purchased from war surplus equipment. In 1963 the Borough purchased its first aerial truck with a 65 foot aerial ladder. Later in the 1960's and 1970's water mains were installed in the Borough, a major step forward in firefighting.

Equipment was getting larger and more sophisticated. The Borough financed and built a truck apparatus garage large enough to house the modern state of the art firefighting apparatus to be centrally located and available at a moment's notice. This facility is separate but attached to the original Firehouse. The original firehouse was then remodeled and made into a meeting and reception facility.

The Borough currently maintains an aerial truck, two pumpers, a heavy rescue vehicle, emergency boat and trailer and various equipment serving the needs of our volunteer firefighters. Always trying to improve, soon the facility will have a generator installed.



OLD TAPPAN FIRST AID CORP

The Old Tappan First Aid Corps was established in 1939 by Mr. Joseph A. Mazzo. The very first ambulance purchased was a 1929 used hearse from a local undertaker. It was kept in a garage on Clark Ave. and was stored there until the Old Tappan Fire House was completed some years later. Mr. Mazzo loaned the Old Tappan First Aid Corps the needed funding to build the Old Tappan First Aid Corps

building some time thereafter, and when completed the Hearse finally found it rightful parking place.

In order to get others in Old Tappan and the surrounding communities involved in first aid, (Interest in membership and retention has always been an issue) Joseph Mazzo, along with Pat Lanza of Closter and Morris Beaman, were instructors who taught first aid classes to those who were willing to learn and help out.

As time moved on, the Corps continued to grow and prosper into the Old Tappan First Aid Corps we have today. Seventy three years later we have two ambulances, have doubled the size of our facility, and have increased membership substantially.

Today, The Old Tappan First Aid Corps responds to approximately 400 calls per year and is staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week. All our EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) are State Certified; their initial training is 250 hours. All EMTs are required to receive ongoing training throughout their careers to remain medically current. The Corps makes wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and other devices available to residents of Old Tappan.

Currently the Old Tappan First Aid Corps has twenty active members, and proudly we boast that six are high school students. Still today, just as in the early days of the OTFAC, new membership and retention is an issue. We always welcome new members.

REC. ACTIVITY	REGISTRATION	SEASON RUNS
Easter Egg Hunt	n/a	April 7th
Spring Travel Baseball/Softball	March	Early March into Jun- Tryout reqr'd
Summer Travel Basketball	March 15 to May 31	June 18 thru Jul 31
Camp Serendipity	Mid March to Mid June	3 weeks in July— Tue/Wed/Thur
Youth Golf	April thru May	July
Outdoor Soccer	May and June	September through November
Flag Football	May 1st-end June	September through mid November
Summer Travel Baseball/Softball	June	Early June thru late July -Tryout reqr'd
Indoor Soccer	October 1- October 31	January through Mid March
Baseball/Softball	November - December	Early March into June
Winter Rec Basketball	October 1 thru November 30	December 4 through March 26
Winter Travel Basketball	November 1 thru November 30	January 2 through March 25
Ragamuffin Parade	n/a	TBD
Town Day	n/a	September 8 (Raindate September 15)



Old Tappan Baseball and Softball Association Opening Day Ceremonies to be held on **March 31, 2012** at Stone Point Park. Ceremonies begin at 9am



As we now wind down our Winter 2011/2012 Basketball Season that is a reminder that our Summer Program is getting set to begin. Old Tappan Recreation Basketball organizes summer team programs at the following levels:

Boys 3rd /4th Grade
 Girls 3rd /4th Grade
 Boys 5th /6th Grade
 Girls 5th /6th Grade
 Boys 7th /8th Grade
 Girls 7th /8th Grade

(Grade is based on the current grade this School year)

Online registration will begin on March 15th and will extend through May 31. Please go to www.oldtappan.net for further registration information. The season will begin June 18th and will run until July 31. All players will receive an Old Tappan Basketball reversible jersey for their participation.

Old Tappan teams play against local area towns and play 3 games per week. Home games are played outdoors at Stone Point Park and the bleachers are usually filled to capacity, please get there early.

In addition, the Varsity Basketball coaches at NVOT HS will be offering a Girls Basketball Camp, run by NVOT Coach Brian Dunn, his coaches and his players, and the Boys Basketball Camp run by NVOT Coach Dennis Rossi, his coaches and his players. Old Tappan Basketball will be sending out announcements for these camps once the dates are set. These camps have been well attended by our players in past years and are both fun and instructional.

Please email any questions or inquiries to Basketball Director, Bruce Besserer: OldTappanHoops@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS...

The library circulated 101,341 items in 2011 and we added a total of 4,559 books, DVDs, music CDs and audio books to our collection. Residents who used our library each borrowed an average of \$671 worth of materials. The library collection includes 3700 music CDs, 3482 DVDs, 2200 audio books and about 50,000 books.

FREE Downloadable ebooks and audiobooks are available on the BCCLS (Bergen County Cooperative Library System) website. Go to www.bccls.org and click on DigitalLibraryNJ/Naxos. A library card is required to set up an account.

The library is offering FREE online courses with Universal Class. Over 500 courses are offered ranging from word processing to medical billing to dog grooming. You need to create an account and have a valid e-mail address to sign up for courses. An Old Tappan library card is required to register for classes. To access the library's account with Universal Class go to <http://oldtappannj.universalclass.com/register.htm>

If you would like to be added to our library listserv, please send your email to otpnclrc@bccls.org. Special library events and newsworthy items are emailed via our listserv. Our winter hours are:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday :	9am-9pm
Wednesday & Friday:	9am-tpm
Saturday :	9am-1pm
Sunday :	9am-1pm

Thanks to Our "One-of-a-Kind Community!"

The Local Assistance Board would like to thank the Borough's schools, churches, organizations and residents for their overwhelming dedication throughout last year in support of our services and programs. The compassion and enthusiasm shown for fundraisers, pantry collections, assisting the elderly and supporting our holiday programs was heartwarming and contagious. The Board looks forward to 2012 with optimism and anticipation in providing outstanding assistance to our Borough neighbors, partnered with our exceptionally generous, "one-of-a-kind" community.

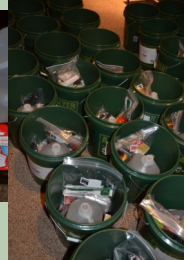
Special thanks to the OT Girls Scouts under the direction of Melissa Driscoll and Georgette Payne, OT Boy Scouts under the direction of Joe Annichiarico, St. Pius Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Trinity Reformed Church, Personal Touch Caterers of Hackensack, Fraser Electric, A&P, CDW Community Service students (see photo of bakers), Bank of America, Butterworth's Bagels, Starbucks, Bi-State Shipping 'N More, Get Rx Help, OT Lions, OT Ladies Auxiliary, and OT Woman's Club.



Old Tappan 9th Grade Girl Scout Troop #1371 (see photo of scouts), completed their Harvest Award by delivering meals to senior citizens in town. Special thanks goes to the following local restaurants and families who donated meals: Butterworth's Bagels, Vicolo Restorante, Starbucks, Evergreen of Old Tappan, the Devlin family of Northvale, and the Geernick, Parcells, Sunden and Yoo families of Old Tappan.

Thanks you to Eagle Scout candidate Joseph Haverilla, who collected and assembled "Emergency Buckets" as his Eagle Scout Project. His goal was to help our elderly and disabled residents be better prepared and safer in emergency situations. Also many thanks to the Boy Scouts who assisted our seniors in lawn care, garden chores, and tree maintenance.

During the month of May, OT Social Services will be the monthly participant in the "Keep the Change" program at Spoon Me, Bi-State Plaza. Please stop by for a sweet treat, donate your change at time of purchase, and support OTSS and our local merchant.



Scholarship Opportunities

Old Tappan Elementary PTA

Martin G. Podmayer Scholarships Available

This year the Old Tappan PTO is offering four \$1,000 Martin G. Podmayer Awards to students graduating from high school that plan to continue his / her education at a four year accredited college. The Old Tappan PTO 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 from Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan, Guidance Department, or can be obtained by contacting Meg Loudon at 201-750-0470. Completed applications are due by April 29, 2012.



The Women's Club of Old Tappan

Application due Monday May 7th

The Woman'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, community involvement, and a personal letter.

Applications may be obtained online at the Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan guidance website at www.nvnet.org or by contacting the Woman's Club of Old Tappan Scholarship Committee Chairperson Nancy Maida at 201-573-0024. Completed applications must be received by Monday, May 7, 2012.

Submitted by Pat Royall, Communications Chairman and Libby Weidmann

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

The Old Tappan Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee provides senior citizens with information on services that are available to them. The Committee endeavors to reaffirm the dignity and value of older adults in the community and informs the Mayor and Council and Borough residents of senior citizens' special needs. The Committee also runs several activities including a monthly Pizza-Bingo game held at the upstairs of the OT Fire Department Building on the third Monday of each month.

LUNCH and LEARN: The Senior Advisory Committee will continue its popular series of programs for seniors known as Lunch and Learn. Dr. John Diomede, R.P.H., PH.D. of Get Rx Help Pharmacy will be the guest speaker at the event which will be held at the Old Tappan Firehouse on Thursday March 8th at 12:00 noon. Dr. Diomede will address weight control for seniors and other related medical issues. Lunch will be served.

2012 EASTER EGG HUNT

*Saturday, April 7th
At Oakes Park*



Eligible Hunters:

5 year olds and under-join in a "Candy Hunt"

6, 7 and 8 year olds-join in an "Egg Hunt"

*Bring your baskets and your egg hunting skills and see what
the Easter Bunny has planned...*

Bring your camera and take pictures with the Easter Bunny!!

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2011 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be held on **Monday, May, 28, 2012**. The Parade will step off from the back of Northern Valley Old Tappan High School promptly at 9:30 a.m.. Follow the route as shown, parade ends with the participating organizations assembling in front of the memorials in Oakes Park on Central Avenue. The Memorial Ceremony includes parading the colors, the National Anthem, the Invocation, address by the Mayor, placing wreaths at the Memorial, the rifle salute and taps.

In the event of inclement weather, the Fire Department siren will be sounded at 8:15 a.m. to advise that the Parade is canceled. In that event, the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the Charles DeWolf School Gym at 9:30 a.m.

Wreaths will then be placed at the Memorial by representatives of each organization making a presentation, after which taps will be played.

We ask you to remind members of your organization, children and adults alike, that Memorial Day is a solemn occasion, dedicated to the memory of our countrymen who have given their lives so that we may enjoy our freedom. Let us treat their memory with dignity and respect, along the Parade route as well as during Memorial Services.

