## 2013 Issue



#### A Message from Mayor Polce



 $oldsymbol{S}$ ummer 2013 is almost behind us. Hopefully, many of you are still taking the time to enjoy the great outdoors. With the price of gas these days, I am glad Old Tappan has so much to offer right here at home. Whether it is the fields and recreation facilities or our wonderful golf course, there is ample opportunity to stay close to home while enjoying some of the finest facilities available in the Northern and Pascack Valley. Our DPW has done an outstanding job keeping our parks and facilities in top shape and the golf course has never looked better. I hope to see you all at our annual Town Day festivities at Stone Point Park on Saturday, September 7 (rain date September 8). Featuring rides and games along with food and music, it is truly one of my favorite events each year. Later that evening please join us for our very own fireworks display at the Old

Tappan Golf Course. A special "Thank You" to all our volunteers and contributors that make Town Day the success it is. The Borough continues to improve our infrastructure. Our road resurfacing program continues and we continue to invest in sidewalks along our main thoroughfares for your walking pleasure and safety.

Very soon we will be opening our newest investment, the Old Tappan Senior Center. Located in the former Police Station (and former Borough Hall and former Schoolhouse), the center will have a main meeting room, a conference room with a modest computer lab that will be internet ready for the convenience of our seniors. The seniors, as well as all other organizations in Old Tappan, will continue to have access to our meeting room in the Borough Fire house.

While I am happy to report our successes in these areas. I also want to let each of you know that the Mayor and Council continue to work every day managing your tax dollars, spending as prudently as we possibly can while still delivering the quality services that keep the Borough of Old Tappan "Best in Class." The Mayor and Council control only .14 cents of each dollar you pay in taxes. It remains the second lowest rate in the county.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank our residents, volunteers and many friends for your role in the everyday life of the Borough of Old Tappan, simply the greatest community I know.

#### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE...

Old Tappan's Arts & Entertainment Committee has been busy!

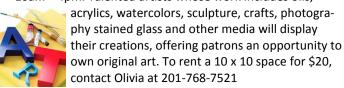
• SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Our ever-popular concerts continued every Wednesday at Oakes Park. Returning favorites included Soul Finger Live; Beauty and the Grease; plus the new sounds of Carlos Colina Straight Up Blues Band and Peus Cash. We are grateful to the following sponsors for their support of

this program.



Spectrum Physical Therapy **Spilotras Painting** Stokes Farm & Garden Center Sullivan Associates **TFL Education** Valley Transportation, LLC Varsity House

• ART SHOW. Set for September 21st at Stone Point Park; 10am-4pm. Talented artists whose work includes oils,





#### THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION...

...will be accepting donations of gently used sneakers and tennis shoes. The donation items will be sent to "Green Sneakers" an organization that reconditions and distributes the footwear to folks in need throughout the world. The Environmental Commission will have a box to collect your sneakers and tennis shoe contributions at their booth at the annual Town Day festivities this year. Join us in a project that helps those in need, recycles and makes our world a little GREENER every day.



... announces that the Borough will host a collection of unused medications on October 26. All unused or unwanted medications may be turned in for proper disposal. Please watch the Borough Bulletin Board and our web site for location details and collection time.



#### **SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR U.S. SENATE:**

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote in the Special General Election is Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> until 9:00 p.m.

#### **GENERAL ELECTION:**

Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> until 9:00 p.m.

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 application for a mail-in ballot at the Municipal Clerk's Office. The <u>County Clerk</u> must receive applications by mail no later than 7 days prior to Election Day. <u>After the 7 day deadline all applications must be</u>

hand delivered to the County Clerk no later then 3:00pm 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 Clerk's office at 201-664-1849 ext. 14 if you have any questions.

POLLING PLACES: Districts 1, 2, & 3: T. Baldwin Demarest School, School Street/Herrick Drive

**Property Taxes** are due 11/1/13. There is a 10 day grace period until Tuesday 11/12/13 (the 10<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday and Borough Hall is closed on Monday the 11th for Veteran's Day Observance)

**Sewer User fee** is due 9/1/13. There is a 10 day grace period until 9/10/13.

Annual Special Benefit Assessment bills have been mailed. There are various due dates so check your bill for your due date.

Do we have your correct mailing address: Many tax bills as well as other important notices from the Tax Collector are returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Property owners often neglect advising our office that their mailing address has

changed. Please help us to keep our records up to date. Requests to change mailing address must be submitted in writing. Please look for the form on the <a href="https://www.borougholdtappan.net">www.borougholdtappan.net</a>.

**Online bill pay from your bank:** Please be aware payments that you initiate with your own bank through online bill pay should be scheduled in advance of any due date to allow a sufficient number of mailing days for the Borough to receive, process and apply the payment to your account. Payments from online bill pay are sent through the mail. We do not accept electronic payment for taxes. All payments must be received by 4pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the grace period. The Borough is not responsible for late payments due to delays in mail service or bank processing.

#### **State Administered Annual Deductions on Property Taxes:**

**Current Year (2011) Homestead Benefit.** Most eligible homeowners will receive their 2011 homestead benefit as a credit applied to property tax bills in **August 2013**. Those homeowners who either sold their home prior to filing the homestead benefit application, or whose principal residence was a unit in a co-op or continuing care retirement community will be issued a benefit in the form of a check or direct deposit in August 2013. Tenants will not receive a 2011 rebate. The deadline for filing 2011 applications was December 14, 2012.

2012 Homestead Benefit: Applications for the 2012 homestead benefit are expected to be mailed in the fall of 2013.

#### Changes to the Property Tax Reimbursement Program (Senior Freeze)

Filing deadline for 2012 Senior Freeze (PTR) Applications extended to September 16, 2013. Under the terms of the proposed State Budget for FY 2014, was adopted July 1, 2013, only those applicants whose income for 2011 did not exceed \$80,000 and whose income for 2012 did not exceed \$70,000 (the original limit was \$82,880) would be eligible to receive reimbursements for 2012 provided they met all the other program requirements. While residents whose 2011 income did not exceed \$80,000 and whose 2012 income was over \$70,000 but not over \$82,880 would not receive reimbursements for 2012, even if they met all the other program requirements, by filing an application they can establish their eligibility for benefits in future years. If this budget proposal is adopted, the Division of Taxation will send notices to applicants whose 2012 income was over \$70,000 but not over \$82,880 advising them that they are not eligible to receive reimbursement payments for 2012.

**Note:** The format of the 2012 property tax reimbursement application has changed. Applicants must complete the entire application and sign on the last page. Read all instructions carefully. The method of reporting pension and retirement benefits (including IRA and annuity income) for property tax reimbursement purposes has changed as a result of a recent court decision.

**2011 Property Tax Reimbursement.** Under the terms of the State Budget for FY 2013, only those applicants whose income for 2010 did not exceed \$80,000 and whose income for 2011 did not exceed \$70,000 (the original limit was \$80,000) were eligible to receive reimbursements for 2011 provided they met all the other program requirements. The Division of Taxation sent notices to applicants whose 2011 income was over \$70,000 but not over \$80,000 advising them that they were not eligible to receive reimbursement payments for 2011.

Residents whose 2011 income was over \$70,000 but not over \$80,000 did not receive reimbursements for 2011, even if they met all the other program requirements. However, by filing a 2011 application by the due date, these residents established their eligibility for benefits in future years.

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program are subject to change by the State Budget. Local 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.

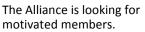
The Old Tappan Municipal Alliance Committee is comprised of community members whose purpose is to promote public awareness concerning alcoholism and drug abuse as well as determine problem solving strategies for our community's unique substance abuse & prevention needs for ALL ages. Prevention education activities and programs are developed and implemented at the municipal level with the goal of bringing awareness to and reducing alcohol and drug abuse.

In May, the Alliance hosted "Defending Your Teen" at the OT Firehouse. This informative presentation ,given by Timothy Shoemaker, was attended by over 100 parents. The parents who attend this presentation were educated on the dangers of drug abuse these days and learned some ways to protect their kids from the horrible dangers they now face.

Also in May the Alliance held its Annual Senior Luncheon which was very well attended. A wonderful lunch was catered by Butterworth's Bagels and served by the Alliance committee members. Speakers included John Diomede from Get RX Help and Detective Sergeant Joe Tracy. Entertainment was provided by the CDW chorus led by Mrs. Costa and Mr. Natoli.

Upcoming is the Mayor's Trophy Golf Outing which will be held on Monday, Sep-

tember 16th, at the Old Tappan Golf Course. The golf outing is our major fundraiser and helps keep many of our programs running. Look for more information in the mail.





#### **OLD TAPPAN SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATES....**

#### Did you know:

- an entertaining movie and light lunch (provided by OTSS) are offered in the comfort of the OT Library on two Fridays of the month. Old Tappan residents can pick up a ticket prior to the movie to ensure a spot for the big screen events. Please call the Library for specific dates and movie selections.
- nutritional meals are prepared and delivered to OT frail and special needs population on a bi-weekly basis. If you would like to volunteer for this program please contact our office.
- St. Pius X Church CCD classes, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Reformed Church held collections to replenish our pantry shelves during the summer months, a historically slow period for donations.



- Boy Scout, Richie Sunden, organized a collection with the generosity of the OT Boy Scouts. The drive, which was greatly appreciated and helped to restock the food/supply pantry at a critical time, was a requirement of Richie's "Citizenship in Community" merit badge.
- OT Senior citizens are needed! OT Girl Scout, Alis Koo, is writing a local history book for her Gold Award Project. She would like to interview seniors and learn their inspiring life stories. Please contact Alis at 201-626-3177 or alisyoo@gmail.com to help make a local history book.
- Mrs. Kerry Beckmann's Community Service class from Charles DeWolf Middle School make seasonal and holiday gift bags for OT senior citizens throughout the year. Bags include snacks, greeting cards with personalized messages, pies, breads, crafts and fun gifts.
- A&P has a box located in the store for pantry donations. You

can shop and drop off your donation at the same time.

OT Social Services "Wish Trees" will be located in the following community locations this holiday season:
 Bank of America, Butterworth's, St. Pius X Church, Starbucks, Get Rx Help and Bi-State Shipping Store N
 More. Also look for our Annual Fundraising Letter to be mailed out in November.

Your gifts and donations are gratefully appreciated, go directly to our neighbors experiencing difficult times and truly make a difference! Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the foundation of our mission, is continuously evident throughout our town.

Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness!

Local Assistance Board, 201-664-1849 x 25

## 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 Community College 400 Paramus Road, Paramus Saturday, August 17, 2013

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah Saturday, October 26, 2013

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, October 20, 2013

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah Saturday, September 7, 2013 Saturday, November 2, 2013

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 <a href="http://www.bcua.org/files/2010%20flyer.pdf">http://www.bcua.org/files/2010%20flyer.pdf</a>

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.



#### **Proclamations**

**T**he Mayor on behalf of the Mayor and Council and our residents honored Luke Annichiarico for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout for his talents and achievements in Boy Scouting, which is of vital importance to our community, the state and the nation. Luke recreated a hiking trail and created a kiosk at Stanaland Park in the Borough of Old Tappan as his Eagle project which will serve the residents of Old Tappan for years to come.





Council President Vic Cioce on behalf of the Mayor and Council and our residents honored the determination, success and sportsmanship of four Old Tappan youth indoor soccer teams. The U10 Old Tappan Storm team achieved the distinction of winning the Harnish Cup championship game 2-1 in a sudden death overtime/penalty kick shootout thriller over rival OT Rampage. The U10 Boys team avenged two regular seasons losses to undefeated Hillsdale to win 6-1 in the championship game. The U12 Boys team beat a Demarest team, with its three academy players, 7-0 in the championship game while not yielding a single goal in the entire playoff. The U14 Girls team claimed an undefeated 10 win 0 loss season while beating New Milford 8-1

playoff run, scoring 17 goals an yielding 2. All four Old Tappan Indoor Soccer Teams proved once again that focus, determination and teamwork wins championships.





## Save the Date!

#### **2**<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair & Blood Drive

Saturday, September 28, 2013 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Old Tappan Firehouse



Presented by: The Old Tappan Lions Club

Co-sponsored by:

Old Tappan Board of Health The Mayor's Wellness Campaign

Participating partners and services:

Bloodmobile – Community Blood Services Flu shots – Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Eyeglass donations for the Lions' RECYCLE For Sight program

Wellness programs for children Blood pressure screenings

Plus:

Healthcare professionals from various fields, including chiropractors, physical therapists, podiatrists, orthodontists and more!

#### **Old Tappan Lions Club News...**

**"We Serve"** As the largest civic organization in the world, Lions Clubs International try to fulfill the needs of their communities such as social welfare, support of youth organizations, promotion of education, and advancement of health care—especially in the area of sight conservation. The clubs also serve as a means of promoting peace and friendship between people of different nations. At the local level, the Old Tappan Lions support many projects and causes including local blood drives scholarships for high school sen-

causes, including local blood drives, scholarships for high school seniors, CDW school graduation awards and book donations to graduating kindergarteners. We also accept eyeglass donations at Bi-State Plaza for the Lions' RECYCLE For Sight program.

We always welcome new members who are interested in helping our community. Look for us at Town Day this September. For further information, please call President Ellen Brower at 201-768-2320.

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH...**

Attention Baby Boomers! The United States Preventive Service Task Force just announced that all Baby Boomers should be tested for hepatitis C. An estimated 15,000 Americans die each year from the consequences of hepatitis C infection, which can cause liver scarring, liver failure, and liver cancer, although such effects typically do not show up for decades, if at all. About three-quarters of the more than three million Americans with hepatitis C are Baby Boomers born between 1945 and 1965, but most do not know it because they have no symptoms. Those at highest risk include users of injected drugs and recipients of blood transfusions before 1992, when screening of donated blood for the virus began. New drugs have increased the cure rates for hepatitis C when used along with existing drugs. Other pharmaceutical companies are racing to bring drugs to the market.



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!!

#### WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN NEWS ...

#### Fall Rummage Sale at Fire House on Saturday, October 5

A Huge Fall Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Woman's Club of Old Tappan to benefit scholarships and charities, will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Old Tappan Fire House. The assortment of a little bit of everything, new and gently used, includes household items, small furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, tools, collectibles, small appliances, fabrics, clothing, jewelry, paperback books and much more. There will also be a sale of delicious homemade baked goods!

Anyone who wishes to donate items for the sale may bring them to the Fire House on Thursday, October 3 from 4 PM to 8 PM and on Friday, October 4 from 9 AM to 5 PM. (Please, <u>No donations</u> of clothing, hard cover books, large furniture, computers, large electrical items or TVs).

Thank you for your generous support. For information call Donna at 201-566-7624.

#### Ragamuffin Parade on Saturday, October 26 (Rain date October 27)

Check-in at 8:30 AM at Oakes Park. The parade will start at 9:00 AM.

The Woman's Club and Recreation Commission co-sponsor this fun-filled event. There will be judging of the best costumes, other fun events for the family, and refreshments for all.

#### Town Day on Saturday, September 7

Visit us at our booth to enter our annual free raffles for five lovely hanging pots of Chrysanthemums and to pick up information about the Woman's Club and its upcoming events

#### Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7 at the Old Tappan Fire House

The Woman's Club will be having a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7 (weather date December 14) from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Old Tappan Fire House. Admission is \$10.00 per person. The price includes breakfast, games, crafts, goodie bags, and an individual visit with Santa. Bring your cameras to capture the moment. The event is for children 2 to 7 years old who must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket reservations, call 201-750-7365.

#### **Guests Welcome to our Meetings**

We welcome new members. Guests are invited to our meetings which are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, September through June, at 7:00 PM at the Old Tappan Fire House. The September 17 meeting program will feature speaker Jean Kirch, Shelter Our Sisters Director of Development. Our annual Member/Guest Pot Luck Dinner meeting is on October 15 and the November 19 program will be a holiday craft workshop. For information, call Diana at 201-750-7365.

#### **Student Award Recipients**

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan congratulates the students who were recipients of its awards in 2013. Graduating seniors from Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan, Rachel Sheldon won the \$1,000 Woman's Club of Old Tappan Scholarship and Richard

Apramian received the \$1,000 Woman's Club of Old Tappan Bruce J. Ruzinsky, Esq. Scholarship, named for its donor. Sophia Ferriero was presented with the \$500 Woman's Club of Old Tappan Theater Arts Award. Six eighth-grade graduates of the Charles DeWolf School received \$100 awards from the Woman's Club: Spanish Award-Laura Kang; Science Award-Matthew Orecchio; Athletic Award-Kelly Walsh; Achievement Award-Michele Szegda; two Alice Gaffney Memorial Math Awards-Sankari Nadanapathan and Amanda Blechman.

## Woman's Club thanks Community for participating in Purple Caps Project

You can still click your needles to help prevent child abuse! The Woman's Club of Old Tappan is very grateful for those who have already participated. The Woman's Club members are asking those in the community who knit or crochet to join with them in a project headed by Click for Babies Prevent Child Abuse NJ. Please use any newborn baby cap pattern and any shade of soft baby friendly purple yarn to make knitted or crocheted caps. The purple caps will be given to baby boys and girls in St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ and Beth Israel Hospital in Newark to help educate parents about the Period of Purple Crying which is a normal but frustrating period of increased crying all infants experience in the first few weeks and months after birth. Finished purple baby caps can be dropped off in a box located on the front porch of the home of Pamela Wiss, 23 Windsor Place, Old Tappan. The deadline for drop off is September 16<sup>th</sup>. For further information, Lois Pilatowski, the Woman's Club of Old Tappan chairperson of the project, can be reached by email: lcpilatowski@aol.com.

Submitted by: Pat Royall, Communications Chairman, 201-768-8128,

Email: kmroys@aol.com

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 5, 2013 9 am - 4 pm

#### Old Tappan Fire House

231 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675

----- Selling -----

New and Used Items Housewares, Toys, Clothing & More Homemade Bake Table

DONATIONS of new and gently used items for sale can be dropped off at
The Old Tappan Fire House:

Thurs Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 – 8pm and Fri Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 5pm

(Please, NO DONATIONS of clothing, large furniture, TVs, computers, electronics or hard covered books.)

#### NO DONATIONS ON SATURDAY!

Sponsored by: Woman's Club of Old Tappan Contact: Donna at 201-566-7624

ACTIVITY	REGISTRATION	SEASON RUNS/EVENT DATE
Outdoor Soccer	May- June	Sept through Nov
Flag Football	May- June	September through mid November
Winter Rec Basketball	Oct 1 through Nov 30	Dec 4 through March 26
Winter Travel Basketball	Nov 1 through Nov 30	Jan 2 through March 25
Indoor Soccer	Oct 1- Oct 31	Jan through Mid March
Baseball/Softball	Nov- Feb	Early March into June
Spring Travel Baseball/Softball	March	Early March into June- Tryout required
Summer Travel Baseball/Softball	June	Early June through Late July-Tryout required
Summer Travel Basketball	April 1 through June 15	June 18 through July 31
Camp Serendipity		3 weeks in July (Tue/Wed/Thur)

Save the Date!! Town Day 2013 September 7 (rain date 9/8) Stone Point Park 1pm—Fireworks at Old Tappan Golf Course in the evening.

Old Tappan Soccer season runs September through November. Go to <a href="https://www.oldtappansoccer.com">www.oldtappansoccer.com</a> for details





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NEWSLETTER

# The Old Tappan Recreation Commission presents TOWN DAY & NIGHT 2013

Saturday, September 7th

(rain date – Sunday, September 8th)

## A Fun-Filled Day of Events for the Entire Family

1:00pm to 6:00pm Stone Point Park

1:00-5:00

\*\* Rides/Attractions\*\*
Plus...
Bingo – (Adults)
Balloon Twister
Face Painter & Tattoo Artist

Baking Contest

And....

Competitions from O. T.:

Baseball/Softball, Soccer, Football and Basketball

Rec. Programs

5:00-6:00

New Limited Super Prize Raffle Pie Eating Contest

## Attractions/Rides & Refreshments During the Day

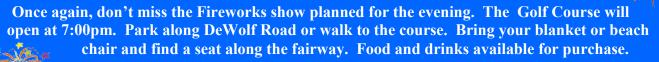
24' Foot Climbing Wall, Obstacle Course, Giant Slides, Combo Bouncer, Trackless Train, Carnival Games...and Much, Much More.

Refreshments Available: Hot Dogs, Heroes, Chicken Wings, Pasta, Sausage and Peppers, Pizza, Pretzels, Fruit, Ice Cream, Sno Cones, Cotton Candy, Beverages and More

#### **Cake/Pie Baking Contest**

Join the competition by entering the Baking contest in either the Cake or Pie category. Entry forms and rules are available on the Borough website. Enter by Sept. 1st. Have your baked goods at Stone Point by 2pm with judging at 3pm.

#### FIREWORKS AT THE OLD TAPPAN GOLF COURSE



**Enjoy the music and the Fireworks!**