



## A Message from Mayor Polce



In the fifteen years that I have been privileged to serve as your Mayor, these last several years have presented extraordinary fiscal challenges, yet nothing like what I believe is going to occur over the next few years. With an obvious deflationary death spiral that is impacting us not only locally, but globally, local and state governments will be significantly challenged to craft concrete, fiscally prudent solutions to the lack of revenues and increasing fixed expenses that they will be confronted with. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I can state with total conviction that the Borough of Old Tappan, from a municipal standpoint, is stronger and better positioned than most because of our inherent fiscal discipline, strategic planning and the full faith and support of our residents during this time period. We continue to utilize our corporate model to determine the financial needs of our borough while producing a budget that supplies the services we as a community need while maintaining a fiscally sound approach to budgeting that is both responsible, and conservative.

The borough portion of your budget is 15% of the overall budget and therefore only 15 cents on the dollar. The school budgets are over 72% of the overall budget, and quite frankly, as we move forward over the next three to five years, this is the component of your budget that truly requires a higher level degree of oversight, and scrutiny. This is not an indictment on our board of education members who do a phenomenal job, both at the local and regional high school level. But rather it is sounding a cautionary warning to all residents that the time for "spending whatever it takes to make sure our kids get the best education possible," may need to be shown through a different prism as there just may not be enough money to pay for things down the road.

Fortunately, Old Tappan enjoys one of the lowest levels of debt service in all of the surrounding communities. In these difficult times, the Council has dug in and committed to reducing debt in a substantive way, particularly last year when we refinanced our debt and shortened our bond maturity table. Although this increased our annual outlay due to the shortened term, we took advantage of lower rates while looking to further reduce our overall indebtedness in a shorter period of years. By shortening the term and lowering our interest expense, we increased our principal payments thereby accelerating the future retirement of debt. This move was strategic and made possible due to the council's financial foresight.

As you know, 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 while serving our residents. Each and every one of our employees and volunteers have bought into the notion that if we can do something to save one dollar, let's see if we can save another 50 cents, while still providing best in class services. It may not look like much, but in the overall structure, pennies do add up to dollars.

As some of you may or may not know, I have decided not to run for a fifth four year term this year feeling that the time has come for a new face, with new ideas and

new leadership to govern the town moving forward. It has been an extraordinary honor and privilege for me to serve as your Mayor and, as I continue to work towards finishing my term on December 31<sup>st</sup>, please rest assured that I will remain thoroughly involved in all pertinent decisions this year and will remain as available as I always have been to residents as my term winds down. Old Tappan is extremely fortunate to have an extraordinary council comprised of smart, respectful and caring individuals, whose hearts and minds are always in the right place. Because of their work ethic and professionalism, I feel we are well positioned to capitalize and meet any challenges that may confront us. On behalf of myself and the members of this Council, thank you for the opportunity to serve this great community. Regards, Mayor Victor M. Polce

## Congratulations to Ronald Binaghi Jr. and John M. Kramer on their re-election...



*Mayor Victor M. Polce, administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Ronald Binaghi Jr.*



*Mayor Victor M. Polce, administering the Oath of Office to Councilman John M. Kramer*

## Save the Dates

**Pizza Bingo:** Held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Firehouse located at 231 Old Tappan Road. Doors open at 11:30am

**Blood Pressure Clinic:** Held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Firehouse Noon -2pm

**Zumba:** Held on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Firehouse - 9am

**Chair Yoga:** Held on Fridays at the Firehouse 11:30am

**Lunch & Learn:** April - date to be determined. Check town website for update.

**Baseball/Softball Opening Day:** April 18th, Stone Point Park

**Earth Fair:** April 25th, 11-4pm, Stone Point Park

**Town Wide Garage Sale:** June 5, 6, & 7 and October 2, 3 & 4

**Art at Oakes Park:** June 27th, 11am -4pm

**Free Concert at Oakes Park:** Six consecutive Wednesdays evenings starting July 8th. Concerts start at 7pm



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2015 ELECTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH

**PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 6am - 8pm**

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tue., May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., May 12<sup>th</sup> until 9pm

**GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:am - 8pm**

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 13<sup>th</sup>. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 13<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 than 3pm the day before the election.**

**DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES:** Watch for your Sample Ballot, which indicates your District and Polling Place in the left hand corner. Contact the Municipal Clerks office at 201-664-1849 ext. 14 if you have any questions.

**POLLING PLACE FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2, & 3:** Charles DeWolf Middle School Gym, 275 Old Tappan Road

**Sewer flow fee due 3/1/15.** There is a 10 day grace period until 3/10/15. 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 later in the year for those homeowners who have an annual Special Assessment bill for sewer installation.



**Property Taxes are due 5/1/15. There is a 10 day grace period extended to 5/11/15 since the 10<sup>th</sup> lands on a Sunday.**

No updated information available for NJ State Tax Relief programs for 2015

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.



The OT First Aid Corps has been making some excellent progress in implementing new strategies to attract new members while servicing the emergency needs of our town's citizens ..... To that end we are upgrading our facilities and identifying ways to reduce time volunteers have to dedicate. 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 actively participate in 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. We also offer First Aid and CPR classes to OT residents free-of-charge. We invite you to come down and take a class – schedules are flexible to meet your needs. Please contact Capt. Geerinck at [mgeerinc@optimum.net](mailto:mgeerinc@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. If you would like to find out more contact us at 201-666-9030. If you are an RN, MD or LPN, NJ offers a short route to becoming an EMT.



Mayor Police swearing in OTFA Officers E. Kutzin & M. Geerinck



## Safety Night Winners

The candy has been counted and the winners of the annual "Guess How Many Contest" have been revealed. The contest, offered each year at the ambulance building during the shared Fire Department / First Aid Corps Safety Night in October, had 106 entrants hoping to win containers of Tootsie Rolls, candy corn, and mini Tootsie Pops. The winners, Sami Mufson, Olivia Kavallines, and Jacob Rofheart joined the Corps at their monthly business meeting in October where they were presented with their candy. Congratulations to all the winners, and remember, eat sugary sweets in moderation, and don't forget to share!



*Proudly Serving the Community*



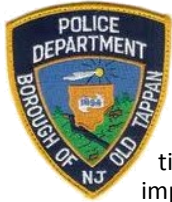
## Help Us Continue to Serve

- EMT and Drivers Needed
- All Training Provided at No Cost
- No Prior Experience Necessary
- Junior Members Age 16 & Up Welcome
- Incredible Opportunity to Give Back to Your Community

**For More Information Contact:**

Mark Geerinck at [mgeerinc@optonline.net](mailto:mgeerinc@optonline.net)





## THE OLD TAPPAN POLICE DEPARTMENT...

The Old Tappan Police Department wishes all the best to our residents for a Happy and Healthy 2015. While we have not experienced the significant snowfall for the beginning of this winter season that we saw this time last year, our resident's assistance regarding snow removal is still important and 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 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 OTPD continues to encourage our residents to be alert with regard to the safety of our community, and appreciates everyone's assistance in helping us, help you. Recently, a new consumer report featured Old Tappan, and ranked our community as being the second safest place to live in New Jersey out of 475 cities surveyed. Analysts at ValuePenguin conducted a detailed study to compare a variety of crime metrics across 475 communities in New Jersey. This achievement is a result of the combined community effort of all services within the borough and the employees/volunteers that dedicate themselves to make Old Tappan a great place to live. The OT Police Department would like to thank our residents for doing their part in achieving this honor and recognize your contribution to making our community safe.

*Respectfully, Chief Thomas M. Shine*



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Mayor Police swearing in Fire Chief Frank Mazza



Mayor Police swearing in Fire Department Line Officers: l-r Kutzin, Anders, Reilly, Keil, Naylis, Morgan

Warmer weather is upon us, and with the nicer weather we will all begin to do more outdoor household activities such as yard work, cleaning, painting, etc., many of the products we use for these activities are flammable and you need to be aware that all fuels, solvents, cleaning agents, thinners, adhesives, paints, and other raw materials – can ignite or explode if stored improperly. The vapors can easily ignite from high temperatures and a weak ignition source, even a spark of static electricity. Never store flammable liquids near a heating source but, ideally, outside the home in a cool ventilated area, and in approved containers. Naturally, with the nicer weather comes barbecuing. Although they are typically pretty safe we actually get a fair amount of calls for barbecue fires, and sometimes house fires start because of improperly placed barbecues. To insure that doesn't happen, here are some suggestions; as part of regular maintenance, clean and degrease all removable parts to avoid flare ups or grease fires (inside and out) with soapy water and allow to dry thoroughly before trying to ignite or use the barbecue. Turn the gas off and spray the connections with soapy water to check for potential leaks; watch if bubbles form when you re-open the gas. Use barbecues away from your home, deck rails, tablecloths, and tree limbs. Always use barbecues outdoors, never indoors (including garages).

As always, if a resident of Old Tappan is interested in becoming a member of our department please stop by any Monday night around 7:30 PM, leave a message at 201-666-0970, or e-mail us at [otvfd@hotmail.com](mailto:otvfd@hotmail.com). Please remember to check or change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors and replace defective or non-working units with the new and improved units now available. Have a safe and happy spring.

Respectfully submitted, Fire Chief Frank Mazza

## Tire Recycling, Computers And Document Shredding Program

Homeowners wishing to dispose of tires, computer and Confidential Document Shredding are invited to bring these materials to the following locations:

Bergen Community College  
400 Paramus Road, Paramus  
Saturday, April 18, 2015  
Sunday, August 16, 2015

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, June 6, 2015  
Saturday, October 24, 2015

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 26, 2015  
Sunday, June 28, 2015  
Sunday, October 18, 2015

Bergen County Utilities Authority  
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie  
Saturday, March 7, 2015  
Saturday, July 25, 2015

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Saturday, May 16, 2015  
Saturday, September 12, 2015  
Saturday, November 7, 2015

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.

## ANNOUNCING NORTHERN VALLEY NEW JERSEY'S:

# EARTH FAIR 2015

Saturday, April 25, 2015

From: 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Stone Point Park

Old Tappan, NJ

@ Forest & Westwood Avenues



### Activities Include:

Green/Sustainable Exhibitors/Vendors, EV & Green Car Show, Live Animal Displays and Shows, Live Music, Free Raffles & Prize Drawings, Document Shredding and e-Waste Drop-off, Art & Craft Activities for All, Food & Drink and So Much More!

**TO BECOME AN EXHIBITOR/VENDOR, SPONSOR OR VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFO. VISIT OUR WEB PAGE AT:**

**[www.nv-earth-fair.org](http://www.nv-earth-fair.org)**

This Event Co-Organized & Supported By: CLOSTER, CRESSKILL, NORTHVALE, NORWOOD & OLD TAPPAN

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ...

**We re-certified!** Congratulations OT Green Team! Thanks to your leadership and initiative, Old Tappan has been re-certified by **Sustainable Jersey** for another three years. Many thanks and appreciation to Lloyd Aanonsen, Mike Alessi, Barbara DiTrollo, Bill Howe, David Keil, Melanie Rie and Ashley Koo.

**Eco-Lectures Continue...** The Eco-Lecture Series continues February 9 at the Old Tappan Library. If you missed our earlier presentations by guest lecturers on Genetically Modified Organisms, Bottled Water vs. Tap Water, Green and Sustainable Products....then don't miss this one: Hydraulic Fracturing or "Fracking" by Associate Professor of Science, Rockland Community College, Elyse Fuller. Presentation will begin at 7pm. All are welcome. And on Thursday March 5 at 7pm, Nancy Slowick, Research Associate at Bard College, will present a lecture on Invasive Species. Look for announcements on the Community Bulletin Board.

**Did you know.....?** Old Tappan is now completely smoke-free. Last September, the Mayor & Council supported an Environmental Commission initiative and by ordinance established Old Tappan as completely smoke-free. Smoking is now prohibited on all Borough-owned properties. The Borough now joins over 250 NJ municipalities—41 in Bergen County--in going smoke-free. Breathe easy OT.

**Remember those Solar Panels...?** Installed on the roofs of Borough Hall, the fire house and the police department in 2010, solar panels have been steadily producing a surplus of sustainable energy. As of December 31, 2014, the panels have produced enough clean-green power with the energy equivalency of 28,000 gallons of gasoline and 350,000 Kilowatts. In the process, they have saved over 6,000 trees and reduced the Borough's carbon footprint by 250 tons. They also produced economically with the sale of solar renewable energy certificates.

While the Borough continues reduces its carbon footprint, find out how to reduce yours. For tips, visit [www.CO2now.org](http://www.CO2now.org).

**New Members Wanted...** Ok.....you see what we're doing, but we have a long way to go and much to accomplish. We could use your help. Come join us—share your ideas. We need to fill vacancies on the Green Team and the Environmental Commission. **Who better than you?** Contact Pat O'Brien at the Borough Hall or at [pobrien@oldtappan.net](mailto:pobrien@oldtappan.net) for more information.

## The Board of Health..



### Blood Pressure Clinic -

monthly on the 3rd Thursday 12PM-2PM

Zumba -Tuesday and Friday 9AM

Chair Yoga - Friday 11:30AM

**Held at the Old Tappan Firehouse**

### IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THE FLU SHOT THIS

### YEAR AND EVERY YEAR...

Although half of the H3N2 influenza strain that is circulating this year is not sensitive to the vaccine, this is not a reason to avoid receiving the flu shot, as it may still confer partial protection. If vaccinated individuals do contract the new strain, they may not become as ill as those who did not receive the vaccine at all. The flu vaccine protects against three distinct strains of influenza and is highly effective against two of them. Thus, those who have not had a flu shot should speak to their health care provider about receiving one, and if they develop symptoms of the flu, they should exercise good personal hygiene — cover mouth and nose for coughs and sneezes, avoid close personal contact, wash hands scrupulously — and seek medical attention.

*Richard E. Krieger, MD, the Chairman of Infection Control at Chilton Medical Center.*



Old Tappan Cub Scout Pack 132 welcomed two very special guests of honor at their November 2014 Pack meeting. Dr. Bob Boyer and Ron Pearsall, WW II and Korean War vets respectively, shared their stories of service to our nation. The cub scouts (and their parents) immensely enjoyed hearing their war



stories and looking at the black and white photos of their tremendous experiences.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR PROCLAMATIONS



On behalf of the Mayor, Council and residents of Old Tappan, Mayor Polce honored the Old Tappan Town Day Committee for their hours of dedication and commitment to making Town Day a success. Town Day has been the signature celebration in the Borough since 1976 and thousand of residents, young and old, enjoy games, food, rides, festivities, music and fireworks. Town Day requires countless hours of dedication from countless volunteers, and a commitment from a very select team of volunteers who insure the success of this celebration by their leadership and commitment to our youth in particular and our residents. Preparations for each Town Day require the entire year to plan and implement.



On behalf of the Mayor and Council and our residents Mayor Polce honored three young Old Tappan Girl Scouts for attaining their Gold Award. The "Gold Award" is the highest award in Girl Scouting.

**ALIS YOO**, interviewed the eldest residents of her hometown. Alis then memorialized their oral histories and in so doing, much of the history of Old Tappan is recorded in a self-published book. Her project is even more poignant and meaningful with the passing of two senior citizens whose memoirs are included in this history. As it happens both were a big part of Old Tappan's scouting programs. **Paige Ashley Sunden** collected essential items such as baby formula, diapers, clothes, blankets, and bathing items for mothers in need. Paige reached out to her school, local community and church. Her collection was valued at over \$5000. Paige continues her commitment to this day by leading an annual collection working with the parishioners of her local church. **Marlene Joy Geerinck**, created a new and vital marketing program designed to help fill our food pantries. Marlene reached out through social media to people cleaning out their pantries either spring cleaning or a result of religious custom. She also reached out to real estate professionals, kitchen contractors or simply stopped at homes with sale signs displayed. Her efforts produced stocked shelves. Even to this day Marlene continues to pick up food items and help others to use her marketing strategy to feed the less fortunate and fill our food pantries.

## Senior Advisory Committee...

The Senior Social Society meets the first and third Thursday of every month at the Senior Center located at 247 Old Tappan Road. Meetings start at noon. Pizza Bingo is held on the second Monday of each month and the doors open at 11:30 AM held at the Firehouse located at 231 Old Tappan Road.

Our first Lunch & Learn is scheduled for April (date to be determined) at the Firehouse. Please check town website for update.

There are several trips planned for this year. They will be posted on the Borough calendar on the Borough Website [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net).

In addition they will also be posted on the new Borough Electronic Bulletin Board located in front of Borough Hall. Of course updated information will be given at every Senior Social Society meeting on the first and third Thursday of the month- we do hope you will be able to attend.

As in every social group, volunteers are always welcome. For more information contact Dave Northrop, Chairman or Councilman John Kramer.



## PROCLAMATIONS



Mayor Polce on behalf of the Mayor and Council and residents of Old Tappan honored the determination, success and sportsmanship of three Old Tappan youth teams. The OT Strikers won the NV Soccer League Boys Division 56 Championship, the first time in the history of OT. The OT Strikers played to a 2-2 tie in the regular game, remained tied after two overtime periods expired, and won in a thrilling 6-5 shootout defeating the very capable OT Thunder, and then competed each week against twelve other teams from ten Northern Valley Towns. The OT Cosmos won the NV Soccer League Boys Division 78 Championship, capping off an undefeated season, defeating Emerson 7-1 in the NV Soccer League Championship game at Wakelee Field in Demarest. The OT Fire won the NV Soccer League Girls Division 34 Championship, as Jessica Jung scored the game winning goal in a 1-0 sudden death overtime win.

## RECREATION DATES TO REMEMBER

Sport / Activity	Registration Dates	Season Runs / Event Date
Easter Egg Hunt	n/a	April 4th (rain or shine)
Camp Serendipity	opens in May	3 weeks in July (Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur)
Town Day	n/a	Sept. 12th (Rain date Sept 13th)
Fireworks	n/a	Sept. 12th (Rain date Sept 19th)
Flag Football	May- June	September through mid November
Indoor Soccer	Oct 1- Oct 31	Jan through Mid March
Outdoor Soccer	May- June	Sept through Nov
Spring Travel Baseball (Tryout Required)	Early March	Early March into June
Recreation Baseball	Dec. 15th- March 2nd	Early March into June
Recreation Softball	Dec. 15th- March 2nd	Early March into June
Summer Travel Basketball	April 1 through June 15	
Winter Rec Basketball	Aug. - Sept.	Dec 4 through March 26
Winter Travel Basketball	Nov 1 through Nov 30	Jan 2 through March 25

### OLD TAPPAN CAMP SERENDIPITY 2015

Dates: TBD (3 weeks in July)

Location: Stone Point Park

Days: Mon - Thurs

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 Wiesner. 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.



### Great News for Baseball and Softball in Old Tappan...

The Old Tappan Recreation Commission continues to be focused on making sure that our volunteer-run sports organizations in town continue to provide quality programs that offer an enjoyable format for all youngsters in Old Tappan, while also offering a higher level of competitive sport for those who want to participate at a higher level. Most of the sports programs run a "recreation" level program which is all inclusive and provides instruction and education about the game. In addition, there is typically a "travel" program which provides a higher level of competition playing in more competitive leagues for those who want a more challenging sports environment. Recently, some changes have taken place in Old Tappan concerning baseball and softball. Historically, there was one board to handle both baseball and softball. The Rec Commission had made the decision to create two separate boards, one for Baseball and one for Softball. The intent is to make sure that the Board for Baseball is focusing 100% on baseball and building the best possible baseball program, and that the Board for Softball is focusing 100% on softball and building the best possible softball program. The volunteers on these new boards don't need to split their energy between two sports, they can just focus on one.

As a result, the Recreation Commission reached out to the public to seek additional volunteers through mass emails and a public meeting. Two boards were assembled, comprised of a few existing members of the prior board plus the addition of a good number of new volunteer members. Those boards are now well underway with their work. Some of the exciting topics being addressed over the winter months are improving the recreation programs by introducing professional training and clinics, the use of indoor facilities to get a jump on the season, and migrating to a 4 town travel program to keep the numbers up and remain competitive in an increasingly competitive sporting landscape. The 4 town travel program would be similar to the Northern Valley Soccer Club, which combines players from the 4 NVOT towns, and in turn feeds the high school better prepared athletes for athletic competition.

So whether your child is playing baseball or softball, please be sure to participate in the town programs that Old Tappan has to offer. Your child can play Recreational only, or both Recreation and Travel. With these latest changes and the dedication of the newly formed separate boards, we are trying to insure that the programs remain enjoyable, educational, relatively competitive, and a good platform for healthy competition for years to come.

Sincerely, The Recreation Department

Information contact: Linda Chu at bpduo@aol.com, Girls Softball; Harry Mosca at hmosca@verizon.net, Boys Baseball or visit the town website at: oldtappan.net

## PAR & GRILL

83 DeWolf Road Old Tappan, NJ  
201.660.7857  
www.parbarandgrill.com

The Par Bar & Grill is 1,200 square-foot of dining space, located at 83 DeWolf Road. It can accommodate approximately 90 guests and is 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.

Check our website and/or Facebook page for details. For a full menu and additional info, please visit [www.parbarandgrill.com](http://www.parbarandgrill.com).

## Town Day 2015 Sept 12th

Raindate – Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

We Are  
Searching



For Town Day

Volunteers...

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

Planning for this event begins each 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 - 201 615-3936  
or  
Mary Haveron - 201 664-5727



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***Thank You***

***We can't say it enough!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*** for your generous response to our fund raising letter and your support of our Holiday Wish Trees. We are so grateful for your overwhelming commitment to the community of Old Tappan and the support of our social services and related programs. We sincerely **thank** our **local businesses** for their participation in the Holiday Wish Tree program: **Bank of America, Butterworth's Bagels, Starbucks, Bi-State Shipping and More and Get Rx Pharmacy.** Additionally, we thank **Par Pharmaceuticals** in Spring Valley, NY for their continued support. Master Chefs, **Karen Kierce** and **Girl Scout**



**Troop #1461** deserve a heroic **thank you** for preparing and providing meals for our **Nutrition to Neighbors (OT Meals on Wheels) Program.** Their compassion and their efforts grace our seniors with nutrition for the body and soul by providing them with bi-weekly, well-balanced delicious meals. The Local Assistance Board is **thankful** for the privilege to work with you and appreciate

all you do to promote health and happiness for our residents during difficult times. If you know someone who would benefit from our services or programs or if you would like to volunteer, please contact our office.

*Old Tappan Social Services, Local Assistance Board -201-664-1849 X25*

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

***Spring Rummage Sale at Fire House on Sat, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Save the Date & Your Donations*** A Huge Spring Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Woman's Club of Old Tappan to benefit scholarships and charities, will be held on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Old Tappan Fire House. The assortment of a little bit of everything, new and gently used, includes household items, small furniture, toys, bric-a-brac, tools, collectibles, small appliances, fabrics, jewelry, paperback books and much more. There will also be a sale of delicious homemade baked goods! Donated items from community members for the Rummage Sale are greatly appreciated as well as your attendance at the event. Anyone who wishes to donate items for the sale may bring them to the Fire House on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 8 PM and on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 6 PM. (Please, No donations of clothing, hard cover books, large furniture, computers, large electrical items or TVs and no donations on Saturday). Thank you for your generous support.

***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](http://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 Friday, May 8, 2015.

***Join Us*** The Woman's Club of OT welcome new members. For information about club membership or events call Diana at 201-750-7365.



## LIBRARY NEWS...

The library was very busy in 2014! We circulated 80,559 items; 81,939 people visited us; we purchased 4031 books, dvds, music cds and audiobooks; 64% of our residents have library cards; over 1,000 people came to our Friday Flicks; we offered 23 special programs in addition to our weekly children's programs, yoga, and mahjong; plus we have two active book discussion groups, a knitting group and a therapy dog for the children! Join our new Baby Bookworms program for infants-17 month old toddlers. The class meets on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:00am. The babies are introduced to books, music and playtime plus the parents/caretakers have the opportunity to socialize.

The library is always on the lookout for artists who would like to display their paintings or photographs in our community room. Please contact Susan if you are interested. Artwork is on display for one month.

FREE Downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, movies and digital magazines (over 250 magazines to choose from) are available on our website. Go to [oldtappan.bccls.org](http://oldtappan.bccls.org) and click on the Zinio, Indieflix or eBCCLS banner. A library card is required to set up accounts.

The library currently offers free museum passes to the Guggenheim Museum, the Frick Collection, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Museum of the City of New York and the American Museum of Natural History. Passes have to be reserved on the library website. For a complete list of our adult and children's programs, go to our website [oldtappan.bccls.org](http://oldtappan.bccls.org). Register for programs on [events.bccls.org](http://events.bccls.org).

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

SAVE THE DATE & YOUR DONATIONS

**Saturday, May 30, 2015**

**9am - 4pm**

**Old Tappan Fire House**

*231 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675*

### Items for Sale:

New and Gently Used Items  
Paperback Books, Toys, Tools & Trinkets  
Jewelry and Collectibles  
Household Items and Glassware  
Something for Everyone!!!  
*Homemade Bake Table*

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Donations of New and Gently Used Items for Sale  
can be dropped off at the OT Fire House  
Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - 4pm-8pm and Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - 9am-6pm

(Please, **NO DONATIONS** of clothing, large furniture, TVs, computers, hard covered books, or any large electrical items).

**NO DONATIONS ON SATURDAY!**

Sponsored by: **Woman's Club of Old Tappan** Contact: Debbie at 201-937-3777

~~~~~Proceeds benefit local scholarships and charitable endeavors~~~~~

***PLEASE DONATE YOUR ITEMS AND/OR COME TO THE SALE***

*Submitted by Pat Royall, Communications Chairman*

# 2015 EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 4th**

**11:30am (Rain or Shine) At Oakes Park**

**Bring your baskets...**

**and your camera**

**for a photo with the Easter Bunny !!**

## Eligible Hunters:

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

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

*Sponsored by the Borough of Old Tappan*

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



## 2015 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be held on Monday, May, 25th.

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.

## TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

**JUNE 5, 6, 7**

**FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY MAY ON  
OLDTAPPAN.NET**

**OLD TAPPAN SEEKS ARTISTS**

## ART IN OAKES PARK

**JUNE 27**

Art in Oakes Park Show will take place on Saturday June 27 at Oakes Park opposite 184 Central Avenue in Old Tappan from 11:00am to 4:00pm  
Rain date is Sunday June 28.

The event will feature quality artists and artisans, whose work includes paintings, drawings, sculptures, watercolors, photographs, handcrafted jewelry and fine crafts. Music will accompany the event, which is presented by Old Tappan's Arts & Entertainment Committee.

For more information about space reservations, contact Olivia at 201-768-7521 or [Thetaland8@aol.com](mailto:Thetaland8@aol.com).



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