



*A Message from Mayor Polce*



**H**aving spent twenty five years on Wall Street, I have long felt that Old Tappan had the ability to attain the highest debt rating for general obligation bonds not only in the county, but throughout the state. Just this past December, Standard and Poor's rating agency upgraded Old Tappan's bonds to AAA, the highest rating available. In fact, I believe that we are one of six towns throughout Bergen County that currently enjoys this prestigious rating. This rating affords Old Tappan the opportunity to borrow at the lowest interest rate available at that time. For Old Tappan taxpayers, this is great news. I am sure that our erstwhile President in the White House, Barack Obama, wishes that our government had a similar debt rating. As the United States has \$17 trillion in debt, we need the lowest rates possible to be able to service this debt as cheaply as possible.

Some of the comments from the Standard and Poor's report are as follows:

- We consider Old Tappan's economy to be very strong.
- The Borough's budgetary performance has been very strong throughout the years.
- Old Tappan has a strong balance sheet and liquidity is abundant. And the one that I am most proud of is the next one..
- We view the Borough's management conditions as strong with good financial practices.

I would like to thank all members of the Council for their careful planning and extraordinary work, year in and year out, in crafting budgets and capital expenditures which made sense while being fiscally prudent. A special thanks also goes to our CFO, Becky Overgaard for her work and our borough administrator, Pat O'Brien, for adhering to our best practices philosophy. In the end, this is the essence of good leadership and even better, teamwork.

That being said, there is absolutely no question that we continue to live through difficult times, full of uncertainty. In the fourteen years that I have been privileged to serve as Mayor of this great town, these past several years have presented the greatest of challenges. We will continue however, to use our corporate model which has served us rather well since 2000, to determine the financial needs of the borough while producing a budget that supplies the services we as a community need to maintain a fiscal budget that is both responsible, yet conservative.

As you all know, the Borough portion of your budget is 15% of the overall budget and therefore only 15 cents on your tax dollar. One cent goes to the Open Space Trust Fund, thirteen cents is for County taxes while seventy one cents goes to support our schools. As you can see, we have no direct control over 84% of your budget. With our fifteen cents, we support the agencies of the Borough such as Police, Fire, DPW, Ambulance Corp, Library, Recreation Commission, Senior Programs and all Administration aspects of the Borough. We always make sure that we give them the tools they need to do their jobs effectively and in a timely fashion, while providing our residents with the best in class services that they've come to expect.

Although there will be many challenges over the next twelve months, we need to always place them in the context of the opportunities they present. Please know that this Mayor and Council stands ready to work with you every step of the way, and every single day. On behalf of the members of the Council, our borough family and myself, thank you for the opportunity to work on your behalf. It is a responsibility that we take very seriously.

**Congratulations to Victor Cioce and Matthew Nalbandian on their re-election...**



*Mayor Victor M. Polce, Councilman Victor Cioce and family after Oath of Office was administered.*



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2014 ELECTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH

**PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6am - 8pm**

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tue., May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., May 13<sup>th</sup> until 9pm

**GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 6:am - 8pm**

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 14<sup>th</sup>. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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:** Charles DeWolf Middle School Gym, 275 Old Tappan Road

## Property Taxes are due 5/1/14. There is a 10 day grace period extended to 5/12/13 since the 10<sup>th</sup> lands on a Saturday.

**Current Year (2012) Homestead Benefit.** Filing deadline was extended to January 31, 2014.

Sewer flow fee due 3/1/14. There is a 10 day grace period until 3/10/14. Bills were mailed in the beginning of February for both payment periods 3/1 and 9/1. Both periods may be paid at one time. Separate bills will be issued for those homeowners who have an annual Special Assessment bill for sewer installation.

Amounts received under the Homestead Benefit Program are in addition to the State's other property tax relief programs. The total of all property tax relief benefits received (homestead benefit, property tax reimbursement, property tax deduction for senior citizens/disabled persons, and property tax deduction for veterans) cannot exceed the amount of property taxes paid on your principal residence for the same year.

If you receive a benefit that is larger than the amount for which you are eligible, you must repay any excess received. The Division can deduct the amount owed from your homestead benefit or income tax refund or credit before the payment is issued.

**Note:** Eligibility requirements and benefit amounts will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget, which must be adopted by July 1, 2014. Additional information on the 2012 homestead benefit will be posted when it becomes available. Most homeowners will receive a 2012 homestead benefit as a credit on a future property tax bill.

For more information log onto: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>

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

## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

On October 21, 2013, the Borough of Old Tappan honored the meritorious service of Sherry Giamaglia and Susan Owens for their work with young men and women of special needs from both the Northern Valley High School and the Junction Program in Closter. Sherry and Susan mentored and took on the responsibility of working with our special guests and overseeing their work on behalf of the Borough, instilling in these young adults a strong sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Each of the students who have participated in this "work program" have improved socially and academically. The graduates have gone on to participate in jobs utilizing the life skills learned under their guidance. Each student has directly benefitted from their loving attention.

**Thank you Sherry & Susan!!**



## HERE ARE GREEN TEAM TIPS FOR WINTER:

- Dishwasher: Run full loads in your dishwasher and save energy, and don't pre-rinse or carefully pre-rinse your dishes before putting them in. Do both and you'll save 20 gallons per load or 7300 gallons per year.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless the fire is going. An open damper can let 8% of the heat of your home escape.
- Close the curtains when it is sunny in the summer and when its cold in the winter and you can reduce your energy needs by 25%.
- Clean your dryer lint screen and don't overload the dryer. You can save 5% on your electric bill.
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses instead of regular sprinklers to water your flowers.
- Sell, donate or recycle your old video cameras rather than tossing it. Consumers will throw out four hundred million electronics. E-waste is the fastest growing segment of consumer waste.
- Carpool to school. Save time and money and less pollution.
- Sandwiches, fresh fruit, vegetables and treats packed in re-useable containers are healthy alternatives to cafeteria and pre-packaged foods.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
Saturday April 26, 2014: Northern Valley's Inaugural Earth Day Festival to be held at Kennedy Field in Norwood. A collaborative effort of Environmental Commissions and Green Teams from the Northern Valley featuring environmentally-friendly technologies, exhibits, tips on energy-saving, sustainability, entertainment, food and beverages, and much, much more. Look for advertisements this spring. Proudly inspired by and supported by your Old Tappan Environmental Commission.



## Rockland Electric Company System Upgrades

On December 19th, representatives of Orange & Rockland presented their 5 year, 5 million dollar plan for improvements and expansion to their facilities here in Old Tappan. In attendance was our DPW Superintendent, Artie Lake, Borough Engineer, Tom Skrable, Borough Administrator, Pat O'Brien, Councilman Guy Carnazza and Councilman John Kramer. Below is a short synopsis of the presentation in an effort to keep Old Tappan apprised of any developments. These improvements are planned in three phases:

Phase I; involves the dividing of a high power loop system that serves a number of towns, into 5 sections. This division will enable the company to maintain service to a greater number of customers while isolating sections where outages have occurred. Phase II; will involve upgrades to the Haring corner's substation located on Orangeburg Road north in the vicinity of the Village. Additionally, Phase II will provide for underground transmission lines encased in concrete which will be installed along the company's rights of way.

Finally Phase III; involves the construction of a second sub-station on vacant land owned by the company in the vicinity of property which lies between the ends of both Continental Drive and Orchard Lane. Phase III will require Old Tappan Planning Board review and site plan review as a courtesy, all of the upgrades are on Orange and Rockland Electric property or are within the company's rights of way.

The borough will continue to keep you informed as the project proceeds posting information on the borough website and in the borough newsletter.

## KUDZU INVASION...

Yes, "invasion" is the right word. Native to Asia, this invasive vine, growing up to one foot per day, was imported to the southeastern United States decades ago as a means to control soil erosion on barren ground. The vine is so prolific however that it has spread up the east coast and has now reached Old Tappan. The problem: this vine grows so quickly that within a year, it can completely engulf your trees and shrubs. Kudzu leaves outcompete our native trees and shrubs of essential sunlight, weakening the host plant until it eventually dies. This is both an environmental and economic issue.

Old Tappan residents and businesses must be pro-active. While you enjoy your yards this spring and summer, be on the look-out for Kudzu. And when you find it, pull the plant out from its roots. If that proves too difficult a task, cut the stem where it emerges from the ground and be vigilant to re-cut the vine during each month of growing season. It is important to keep the vine in check. Also notify your neighbors so Kudzu does not gain a foothold in those less-maintained areas between properties or along fence lines. Here are two web sites that will help you to identify the vine and see what kind of damage is possible:

Identify - <http://www.wikihow.com/Identify-Kudzu>

Damage - Go to Google and type Kudzu. Press Enter. Then click on Images.



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

### WOOD MULCH & LEAF COMPOST

The Department of Public Works will deliver wood mulch and leaf compost free of charge to residents. Please fill out the appropriate form at the Borough Hall to arrange for delivery (a new form is required for each delivery). Orders will be accepted after April 15<sup>th</sup> and deliveries may not begin before May 15<sup>th</sup>. No deliveries after August 1.

### BRANCH CHIPPING

Beginning April 16<sup>th</sup> the DPW will chip branches that residents have trimmed from their trees (if you hire someone to do the trimming they are responsible to dispose of the debris). We will do the west side of town (Central Ave. to River Vale) on the Wednesdays, and the east side of town (Central Ave. to the state line, including Central Ave.) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. You must call 201-664-4438 to advise us that you have put branches out. Please stack branches at the curb with the cut ends facing out, maximum 4 inch diameter, do not place in the street and do not block a sidewalk. The only items you may place for pickup in the street are leaves during fall leaf season. The last scheduled branch chipping day will be October 8<sup>th</sup> on both sides of town, there will be NO chipping during leaf pick pickup.



### RECYCLING CENTER

The recycling center located at the Public Works Garage on Russell Avenue is open from 7:00am to 3:00pm weekdays and 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays (closed holidays). Only those items designated for recycling are accepted, please place items in the appropriate designated container, please do not place plastic bags in with recyclables. In addition those items picked up curbside the center accepts cardboard (flattened), used motor oil, car tires and used clothing as well as computers & electronics.

Please use the curbside pickup whenever possible to prevent an overflow situation at the recycling center.

We do not accept garbage, construction debris, paint or chemicals etc. If you have questions as to what is acceptable, please call 201-664-4438.

## 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 27, 2014  
Saturday, August 16, 2014

**Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation**  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, June 7, 2014  
Saturday, October 25, 2014

**Collection Hours: 9am-2pm (rain or shine)**  
For more information visit  
<http://www.bcu.org/files/2010%20flyer.pdf>

## 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 6, 2014  
Sunday, June 22, 2014  
Sunday, October 19, 2014

**Bergen County Utilities Authority**  
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie  
Saturday, March 8, 2014  
Saturday, July 19, 2014

**Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation**  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, May 17, 2014  
Saturday, September 6, 2014  
Saturday, November 1, 2014

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

For more information click on to the BCUA web site at <http://www.bcu.org>

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 have begun to move through 2014. We have already experienced some significant snowfall for the beginning of this year, and 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. Residents are reminded that Borough Ordinance 242-2D prohibiting overnight parking from 2 am to 6 am is in effect from November 15th to April 1st.

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.

The OTPD has continued to distribute 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 Old Tappan Police Department encourages our residents to be alert with regard to the safety of our community, and appreciates everyone's assistance in helping us, help you.

*Respectfully, Chief Thomas M. Shine*



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](http://www.nixle.com). Register now—its free and easy!!

## OLD TAPPAN FIRST AID CORP NEEDS YOUR HELP...



We are a small group of your neighbors that commit our time 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. 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. We actively participate in TBD Saturday Workshops and the Babysitting program offered by the OT



Woman's Club. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts routinely come to us to earn badges and patches for their troops. Our members often wear many hats in our community; 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 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](mailto: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.

**Safety Night Winners...** The contest, offered each year at the ambulance building during the shared Fire Department / First Aid Corps Safety Night in October, had 119 entrants hoping to win containers of fruit snacks, Hershey kisses, and Twizzlers. The candy was counted and the winners of the annual "Guess How Many Contest" were revealed. The winners were as follows:

Evan Loughlin - Fruit Snacks, Actual 53/Guessed 53  
Michele Brownstein - Hershey Kisses, Actual 126/Guessed 125  
Wjill Rodriguez - Twizzlers, Actual 61/Guessed 61

**Congratulations to all winners and we hope you enjoyed your candy....just don't forget to brush!!**





## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR PROCLAMATIONS



On behalf of the Mayor, Council and residents of Old Tappan, Mayor Polce honored the memory of "May Rose Ludlum Reilly" for her exceptional service to the Borough of Old Tappan and her commitment to serving others. May Rose Ludlum Reilly had volunteered with her daughter, Michaela, to deliver food for the Old Tappan Meals On Wheels Program; and when an emergency arose, and the program suddenly needed a volunteer to pick up trays of food from a caterer in South Hackensack, May Rose and her husband, immediately and without hesitation offered their services. For four years, twice a month May Rose picked up and delivered the needed trays, despite weather conditions, work, personal commitments, vacation, medical issues, or holidays. She was truly an inspiration.



On behalf of the Mayor, Council and residents of Old Tappan, Mayor Polce honored Lauren Alberti who currently delivers the Nutrition to Neighbors for Old Tappan's Meals on Wheels Program. She has volunteered for over four years, first recruiting her mother to drive her to the various stops on her route, later delivering on her own when she received her driver's license or recruiting a friend. Taking her responsibility seriously she always made sure that the meals were delivered on their assigned dates and times. Lauren accomplished all this while keeping her commitment to school, whether academics or activities, family and personal obligations, she never missed a week. She is enthusiastic and determined in her commitment to our community, she is truly an inspiration.



On behalf of the Mayor, Council and residents of Old Tappan, Mayor Polce honored Brett Kuehner a valuable member of the Technology Committee since 2009. He has actively served on this committee bringing his extraordinary expertise and experience. The Technology Committee has worked to keep Old Tappan a leader in technology. The Committee determined that the Borough Website needed to move to a new platform to make it faster, more user friendly, allow for updating and editing in a more efficient manner to keep the residents informed and connected. Brett was instrumental in the evaluation and selection of the best web options, moved the site to a new server, tested all aspects of the site over many weeks investing untold personal hours to the project. During the transition Brett worked closely with the Borough staff to maintain both the old and the new web sites and educated the staff on the maintenance of the new site moving forward. Brett Kuehner has given selflessly, making an difference in our community.

**VOLUNTEERING...** Our community is blessed with hundreds of volunteers who donate their time and expertise to the borough of Old Tappan. Many serve on various boards; many are involved with emergency services; many donate their time to recreation, coaching and helping to develop athletic skills and sportsmanship. Whether senior citizen, child or everyone in between, our residents volunteer their valuable time to serve our community. Volunteering can be one of the best ways there is for you to become engaged in your community and to get to know people. Volunteering offers opportunities for everyone regardless of age:

- Make important networking contacts
- Learn or develop skills
- Teach your skills to others
- Enhance your résumé
- Gain work experience
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improve your health
- Meet new people
- Feel needed and valued
- Make a difference in someone's life
- Express gratitude for help you may have received in the past from an organization
- Improves the likelihood you're your children will volunteer as an adult

Often people think about our emergency services when thinking about volunteers — they are the most visible volunteers in any community. There are those who volunteer in service organizations like the Woman's Club or the Lions. Parents volunteer to the PTA and a myriad of school functions from socials to holiday programs or plays. Then there are organizations like Scouting for both boys and girls, or perhaps you donate time to your church or other organizations to help others. The Borough of Old Tappan is always looking for "Volunteers" who can help on committees or boards. Anyone wishing to be an EMT and ride with our fantastic Ambulance Corp, or join the Fire Service, or become a coach or bring any other skill to the Borough, they would be most welcome. You are invited to contact any member of the Council or call Borough Hall @ 201-664-1849 or e-mail us @ [oldtappan@oldtappan.net](mailto:oldtappan@oldtappan.net).



### Live substance free... START somewhere NOW!

The Old Tappan Municipal Alliance Committee is proud to announce the implementation of Jr. SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) at CDW. Students 6th—8th grade voluntarily align to reinforce positive social norms amongst their fellow students. This all inclusive club will strive to create a social environment where substance abuse is seen for the negative consequences it imposes. Jr SADD students will create innovative and contemporary strategies in promoting advocacy in the strength of living substance free. ALL CDW STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

Don't just sit there, join us! OTMAC is always looking for motivated volunteers and members. You are never too young, old, tired or busy to make a difference. **Follow us on Facebook**

## Proclamation

The Mayor on behalf of the Mayor and Council and our residents honored the Old Tappan Travel Soccer -Under 12—Team for completing an undefeated season, divisional playoff and Playoff ending in a 2-0 hard fought victory over Northvale. They outscored their opponents 17-5 on their way to raising the World Cup Championship Soccer Trophy.



## RECREATION DATES TO REMEMBER

Sport / Activity	Registration Dates	Season Runs / Event Date
Outdoor Soccer	May- June	Sept through Nov
Flag Football	May- June	Sept through mid Nov
Winter Rec Basketball	Oct 1 through Nov 30	Dec 4 through Mar 26
Winter Travel Basketball	Nov 1 through Nov 30	Jan 2 through Mar 25
Indoor Soccer	Oct 1- Oct 31	Jan through mid Mar
Recreation Baseball/Softball	Nov- Feb	Early Mar into Jun
Spring Travel Baseball/Softball	March	Early Mar into Jun (Tryout required)
Summer Travel Baseball/Softball	June	Early Jun through Late Jul (Tryout required)
Summer Travel Basketball	April 1 through June 15	Jun 18 through Jul 31
Camp Serendipity	opens in may	3 weeks in Jul (Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur)
Town Day	n/a	Sept 6th (raindate Sept 7th)
Halloween Festival/Ragamuffin Parade	TBD	Oct. 25th (raindate Oct 26th)
Easter Egg Hunt	n/a	Apr 19th- rain or shine

### OLD TAPPAN CAMP SERENDIPITY 2014

**Dates: TBD (3 weeks in July, Monday through Thursday)**

**Location: Stone Point Park**

**Time: 9am—1pm**

#### ATTENTION H.S. STUDENTS...

If you are 14 or older by the start of camp this year and enjoy working with children, you are eligible to become a camp counselor. If interested, please go to the "Forms" tab on the OldTappan.net website, download a counselor application, fill out and return to the Borough Hall, Attn: Gloria Weisner. Counselor spots are limited and positions are offered to the previous year's counselors first but as camper enrollment increases, additional counselor spots may become available. Interviews are conducted to fill counselor spots.



### THANK YOU OLD TAPPAN FOR OUR "WOW" EXPERIENCE!

We've all had them. A "WOW" moment that is remembered forever. A professional or athletic best. An extraordinary event. Witnessing a miracle. The 2013 holiday season, brought Old Tappan Social Services a "WOW" experience. The overwhelming responses from neighbors, schools, churches, businesses and organizations resulted in our largest collection and distribution of gifts to date. Special thanks to Bank of America, Starbucks, Butterworth's Bagels, Bi-State Shipping 'N More,

Fraiser Electric, Get RX Help Pharmacy, Par Pharmaceutical, Woman's Club of Old Tappan, OTFD Ladies Auxiliary, St. Pius X Church, Prince of Peach 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, Cub Scout Troop #132 under the leadership of Diana Vogis for the senior holiday goodie bags and YOU! Throughout this year, keep in mind your big screen opportunity at the Old Tappan Library Friday Flixs, the first and third Fridays of each month. Enjoy a blockbuster movie with a light lunch and socialization in the comfort of the library. A special thanks to Girl Scout Troop #679, led by Sarah Christianson and Melanie Rie, who generously provide home baked dessert treats for the moviegoers. The Nutrition for Neighbors Program (OT Meals on Wheels), a bi-weekly meal prepared and delivered by local volunteers, gives a "WOW" to Karen Kierce who cooked gourmet meals throughout 2013 for our frail residents. We are deeply grateful for her generous contribution and extend our sincere gratitude. She regularly spoils our neighbors with her culinary talents and cuisine. The process is only completed with the delivery team: Gracie Simon, Lauren Alberti, Alicia Rosato and Billy Knaack. We are deeply appreciative for their long term commitment to the program and it is an honor to have their participation.

The Local Assistance Board was moved and motivated by the community's continued dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by fundraisers, collections and volunteering throughout 2013. Partnered with you, our exceptional community, we look forward to providing outstanding assistance to our Borough neighbors in 2014. Together, we can accomplish another "WOW" moment. 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 210-664-1849 X25.

*Old Tappan Social Services, Local Assistance Board*

## PAR & GRILL

83 DeWolf Road Old Tappan, NJ  
201.660.7857  
[www.parbarandgrill.com](http://www.parbarandgrill.com)

### THE OLD TAPPAN GOLF COURSE ANNOUNCES THE NEW OWNERSHIP AND GRAND OPENING OF PAR BAR & GRILL, LLC.

The newly renovated 1,200 square-foot of dining space, located at 83 DeWolf Road, can accommodate approximately 90 guests and will be an inviting atmosphere for not only the club members, but the local community as well. Enjoy indoor or outdoor dining with a stunning view overlooking the golf course. The location's hours are: Sunday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed on Monday; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 6 a.m. to midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Par Bar & Grill is the ideal place for friends to come together, hang out and enjoy a chef-inspired menu, unique beverage offerings, and personalized hospitality. The sports grill fare includes a wide array of appetizers, entrees and daily specials ranging from personal pizzas to top quality steaks. The menu appeals to a variety of tastes and dietary concerns. The restaurant's bar offers a number of specialty cocktails and select beers. Enjoy your drink of choice, comfortable seating, and our friendly staff while watching your favorite sporting event on the flat screen TVs. Check our website and/or Facebook for details on our upcoming soft opening. For a full menu and additional information, please visit [www.parbarandgrill.com](http://www.parbarandgrill.com).





## LIBRARY NEWS...

Join us at the library for our festive Mardi Gras fundraiser on Sunday March 9<sup>TH</sup> from 2-4 pm. Cornucopia Jazz Quartette will provide lively music; seek your future with a tarot card reader; create a fancy Mardi Gras mask; face painting and balloon artistry for the kids and enjoy delicious refreshments! All ages are welcome and we'll have great prizes and baskets. Advance tickets are \$10.00 for individuals and \$25 per family and can be purchased at the library. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new book drop and B&W/color laser printer/scanners. Casual attire in the Mardi Gras tradition of green, gold and purple would be fun!

Our ESL tutors and students enjoyed their annual holiday luncheon in December. The library's ESL program has been in existence for over 10 years and is successful due to the continued dedication of our tutors. If you are interested in becoming a tutor or an ESL student, please contact Maria at the library 201 664-3499.

Our children's room was renovated with new carpeting and shelving thanks to the generosity of the late Marjorie Weissman. Mrs. Weissman was a kindergarten teacher for over 25 years and an ardent supporter of our library. The children's area will be renamed as the Marjorie Weissman Children's Room with a formal dedication in the spring.



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## THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES...

### THE SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY

The Senior Advisory Committee announces the Senior Social Society of Old Tappan. Formerly known as the Old Tappan Golden Age Club, the Senior Social Society is the newly formed senior activities group which will provide for closer ties to the borough and will enable increased access to events and activities formerly sponsored by the Golden Age Club. In addition to the bi-monthly meetings occasional lunches and bus trips to various events will occur throughout the year. There will be a holiday party in December and pizza bingo and chair yoga along with Zumba gold will continue. Several Lunch & Learn programs are also planned. Please feel free to join with your senior neighbors at our "dues free" bi-monthly meetings held at noon on the first and third Thursdays upstairs in the Old Tappan Firehouse located at 231 Old Tappan Road, across from Bi-State Plaza. **We hope to see you there.**

The Borough has installed a lighting system in conjunction with the schools and neighboring communities. The Borough Lightning Policy can be found on the Borough Website.



Anyone wishing to communicate with Borough Hall can write the general mailbox [oldtappan@aoldtappan.net](mailto:oldtappan@aoldtappan.net)

## Old Tappan First Aid Corps

### FILE OF LIFE

KEEP INFORMATION UP TO DATE !!  
Review At Least Every Six Months !!  
MEDICAL DATA REVIEWED AS OF \_\_\_\_ MO \_\_\_\_ YR \_\_\_\_ CT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Could the *File of Life* Save Your Life?

Do you have a medical condition,

allergy, take medication, or have a medical device such as a pacemaker or stoma? In a medical or traumatic emergency, this information is crucial to the emergency personnel who will provide your treatment. An attempt to ascertain your medical information is always made by the first aid crew when they respond to your call for help; however, stressful situations can result in patient and family forgetfulness. What can you do to help emergency personnel provide you with the best possible care? Hand them your "File of Life" when they arrive. Its a simple medical information packet designed to provide emergency personnel with necessary medical data to begin immediate treatment. This very simple concept has saved thousands of lives and can help save yours. You can pick up your *File of Life* packets at the Borough Hall. Keep one in the glove compartment of your car and one on (or in) your refrigerator. If you are unable to hand emergency personnel your *File of Life* yourself, they will know where to look to find your information.

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

**JOIN US...**The Woman's Club of Old Tappan welcomes new members. Guests and prospective members are invited to attend general meetings which usually are held at 7pm at the Old Tappan Fire House on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September through May. On Tuesday, March 18 the program will be a cooking demo by several of our extremely talented members, and on April 22 an instructor from Emerson's Carve Your Body will demonstrate Zumba. Refreshments follow each program. For more information call Diana at 201-750-7365.

**TWO \$1,000 SCHOLASTIC AWARDS AVAILABLE TO GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...**We are 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 NVRHS at OT guidance website ([www.nvnet.org](http://www.nvnet.org)) or by contacting our Scholarship Committee Chairperson Nancy Maida at 201-573-0024. The completed application must be received by Friday, May 9, 2014.

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE...** Watch for announcements of our Huge Spring Rummage Sale (date to be announced). An assortment of a little bit of everything, new and gently used, including household items, small furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, tools, collectibles, small appliances, fabrics, clothing, jewelry, paperback books and more. There will also be delicious homemade baked goods for sale! Donated items from community members for the Rummage Sale are greatly appreciated as well as your attendance at the event. We thank you all for your generous past and future support of our fundraisers.

**YOU CAN STILL CLICK YOUR NEEDLES TO HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE!** Our members gratefully thank the community for participating with them in the Purple Caps project. The project has been extended to an indefinite date and the members are asking those in the community who knit or crochet to continue to join with them in this program 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 Pamela Wiss, 23 Windsor Place, OT. For more info contact Lois Pilatowski @ [lpilatowski@aol.com](mailto:lpilatowski@aol.com).

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

# 2014 EASTER EGG HUNT

*Saturday, April 19th*

*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 updates or further details please check [www.oldtappan.net/recreation](http://www.oldtappan.net/recreation)

**2014 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be held on  
**Monday, May, 26th.** The Parade will step off from

the back of Northern Valley Old Tappan High School promptly at 9:30 am. The 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 De-Wolf 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**TOWN DAY 2014**

**SEPT 6TH**

**RAINDATE – SEPT. 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Each year Town Day is brought to you by a dedicated group of residents who volunteer their time and effort to make Town Day an enjoyable family day for all.....

Planning for this event begins early spring as our Town Day Committee meets to brainstorm and co-ordinate tasks.....

If you would like to contribute to this year's town day as a member of the Town Day Committee, please contact:

Denise Fleming at (201 615-3936) or



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