

2013 Issue 1



A Message from Mayor Polce



There is no question that we are living through extremely difficult times which are full of uncertainty. In the thirteen years that I have been privileged to serve as mayor of our fabulous community, these last several years have presented the greatest challenges. Notwithstanding that, I can report that fiscally the Borough of Old Tappan is stronger and better positioned than most of the towns surrounding us due to our fiscal discipline, strategic planning and the backing of the residents of our community. We continue to use our corporate model to determine the financial needs of the borough and produce a budget that supplies the services we as a community need, want and deserve.

Yet, we maintain a fiscal approach to budgeting that is responsible and conservative. The Borough portion of your budget is 15% of the overall budget and therefore only 15 cents on the dollar. One cent goes to Open Space, an investment for the future, thirteen cents of your budget is for County Taxes and sent directly to Bergen County and the remaining seventy one cents on the dollar supports your schools.

Old Tappan enjoys one of the lowest levels of debt service in all of the surrounding communities. In these difficult times the Council and I are committed to reducing debt in a substantive way, and at the same time we are carefully and steadily committed to growing our surplus. We are also proud of the fact that our S&P debt rating is AA+, one level below AAA. This takes commitment and discipline and all the members of the Council, including Council President Victor Cioce, Ronald Binaghi Jr., Guy Carnazza, Anna Haverilla, John Kramer and Matt Nalbandian have shown that determination.

Even in these difficult times we continue to invest in our future while maintaining our infrastructure in a responsible way. We have completed our first full year of service from our solar "farm". We generated 129 KW of electric. In addition to energy savings we also received over \$13,000 in rebates for producing clean energy. The new senior center is under construction in our Old Police Station and former school house. Most of this project is being funded by federal dollars. We are hoping that by summer the building will be complete and the seniors will be enjoying a new home for their activities.

We continue to support the agencies of the Borough such as Police, Fire, DPW, Ambulance Corp, Library, Recreation, senior programs and administrative agencies of the Borough doing our best to support the expense requirements and the equipment necessary to do their jobs and serve our residents. I said last year that the budget process for both the governing body and the local school board of education will be the most challenging it has been in years. I also said these challenges would be placed in the context of opportunities they present. I am pleased to report that for the first time in several years we are again at full staffing levels for our Old Tappan Police Department. This is not a luxury but a necessity. As our seniors are the fabric of our lives while our children are our future, protecting our residents is of paramount importance to each and every member of this council.

There will still be many challenges to meet as we move forward and I feel we are well positioned to meet each and every one of them.

On behalf of myself and the members of the Council, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to serve this great community.

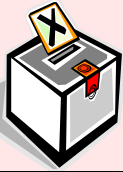
Congratulations to Guy Carnazza. and Anna Haverilla on their re-election...



*Mayor Polce administering Oath of Office
to Councilwoman Anna Haverilla.*



*Mayor Polce administering Oath of Office
to Councilman Guy Carnazza*



Important Information For the 2013 Elections from the Office of the Borough Clerk

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 15th. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 15th until 9 pm. The Bergen County Board of Elections issues voter Registration Cards.

PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, June 4th 6am - 8pm

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tue., May 14th. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., May 14th until 9pm

GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, Nov. 5th 6:am - 8pm

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 then 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



Property Taxes are due 5/1/13. There is a 10 day grace period until 5/10/13.

Current Year (2011) Homestead Benefit. Most eligible homeowners will receive their 2011 homestead benefit as a credit applied to property tax bills in May 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 May 2013. Tenants will not receive a 2011 rebate. The deadline for filing 2011 applications was December 14, 2012.

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 with out 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.



The tax office welcomes a new Deputy Tax Collector Toni Flyge who previously worked for the Harrington Park tax office for ten years. She has completed the tax courses offered by Rutgers University and will be sitting for her Certified Tax Collector license in April. Best of luck and welcome to the Borough of Old Tappan.

HERE ARE 5 GREEN TEAM TIPS FOR FALL:

1. Switch to bathroom tissue made from 100% recycled paper. If every household replaced just a single 12-roll pack of regular bathroom tissue with a recycled variety, it would save almost 5 million trees.
2. Bring lunch from home if you can. A disposable lunch creates between 4 and 8 ounces of garbage every day (that can add up to as much as 100 lbs. per year!)
3. Use pencils made from recycled material and those packed in lightweight or recyclable packaging. Pencils can be made from old money, paper, even jeans!
4. Donate your used sporting goods. You'll not only contribute to a good cause, you'll also save resources in the manufacturing of new equipment.
5. Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth, you'll conserve up to 5 gallons of water per day!

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

The DPW will begin chipping branches that residents have trimmed from their trees on April 17th (if you hire someone to do trimming they are responsible to dispose of the debris). We will do the west side of town (Central Ave. to River Vale) On the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, and the east side of town (Central Ave. to the state line including Central) on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, weather permitting.

You must call 201-664-4438 to advise the DPW that you have put branches out. Please stack branches at the curb with the cut ends facing out, maximum 4 inch diameter, do not cut into short pieces the longer the better, do not place them in the street and do not block the sidewalk. If you have a sidewalk in front of your house you may place them behind the sidewalk.

The department will begin accepting orders for wood mulch and leaf compost on April 15th (forms available at the Borough Hall) and deliveries will begin after May 1st. Please be reminded that this is a courtesy service and other priorities take precedence.

The recycling center is opened Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am until 3:00 pm, and from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturdays (except holidays). Please bring only those items designated for recycling and place them in the appropriate designated container, please do not place plastic bags in with your items. Please use the curbside pickup whenever possible to prevent an overflow situation at the DPW yard.

We do not accept garbage, construction debris, paint or chemicals ECT. Violators will be prosecuted. If you have any questions as to what is acceptable or where you may dispose of items, please refer to your recycling bulletin or call 201- 664-4438.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE...

The Old Tappan Environmental Commission is gearing-up for a very active 2013. Here's what we have planned for springtime:

- To observe Earth Day, the Old Tappan Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts will be back to perform what's becoming the annual spring clean-up at the Borough Parks including Bonnabel, Stone Point, Stanaland Parks. With assistance from the Borough DPW, the scouts will rally at Stone Point at noon, Saturday April 20. Please join the scouts by bringing your volunteer spirit and good pair of boots; we'll supply the gloves and the garbage bags, and some well-deserved refreshments.
- To observe Arbor Day, a tree planting ceremony is to be held on the grounds of TDB and CDW Schools in late April, the exact date will be announced shortly. The Environmental Commission expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude to Steve and Diane Broderick of Magnolia Landscaping for donating the tree-and furnishing the labor-- for this special event.
- With the support of Mrs. Ward and the TBD Art Department, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Graders will participate in a sculpture contest this spring. Participating students will use recyclable materials to create "green-themed" works of art. This imagination-building program will provide a unique twist to the former EC-sponsored annual Poster Contest. We look forward to seeing our young student's creativity in action.



- Back by popular demand, Walk/Bike to School Day will be scheduled again for late May. Like last year, TBD and CDW School children will be encouraged walk or bike to school, like it was done 'in the old days'. Parents are encouraged to participate too. For students with longer commutes, designated drop-off locations will be established so that every student who wishes to participate may. The date and details will be circulated to parents through the school administrators.
- And finally, the Eco-Lecture Series will be back again this year. On May 7, Dr. Susan Golz of Rockland Community College will present "Bottled Water vs. Tap Water: You Decide" at the Old Tappan Library at 7:30pm. This presentation is sure to be an eye-opener as Dr. Golz will provide an objective overview of the myths, the science and the regulations governing our potable water supplies and our water suppliers. Residents of all ages are invited to attend.

The Environmental Commission meets at Borough Hall at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public. Old Tappan residents are invited to join us to share environmental ideas, interests, and initiatives. Please join us or contact Borough Administrator Pat O'Brien for more information.

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
Sunday, April 21, 2013
Saturday, August 17, 2013

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, June 22, 2013
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, April 14, 2013
Sunday, June 23, 2013
Sunday, October 20, 2013

Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie
Saturday, March 9, 2013
Saturday, July 20, 2013

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, May 18, 2013
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 <http://www.bcua.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 wishes all the best for our residents as we begin to move through 2013. Winter weather is again upon us and we have already seen some significant snowfall. Our resident's assistance regarding snow removal is greatly appreciated. Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel look for 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.

The OTPD would like to remind all motorists to exercise caution in and around the area of our schools especially 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. Motorists are reminded to remove snow and ice 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.



The Borough of Old Tappan has recovered rather well from the effects of Super Storm Sandy. Police, Fire, EMS and the DPW worked well together to keep residents safe and provide normal restoration of the community after the storms passing. All Emergency Services appreciate our residents listening to prior warnings and taking necessary precautions to be safe. Travel upon Borough roadways was substantially reduced allowing emergency services to

move freely and effectively about the town. Residents are reminded that Old Tappan has partnered with Bergen County and employed Swiftreach Networks, Inc. as our emergency notification service provider. If you are not receiving these calls, you may visit the Bergen Co. website www.co.bergen.nj.us. On the lower left margin of the Bergen Co. home page there is a Swift 911 icon. Click on this icon and a Reverse 911 page will appear. Access to the Alert System is explained. Click on the highlighted link to fill out the form to add, update or remove your contact information. In addition, we use www.Nixle.com and you may follow us on Twitter at OldTappanNJPD to receive emergency notifications electronically. You must sign up on Nixle and Twitter to receive emergency notifications in this manner. Please contact the Old Tappan Borough Hall for any additional information you may need.

The OTPD has distributed yellow Courtesy Security Awareness cards to select homes. While on patrol in your neighborhood, an Officer may have noticed a condition that might pose a threat to your safety and property. Persons with unlawful intent often look for inviting conditions in selecting a target of opportunity for unlawful purposes. OTPD Officers may provide this card should they observe a condition of this nature. Residents are reminded to contact the OTPD as soon as possible when observing suspicious persons or activity. **If you see something, say something.** The OTPD would prefer to check a report of this nature immediately and find out it was nothing, than receive the report a day or two later and find it was indeed very important. Please join with us in making Old Tappan a safer and secure place to live.

The Prom and Graduation time of year is not that far away. Parents and residents are reminded that underage drinking is against the law. State Law and Borough Ordinance prohibit underage alcohol consumption on public and private property. Liability issues should be seriously considered by property owners and residents with regard to allowing the underage consumption of alcoholic beverages within their homes.



At the January 7th Old Tappan Borough Reorganization meeting, the Mayor and Council honored Corporal Jarrett Stursberg, USMC, and thanked him for his service at home and abroad and for his defense of our country and our constitution. In July 2010 Jarrett was deployed state side completing his active duty tour at Camp Pendleton, California and finally returning home to us safely December 31, 2012. Corporal Stursberg has been a resident of the Borough of Old Tappan attending TBD, CDW, and

NVRHSOT, and participated in his youth in soccer, baseball, cub scouts, boy scouts, Eagle Football, lettering in football and wrestling. He entered active duty in October 2008 in the service of the United States Marine Corp, serving as a member of the Military Police, graduating first in his class from MP School at Fort Leonard, Missouri. In June 2009 he earned the Meritorious Promotion to Lance Corporal; and, in the 2010 "Troop Surge" Corporal Stursberg was deployed to Camp Leatherneck Helmland Province, Afghanistan, 9th Engineer Service Battalion, working in intelligence and security and also served as a turret gunner. Corporal Stursberg has been awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, USMC, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, US Navy, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Medal, (2), The NATO Medal- ISAF Afghanistan, and the 3rd Marine Logistics Group Marine of the Quarter. We sincerely thank Corporal Jarrett Stursberg for his service to our country and welcome him home.



Mayor Police administering Oath of Office to Patrolman Matthew DiCorcia.

The Mayor and Council appointed Matthew DiCorcia to the position of Patrol Officer at the January 7th Borough Reorganization meeting.

Matt is an Alternate Route graduate of the Cape May County Police Academy and is a graduate of the Ramapo College of New Jersey with a bachelor's degree in Law and Society. Officer DiCorcia was formerly employed by Metro One, a loss prevention services group in Lyndhurst, NJ. He was assigned to undercover operations specializing in training and security. Congratulations to Officer DiCorcia on his recent appointment to the Old Tappan Police Department.

OLD TAPPAN FIRST AID CORP...

The First Aid Corps has been busy lately in the wake of Super Storm Sandy and the frigid winter we currently enjoy. A small group of your neighbors commit their time and talents to provide round-the-clock Emergency Medical Services for Old Tappan. The call to duty may come at an inconvenient time: a sunny Saturday afternoon, a chilly early morning during the week, during a holiday gathering – you get the idea. However, the call is answered by those available at any given time.

The desire to 'give back' to the community rests at the heart of our organization. We provide stand-by service at NVOT home football games, NV Eagles football games, Town Day Fireworks, CDW and NVOT graduation. Wheel chairs, crutches, and other assistive equipment are available on loan to those residents who require them. We offer First Aid and CPR classes to Old Tappan residents free-of-charge. Our CPR instructors currently certify staff at TBD, CDW, OTFD, and OTPD (when needed). We actively participate in TBD Saturday Workshops and the Babysitting program offered by the OT Woman's Club. Beginning in 2012, the First Aid Corps became the chartered organization for Old Tappan Troop 132 (Boy Scouts) and Pack 132 (Cub Scouts). The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts routinely come to us to earn badges and patches for their troops.

Additionally, our members often wear many hats. Are you aware that our members concurrently serve Old Tappan in the following volunteer capacities; Planning Board, OT Recreation Coaches, Fire Department, Environmental Commission, NVOT Alliance, Cancer Volunteers, Boy Scout Leaders, OT Municipal Alliance, Ladies Auxiliary, Green Team, CDW Drama Club, Religious Community Involvement, Choir Singers, etc.

We are always in need of new members. Any time you can devote to our worthy cause will pay multi-fold 'priceless' dividends. Dividends that come in the form of small appreciative nods from a concerned family member, grateful hugs from patients whom you held hands with on the way to the hospital, and drawings from children thanking you for taking such good care of them. Won't you share in our wealth and join our First Aid Corps team?

We welcome all inquiries and suggestions from our neighbors. We invite you to come down and take a class – schedules are flexible to meet your needs. Feel free to contact Lt. Mark Geerinck (mgeerinck@optimum.net) directly to request a class, obtain a membership application, or additional information about the Corps. We will respond promptly to each and every request.



My name is substance abuse. I'm sure you've heard of me. I'm sneaky and usually come without warning. I do not discriminate. I'm everywhere. I'm insidious, once you ignite me, I can be a raging forest fire with no end in sight. All I need is a few good whiffs of wind to keep me constant, burning, virtually inextinguishable. I need air to continue my burn. I cannot exist without my air. IF you

don't equip yourselves and your children with all the tools necessary to prevent me from starting, it's like giving me the air I need to rage on. Don't let me burn you, your family, your friends, your community.

It's a proven fact that "prevention" is far more effective than "intervention"

We are the **OLD TAPPAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE** (formerly known as Drug Free Old Tappan) and we need an army of consciousness. The committee has been around for quite some time and has provided funds for and run many programs throughout the years. Their 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.

The Alliance Committee is comprised of community members who develop the goals and objectives of the Alliance in our town. This year some alliance members joined a new High School Ad Hoc committee which shares our goal to reduce the number of student discipline referrals related to safety and substance abuse issues and explore more aggressive early intervention programs for substance abuse.

The Alliance is looking for innovative people to join a committee purely dedicated in keeping our residents substance free. Please consider giving up a small portion of your valuable time and join the committee. Call the Borough Hall for more information.

OLD TAPPAN FIRE DEPARTMENT...

As Winter winds down, the members of the Old Tappan Volunteer Fire Dept. request that residents continue to be mindful of snow accumulations around fire hydrants. Keeping hydrants clear helps us protect you and your neighbors. As Spring begins, it is time to think about maintenance of fireplaces and woodstoves. Chimneys and flue pipes should be cleaned and made ready for next year. Also, as we move clocks ahead, all are reminded to change smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries. Clothes dryer vents also require regular cleaning to prevent accumulation of flammable lint, a source of numerous fires in the past. Residents are also reminded to check Bar-B-Q grills for signs of damage over the Winter. Propane tanks should be free of rust or corrosion and gas lines should be clear of debris or obstructions. Check gas lines for spider webs!

Look for the Fire Department to appear at the Saturday Workshop in March at the Elementary School. Children will learn about their local Fire Department, see the Fire Apparatus up close and meet some of the hard working volunteers. Old Tappan FD will also participate in the 100th Anniversary Parade for the New Jersey / New York Fire Association on June 8th, 2013. The parade will start in Pearl River, NY and end in Montvale, NJ. This promises to be a great day celebrating a century of cooperative Volunteer Fire Departments working together to safeguard our communities.

Chief James Butler, 65

BOARD OF HEALTH...

WHOOPIING COUGH HEALTH ALERT

Pertussis (whooping cough) is very contagious and can cause serious illness – especially in infants too young to be vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that more than 41,000 cases of pertussis were provisionally reported across the US during 2012, including 18 deaths. They called for mass vaccination of adults. Pertussis vaccines are recommended for children, teens, and adults, including pregnant women. Protection from the childhood vaccine decreases over time. Preteens need to be revaccinated, even if they were completely vaccinated as children. In adults and older children, whooping cough is often mistaken for a common cold or bronchitis and is easily spread. When you or your child develops a cold that includes a prolonged or severe cough, it may be pertussis. The best way to know is to contact your doctor.

FOOD ALLERGY RESEARCH

You or your food-allergic child can participate in a clinical trial at Mount Sinai Hospital. Never have there been so many studies of promising treatments for food allergies. Look online at www.faiusa.org/clinicaltrials for more information, or contact: Food Allergy Initiative, 515 Madison Avenue, Suite 1912, New York, NY 10022-5403; Phone: 212-207-1974 or email: info@faiusa.org

PHYSICAL EXAMS FREE FOR CHILDREN

The Old Tappan Board of Health offers a monthly Child Health Conference for Old Tappan children from birth through age 6 where they may receive free, complete medical physical exams and all required immunizations. Children ages 7 through 18 years of age may receive immunizations only. Appointments are necessary. For further information call (201) 666-4800 ext. 1528. Sessions are held at the Borough of Hillsdale, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, in the lower level. Services are provided by a Pediatrician and Public Health Nurse.

Chore Service

Making your home a safer place to live!

Simple household repair services for the senior 60+ and disabled populations in Bergen County

- Minor Plumbing:** Repair leaking faucets
Repair leaking toilets
Replace washer hoses
- Minor Electrical:** Replace existing outlets
Replace light switches and plugs
Replace or repair door bells
Replace light bulbs
Replace an existing light fixture if appropriate
- Weatherization:** Seasonal changes of screens and storm windows
Weather strip doors and windows
Air conditioner installations- limited sizes
- Repair or Replace:** Door locks, handles, springs and closers
Filters and batteries
- Install:** Smoke alarms
Mini-blinds (no vertical blinds)
Grab bars in bath area (3 grab bar maximum per visit)
Interior railings



- Chore is unable to service emergencies and does not do outdoor work, painting tiling, door or window replacements, work requiring high ladders, heavy lifting, new wiring, or appliance repairs.
- No cosmetic repairs or interior decorating
- Repairs for apartment dwellers are limited to personal items only.

Call Chore at (201) 489-7790

Chore Service is a program of The Volunteer Center of Bergen County, Inc. and is funded in part by Safe Housing & Transportation Act, Community Development Block Grant, United Way of Bergen County, client contributions, and Volunteer Center fundraising activities.

 VOLUNTEER CENTER OF BERGEN COUNTY

GOLF COURSE REMAINS ASSET TO TOWN

Once again, the Old Tappan Golf Course enjoyed a successful season in 2012. While other golf courses struggled to keep their heads above water, due to the economy and extreme weather conditions, Old Tappan has been able to move forward and continue to maintain a first class golf course.

When the course was first proposed in 1966, a major concern was that the golf course be able to pay for itself and eventually realize a profit. Today, the golf course remains more than a financial investment for the town. It is an investment in people of all ages, young and older, and is concerned with their well-being. Old Tappan residents continue to profit in several ways: Residents have an activity in the healthy outdoors, green space is preserved, and income is produced. We acknowledge pride in the course and commend the efforts of Paul Parascondolo, the Superintendent, and Doug Meeks, the Golf Pro, in making the Old Tappan Golf course an outstanding Borough facility.

For the 2013 season, the goal, as always, is to attract even more members from Old Tappan, as well as other non-resident singles and families. Over the years, we have been able to provide rates that are competitive and more than favorable.

For 2013, there will be only a slight increase of \$50.00 in all fees. This new fee schedule will take effect when the course opens on March 15. We encourage everyone to participate in this great facility. Previous members have the convenience of registering online. All new members must register in person and present a photo I.D. In-person registration will take place at the Golf Course Pro Shop as per the following schedule until opening day: Fridays -- 12 noon to 6:00pm; Saturdays -- 12 noon to 3:00 pm.

The Golf Course also features an award winning restaurant -- The Bouwerie. The restaurant is open to everyone and offers a great menu. Also, The Bouwerie provides the most beautiful dining ambience. The Bergen 201 magazine selected the Bouwerie as one of 12 restaurants that they will feature in 2013. They will be featured in the March edition of the magazine.

The restaurant is open from 11am-3pm for lunch Tuesday-Friday. Happy Hour is from 4pm-6pm followed by dinner from 5:30pm till close. Brunch is served on Sunday from 11:30am-3pm and dinner from 4pm-close. For more information or reservations call the restaurant at (201) 564- 7939.

All of this is intended to maintain a great golf course and keep it as a valuable asset to ALL RESIDENTS of Old Tappan. We hope to see you for the 2013 golf season!!!!

ACTIVITY	REGISTRATION	SEASON RUNS/EVENT DATE
Outdoor Soccer	May through June	Sept through Nov
Flag Football	May through 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 through Oct 31	Jan through Mid March
Baseball/Softball	Nov through 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	opens in May	3 weeks in July (Tue/Wed/Thur)
Town Day	n/a	Sept. 7, 2013
Halloween Festival/Ragamuffin Parade	TBD	TBD
Easter Egg Hunt	n/a	March 30th



BASKETBALL

As our Winter 2012/2013 Basketball Season winds down we are reminded that our Summer Program registration is getting set to begin.

Old Tappan Recreation Basketball organizes summer team programs at the following levels for the boys and girls teams:

3rd / 4th Grade



5th / 6th Grade



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 in mid-June and will runs until the end of July. 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 NVRHS-OT will be offering both Boys and Girls Basketball Camps. 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

ATTENTION CAMPERS AND COUNSELORS...

Old Tappan Camp Serendipity is making preparation for the 2013 camp season.

Camp will be held for 3 weeks in July on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday at TBD school.

Campers (K-6th grade):

Registration will open in April...sign up early to help with preparation for this summer program.

High school students:

If you are 14 or older by the start of camp, you are eligible to become a camp counselor.

Candidates must be able to:

- supervise camper's daily activities;
- demonstrate a high level of maturity at all times; and
- must enjoy working with children.

We are also looking for counselors who have specific interest/experience in areas of: arts/ crafts, sports, drama... to help lead programs as activity specialists. If you meet these requirements then you might want to consider applying to become a recreation camp counselor this year. Available spots are limited...so act quickly if interested.

Please go to oldtappan.net/recreation & golf/summer camp to download a camp counselor application.



OLD TAPPAN Baseball and Softball Opening Day Ceremony

**Saturday, April 20th
10am**

Stone Point Park

To officially kick-off the
2013 Baseball and Softball Season!!!

Ceremony will include:

The Flag Raising Ceremony

The Pledge of Allegiance and

the singing of the National Anthem

The Recitation of the Little League Pledge

Welcoming Remarks

Team Photos

And the

Ceremonial First Pitch



Concession Stands will feature an
"Opening Day Hot Dog Deal"

All day beginning at 12pm

New Season—New Start

Town Fields and Parks....

Old Tappan Town Parks and Fields are part of our Community and are therefore available for use by town residents, provided this use does not interfere with any Recreation Commission activity. All large groups and/or organized events and activities must obtain a Permit prior to using any field or park in town. In order to obtain a Permit, residents are required to provide a Certificate of Insurance and a Hold Harmless Agreement. Permits for such use are approved by the Mayor and Council and issued through the Recreation Commission. For further information and to obtain a Permit Application, please contact Gloria Wiesner, Recreation Director, at gwiesner@oldtappan.net

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL...

On October 27th the Old Tappan Woman's Club in conjunction with Old Tappan Recreation held their Halloween Festivities. Starting off the event was the annual Halloween Parade. Everyone enjoyed hours of good weather, yummy snacks and fun activities.



Volunteer of the Year Proclamation

The Recreation Commission was honored for their tireless work administering and developing programs on behalf of the youth and their families throughout the Borough of Old Tappan. The Commission is most effective establishing a vast volunteer cadre of parents, young adults, members of the business community, and residents working on behalf of our youth. Its objective is to serve boys and girls, men and women providing the types of recreational activities that will improve the lives of all. This is a task not only borne by the Recreation Commission Members but also an enormous amount of volunteer effort from parents and others, all of which is essential to make our programs successful. Among the most outstanding programs in the entire Pascack Valley include baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, football and events including town day, summer camp, egg hunt, and a Halloween festival. It's goal is to provide a safe environment, instill the spirit of competition and good sportsmanship and respect for each other and allowing all to participate.

RECREATION COMMISSION



Proclamations

The Mayor on behalf of the Mayor and Council and our residents honored the determination, success and sportsmanship of three Old Tappan youth soccer teams. The CO-ED Under 12 Travel Soccer Team of the OT Recreation Program achieved the distinction of North Jersey Soccer League Champions All-Boys travel league, in only the second year of the program and the first travel soccer championship to Old Tappan for over ten years. The team held an enviable 7-1 regular season record, scoring 55 goals while conceding only 12 goals to their opponents while each member of the OT Team scored at least one goal. They defeated Paramus 4-1 winning the "Championship". The OT Travel Soccer Team-Under 10 achieved the distinction of North Jersey Junior Soccer League Champions. The Under 10 Team completed an unbelievable championship run by beating the overwhelming favorites Demarest in the semi finals by a score of 4-1. Even after losing to Maywood twice in the regular season the two teams met in the championship game, tied 0-0 at the end of regulation play, remaining 0-0 after two overtime periods expired, winning in a head to head penalty shootout and winning the championship. The OT Fire Third and Fourth Grade Girls Soccer Team completed a dominating season in the Northern Valley Soccer league, winning all but one game. The Fire won the Northern Valley Soccer League Championship against the powerful Emerson team in a thrilling 1-0 shutout.

All three Old Tappan Soccer Teams proved once again that focus, determination and teamwork wins championships.



CDW
DRAMA CLUB
PROUDLY PRESENTS



APRIL 26, 27, 28, 2013

Free show for Old Tappan Seniors on Wednesday, April 24, 3:30pm
Charles DeWolf Middle School Lynch Gym Auditorium

Visit CDWDrama.TeamPages.com for more information

WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN NEWS...

Celebrating Years of Federation – Join Us

The Woman's Club of Old Tappan was founded in 1960 and joined the New Jersey State Federation and General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1963, thus making 2013 the year the Club celebrates fifty years of membership as a Federated Club. It is non-sectarian, non-political, and non-profit, organized for the purpose of education, charity, and fellowship. The Club's service centers on our community of Old Tappan, but it also extends to Bergen County, the State of New Jersey, and even worldwide.

The Woman's Club welcomes new members. Guests and prospective members are invited to attend general meetings which usually are held at 7:00PM at the Old Tappan Fire House on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May. The public is invited to our meeting on Tuesday, April 16, to hear our speaker Maria Hopper, who is a certified genealogist. She will speak at 7:00PM. Refreshments will follow.

For information about club membership or events call Diana at 201-750-7365.

Two \$1,000 Scholastic Awards Available to Graduating High School Seniors



The Woman's Club of Old Tappan is offering two \$1,000 Scholastic Awards to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue a course of higher education. Each award, the Woman's Club of Old Tappan Scholastic Scholarship and the Woman's Club of Old Tappan Bruce J. Ruzinsky Scholarship, is determined on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, activities in and out of school, community involvement, and a personal letter. To be eligible, a student must have been a resident of Old Tappan for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to graduation.

An application 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. The completed application must be received by Monday, May 6, 2013.

Submitted by Pat Royall, Communications Chairman, Woman's Club of Old Tappan

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

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is holding a Lunch 'n Learn on Thursday, March 14th at the Old Tappan Firehouse, 231 Old Tappan Road at 12:00 Noon. The featured speaker will be Thomas Mingone, managing partner of Capital Management Group. He will discuss the topic of annuities and their role in financial planning. Join us to hear this interesting topic and enjoy a lunch with your neighbors. Admission is free and all seniors are welcome.

Please also keep the date of Thursday, June 13th, on your calendar for the next Lunch 'n Learn. The topic for the June 13th meeting will be "Elder Law". The speaker will be Timothy J. Dunn, II, a member of Dunn & Browne, LLC.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS DON'T MISS OUT ON THE GOOD TIMES

IF YOU WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS PLANNED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (optional) _____

E-MAIL (optional) _____

**Drop off this form or mail to Borough Hall
227 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675**

Lunch'n Learn Events - Holiday Parties - And More

THANK YOU OLD TAPPAN!

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

The Local Assistance Board would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who generously gave to our holiday program and/or annual fundraising drive. It is due to your continued support that we are able to provide our various programs and services. Please be assured that your donations truly make a difference and greatly help many of our residents throughout the year.

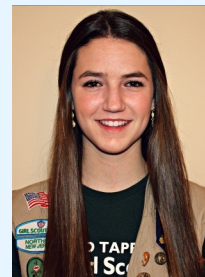
We would like to thank the following for their assistance during 2012: Bank of America, Starbucks, Butterworth's Bagels, Frasier Electric, Bi-State Shipping 'N More, Get RX Help Pharmacy, Par Pharmaceutical, Woman's Club of Old Tappan, Old Tappan Ladies Auxiliary, St. Pius X Church, Prince of Peace Church, Trinity Reformed Church, Old Tappan Boy Scouts, Old Tappan Girl Scouts, Old Tappan Lions Club, Old Tappan Library, A&P, CDW Community Service Students, and Personal Touch Caterers.



A special thanks to Girl Scout Troop 1462 who have provided fresh baked sweet treats throughout the year for the Friday Flix and Nutrition to Neighbors Programs, and drivers Dennis and May Rose Riley, Lauren Alberti, Shannon Herbert and Gracie Simone who have faithfully delivered meals for years!

Additionally, congratulations to Taylor Parcells who accomplished her Gold Award, the highest level of girl scouting! Her project was titled A OK and the goal was to make a difference in the lives of children, teens and seniors through random acts of kindness. Old Tappan seniors were surprised with over 50 acts of kindness during 2012, which included prepared/delivered meals, home baked desserts/breads, and numerous home visits.

It is the volunteers, clubs, organizations, churches, businesses and residents of



Old Tappan that truly make our programs come to fruition. So many people work discretely, efficiently and humbly, and give compassionately. We thank you for all you do!

If you know someone who would benefit from our services or if you want to contribute to or volunteer in any of our programs, please contact OTSS at 201-664-1849 X25.

LIBRARY NEWS...

Top 10 reasons to be a member of the Old Tappan Library

- A library membership card is FREE
- A library card SAVES you money. Our customers each borrowed an average of \$794 worth of books, music CDs, DVDs and magazines in 2012! We also have daily delivery of The Record, New York Times and Wall Street Journal.
- We have FREE museum passes for our members. Treat your family to a day at the Intrepid Air & Space Museum or the Guggenheim Museum.
- You can get more than books with your library card. We have free Wi-fi, 10 public computers, children and adult programs, Friday Flicks for seniors, bridge, Mahjong, T'ai Chi and yoga classes, special cultural programs, monthly art exhibits, and more.
- Libraries are better than bookstores. The library has 24-hour online access to reference databases and the BCCLS catalog. You can check out everything while sitting in your pajamas. Just go to www.bccls.org.
- Free Wi-Fi. (no obligation to buy a light Chocolate Cookie Crumble Frappuccino.)
- FREE downloadable E-Books. Go to oldtappan.bccls.org and click on BeAT. You have access to adult and juvenile eBooks, and videos (including PBS) and much more. E-Books are also available on www.bccls.org.
- FREE access to magazine and newspaper databases. Go to www.bccls.org and click on e-sources under Digital collections. Looking for ratings on refrigerators in Consumer Reports?
- Our library is no longer using the Dewey Decimal system for non-fiction books. We are the first library in New Jersey to use a non-Dewey system of arranging books. Our system is user friendly and easy to browse. Looking for Italian recipes? Go to HOME COOKING ITALIAN.
- The more you read, the more you learn. Expand your vocabulary. Learn new skills. Bond with your children and read stories together. Stimulate your imagination.
- **And it's all FREE@ your library!!!**



The 10th grade Senior Girl Scout Troops 1371 and 1396 distributed gift cards to the Little Ferry Girl Scout Troop 60839 and to the Little Ferry Fire Department at a ceremony at Old Tappan Library on February 3rd. The Senior Girl Scout Troop held a bake sale in January at St. Anthony's Church in Northvale to benefit organization in Little Ferry that suffered from Hurricane Sandy. Baked goods were donated from many of the younger Old Tappan Girl Scout troops. The girls raised \$753 and gave Little Ferry Girl Scout Troop 60839 a \$50 Visa gift card and the Little Ferry Fire Department a \$703 Home Depot gift card. Home Depot in West Nyack, NY also added a \$50 gift card to the donation.



2013 EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30th

11:30am (Rain or Shine) 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 Scavenger Hunt"

Bring your baskets...

and your camera

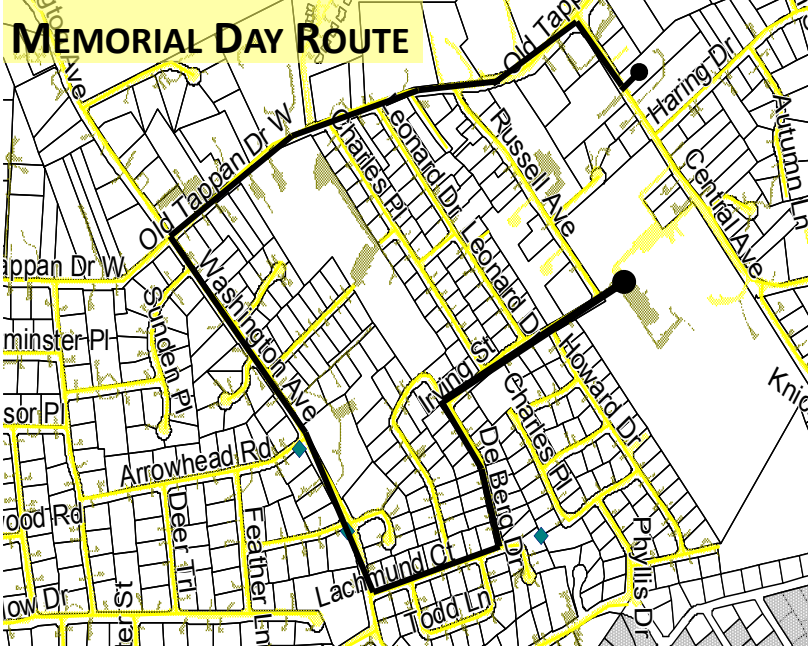
for a photo with the Easter Bunny !!



Sponsored by the Borough of Old Tappan

For further details please check www.oldtappan.net

2013 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be held on **Monday, May, 27th**. The Parade will step off from the back of Northern Valley Old Tappan High School promptly at 9:30 am. 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.



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