



Town Spotlight

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A Message from Mayor John M. Kramer

Making the best use of my “crystal ball”, I am reporting to you on matters that will be unfolding in the coming months. For the purpose of establishing a timeline, the comments in this article were written on an unusually warm (55 degree) Presidents Day, February 20, 2017.

The Council and I have been hard at work with our budget process and I am pleased to report that our efforts have resulted in a modest tax increase for 2017. Your governing body along with our professionals have endeavored to continue the high level of services and amenities that are enjoyed by our residents all at an affordable rate. The local school taxes and those levied by the County of Bergen are not available at the time of this writing.

Old Tappan, like all communities throughout the state, is in the process of revising and updating our zoning ordinances to satisfy recent court ordered mandates relative to providing, planning, and finding appropriate locations for affordable housing within the borough. Since 1986 through several different borough administrations, Old Tappan has complied with and has been in conformance with regulations set forth by the

Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). At present Old Tappan has 103 affordable housing credits. In 2010 Governor Christie suspended COAH but the Courts ordered the administration to revive it. Since then Governor Christie along with the New Jersey legislature have failed to come to terms as to how to satisfy the affordable housing issue. Lacking legislative action, the NJ Supreme Court in 2015 determined that affordable housing obligations would be administered by the court; this is the point we are at today. Our professional planner, borough attorney, planning board attorney, master planner, and your Mayor and Council are still working towards satisfying the court's requirements and coming to a reasonable compromise in numbers. It is my desire and intention, along with the entire council to maintain the character, charm, and integrity of our community while continuing to abide by affordable housing mandates.

For those interested in further reading on the subject, I invite you to “Google” such sites as:

Council on Affordable Housing - Mt. Laurel Decision - Fair Share Housing Center
Please make sure to check out our web-site and our borough calendar for all the fun activities that lie ahead during the spring, summer, and fall.

My best of all to you and yours.

Save the Dates ~

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

Blood Pressure Clinic: 3rd Thursday of each month at Firehouse - Noon-1pm

Zumba: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am, Firehouse

Chair Yoga: Fridays, 11:30am, Firehouse

Easter Egg Hunt: April 15, Oakes Park, 11:30am rain or shine

Baseball/Softball Opening Day: April 22, Stone Point Park

Lunch & Learn: May 11, noon, Firehouse

Memorial Day Parade: May 29

Bicycle Rodeo: June 3, 2pm, CDW

Town Wide Garage Sale: June 9, 10, & 11

Lunch & Learn: June 8 at the firehouse

Free Concert at Oakes Park: Wednesday evenings at 7pm

July 5 New York Hitmen

July 12 South Street Station

July 19 Rave On

July 26 Outside the Lines

August 2 Bandit

August 9 Fishcakes & the Frieddaddies

August 16 No Discipline



**THE OLD TAPPAN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU TO DISPOSE OF
YOUR UNUSED DRUGS SAFELY**

The River Vale Police Department is a designated permanent site for the disposal of unused, unwanted, and expired prescription drugs. The RVPD is located at 334 Rivervale Road, River Vale. For additional information contact Detective Sergeant John J. DeVoe, Public Information Officer - JDeVoe@RiverValeNJ.org

5500 Americans start to misuse prescription painkillers everyday.

40 Americans die everyday from overdose of prescription painkillers.

1 The life you can save today by talking to your child about prescription drug abuse. Visit drugfreej.org to find out how.



Veterans Corner



Mayor Kramer is seeking individuals to serve on a newly

formed Veteran's Committee. Members of the committee will be tasked with creating a variety of ways in which to honor and serve those men and women who have served in our armed forces. A section of each newsletter would be set aside related to recognition, service, support, benefits, opportunities, and other veteran related affairs. please contact Mayor Kramer at mayer@oldtappan.net or stop by Borough Hall to express your interest.

Congratulations to Victor Cioce, Thomas Gallagher and Matthew Nalbandian on their re-election...



Mayor John M. Kramer, administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Vic Cioce



Mayor John M. Kramer, administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Thomas Gallagher



Mayor John M. Kramer, administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Matt Nalbandian



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2017 ELECTION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK

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

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tue., May 16th. The Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., May 16th until 9pm

GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, Nov. 7th 6 am - 8 pm

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tue., October 17th. Municipal Clerk's office will remain open on Tue., Oct. 17th 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 was due 3/1/17. There was a 10 day grace period until 3/10/17. Bills were mailed in the beginning of February for the 3/1/17 payment only. The sewer rate has not been increased since 2010. It will be necessary this year to increase the rate to cover expenses. You will receive another bill for the second half of the year once the new rate has been set sometime in the summer.



PROPERTY TAXES are due 5/1/17. There is a 10 day grace period until 5/10/17.

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 or ask the tax department when you come to Borough Hall.

Borough mailbox: On the front of the Borough Hall for your convenience is a mailbox to drop payments in when Borough Hall is closed. All payments will be posted the following day.

There is no word yet if the Homestead Benefit for 2015 will be issued as a credit against the May property tax quarter. Check the NJ Division Taxation website for the most up to date information. <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>



BOARD OF HEALTH PREVENT LEAD POISONING

According to NJ law, at doctors' office visits, parents of children aged 6 months to 6 years must fill out a questionnaire to assess their child's risk to lead exposure. All children also receive a lead level test at 12 and 24 months.

Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect IQ, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. The most important step parents can take is to prevent lead exposure before it occurs.

How can I prevent my child's exposure to lead? If your home was built before 1978, assume that it has lead-based paint.

- Consult a trained and certified testing professional.
- Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking.
- Wash toys, bottles, pacifiers and other objects children handle and put in their mouths.
- Wipe your feet on mats before entering the home. Leave shoes at the door.
- Remove recalled toys.
- Wipe paint chips on windowsills or floors with a damp mop.
- Use only cold tap water for drinking and cooking.

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

2016

Eligibility Requirements*

You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2015, or, if under age 65, you were actually receiving Federal Social Security disability benefit payments on or before December 31, 2015, *and* December 31, 2016;
- and*
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2005, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter;
- and*
- You have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you own) since December 31, 2012, or earlier;
- and*
- You paid the full amount of the 2015 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2016, and paid the 2016 property taxes by June 1, 2017;
- and*
- Your total annual income for 2015 did not exceed \$87,007* and for 2016 did not exceed \$87,007.* **NOTE:** With very few exceptions, all income received during the year must be taken into account to determine eligibility (including Social Security, pension income, etc.)

*Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program may be changed by the State Budget. Any changes to the 2016 eligibility requirements will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget that must be adopted by July 1, 2017.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...

BRANCH CHIPPING

The DPW will begin chipping branches that residents have trimmed from their trees on April 12th (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 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.

WOOD MULCH & LEAF COMPOST

The department will begin accepting orders for wood mulch and leaf compost on April 18th (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.

RECYCLING CENTER

The recycling center located at the Public Works Garage on Russell Avenue is open 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 etc. 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 COMMISSION ...

Northern Valley Earth Fair to be held April 22

The fourth annual Northern Valley Earth Fair celebration will take place this year on Saturday April 22 at Memorial Field in Closter from 11am to 4pm. As in years past, Earth Fair expects to attract 1,000 visitors to this Free "Rain or Shine" event. Come see our Eco-Friendly vendors and exhibitors, displays and show cases from the area Nature Centers, Green Brook Sanctuary and representatives from Hackensack Riverkeeper. Come see the latest on green & sustainable living products, solar demonstrations, hybrid and electric vehicles, birds of prey, butterflies, climate researchers from Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, a petting zoo, the Bergen County HazMat Unit and more. Special musical guests including the *Hip Replacements* will also be on hand to serenade the crowd.

Northern Valley Earth Fair is a growing collaboration of Green Teams and Environmental Commissions from Closter, Norwood, Cresskill, Demarest, Tenaflly and of course, Old Tappan. Join us for an afternoon of fun and learning. There's something here for all ages.

Walk/Bike to School Week to be Held in May

Due to the popularity of our annual Walk/Bike to School Event with Parents, Teachers and School kids....the event will be held over the course of one week during the month of May. Walk to School week encourages kids to walk or bike to school as a way to focus on health, fitness and the environment. Look for details and information this spring through the CDW School message center.

Borough Ordinances

Based upon recommendations from the Old Tappan Environmental Commission, the Mayor & Council will be considering several new ordinances in the coming months. The first- a ban on any new plantings of invasive tree species—most notably, bamboo. Once established, bamboo is difficult-if not impossible to control. Bamboo roots out-compete native tree species and subsequently reduce diversity within the plant community. Stands of existing bamboo will not be affected, however property owners with existing bamboo trees will be required to maintain their stands and prevent root systems from encroaching onto the property of others. An ordinance protecting Borough-owned trees will also be strengthened to include monetary penalties levied at anyone who damages or cuts-down a Borough-owned tree.

Recycling in Old Tappan

Residents are reminded that recycling is the law. Glass, plastics and aluminum can recycling takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Cardboard and newspapers are collected on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. If you miss a Wednesday, recyclables can be placed in designated bins located at the Old Tappan DPW on Saturday mornings from 9am to 1pm.

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
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS RD ONLY
Sunday, April 9, 2017
Saturday, August 19, 2017

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, June 3, 2017
Sunday, October 22, 2017

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
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS RD ONLY
Sunday, April 30, 2017
Sunday, June 25, 2017
Sunday, October 15, 2017

Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie
Saturday, March 11, 2017
Saturday, November 18, 2017

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah
Saturday, May 13, 2017
Saturday, July 22, 2017
Saturday, September 9, 2017

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.



STAY INSTANTLY INFORMED!

Choose the information you want, the addresses you want all delivered for free by text message, email and or on the web. Sign up now at www.nixle.com. Register now—it's free & easy!!

OLD TAPPAN F.D.

Tower Ladder 63 Retires

Serving the Borough and its residents since 1986, Tower Ladder 63 was officially retired by the Old Tappan Fire Department in January 2017. During its service life, this Hahn-built work horse witnessed many changes over the past 31 years including a 50% increase of the Borough's population, the expansion of schools, commercial developments and the Borough's Administrative buildings; the development of several multi-residential dwelling complexes and the nearly doubling of size of the average single family home. At the time of her retirement, "63" was reported to be the oldest regularly operating tower ladder in Bergen County. She has been replaced with new Tower Ladder 63—a Pierce-built 100 foot tower ladder. The new ladder is designed and equipped to meet the challenges of a 21st century Old Tappan including space for eight fully equipped fire fighters, a high capacity pump capable of flowing 2,000 gallons per minute and a hose bed large enough to stretch 800 feet of 5-inch diameter hose. The Fire Department invites all residents to welcome new Tower Ladder 63 into our fleet. We have tentatively scheduled a Wet Down celebration for Saturday August 19. Look for announcements this summer.



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Change those Batteries.... The return of Daylight Savings Time has become synonymous with the replacement of smoke-and carbon monoxide detector batteries. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to prioritize this very simple, yet potentially life-saving task. Also consider the age of your detectors. If they are more than five years old, we recommend they be replaced with newer detectors. Many newer detectors have batteries—that do not need replacing and have a ten year life expectancy. For those residents who may be experiencing financial hardships and cannot afford smoke detectors, please contact the fire chief immediately. Free smoke detectors are available to the fire department through a program administered by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. There is no excuse for not having a working smoke detector on every floor of your home.

Training, Training and more Training The Fire Department's 60 man-roster (including 15 life members, 5 juniors and 3 women) continues to perform specialized training in order to serve Borough residents with the highest level of professionalism. In addition to actively participating in our own monthly drills, we also plan, organize and implement monthly drills with our Mutual Aid partners—the nine member Pascack Valley Firemen's Association and the twelve member Interboro Mutual Aid Group. Drill objectives vary. Some are designed as refresher courses like the annual Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) training, Hazardous Communications/Right-to-Know training and Blood Borne Pathogens training. Others drills are designed to hone skills and techniques for large scale emergencies that will require coordination with our mutual aid partners—including train derailment drills, industrial emergencies, multi-vehicle collisions, rapid intervention team training, swift water rescue and large diameter hose relays—to name a few. Training Officer Captain Evan Kutzin has also scheduled three special training sessions for OTFD at the Bergen County Fire Academy this year. Training will include Flashover Awareness (a deadly fire phenomenon), Standpipe Operations (an Engine Company evolution conducted in buildings three floors and higher) and Peaked Roof Ventilation (a Ladder Company evolution focusing on the coordinated opening of a roof to relieve heat, smoke and toxic gases). We train to keep you safe.

The OTFD reminds residents and business owners to report fires and emergencies to 9-1-1. Do not call the Fire Department's business phone since the fire house is not manned on a 24 hour per day basis. Remember Dial 911 and we'll be on the run. For all non-emergency questions, please feel free to contact fire Chief Dave Keil or Deputy Chief Chris Reilly at our new e-mail address: otfd43@gmail.com.



THE OLD TAPPAN POLICE DEPARTMENT...

The OTPD wishes everyone a happy and safe New Year. Thus far the winter season has not been too bad, but everyone still anxiously waits for spring to get started and the cold weather to fade. 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 students safe.

Daylight savings time provides the opportunity for longer periods outside, and various types of outdoor activities begin to take place. The OT business districts, school fields, parks and recreational facilities become busy places. The OTPD would like to remind everyone using and traveling in the area of these facilities to exercise caution and be safe. Please be aware of pedestrians walking in parking lots and crossing the streets leading to these business and recreational areas. Drivers are encouraged to reduce their speed in and around the properties used for these purposes. Complaints of speeding vehicles and distracted driving appear to be the most frequent violations reported around the residential streets of our community. In many instances, the drivers are our own neighbors. Kindly make every effort to comply with the 25MPH speed limit and parking regulations in all residential areas, and reduce your speed especially near our schools, and recreational areas.

Residents are reminded that Borough Ordinance 242-2D prohibiting overnight parking from 2 am to 6 am is not in effect from April 1st to November 15th and overnight parking on residential streets is permitted unless otherwise posted.

The OTPD will be holding a Bicycle Safety Day on Saturday, June 3rd (rain date June 4th) from 2 pm – 4 pm. Officer Katie Weaver may be contacted for more information regarding the Bicycle Safety Rodeo as the time draws near.

The OT Junior Police Academy started on Wednesday, March 1st. This is the first year the OTPD JPA is being offered and we are looking forward to the cadets enjoying the various programs presented and having a great experience. Look for more information in the future newsletters.

The Prom and Graduation time of year is rapidly approaching. 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. Also, it is unlawful in the State of New Jersey to use or possess fireworks without being licensed to do so.

The OTPD has received many complaints from residents regarding various forms of scams. Most of these scams are initiated via telephone, but may be initiated in person, via mail or email. Residents should make every effort to verify call back telephone numbers or the telephone numbers that have initiated the scam. Anyone that would like more information regarding scams in our area, or residents having experienced a scam attempt should contact the OTPD. The Old Tappan Police Department wishes all residents to have a safe and healthy summer, and encourages our residents to be alert with regard to the safety of our community. Please join with us in making Old Tappan a safer and secure place to live. The OTPD appreciates everyone's assistance in helping us, help you.

Respectfully, Chief Thomas M. Shine

Look At What You Did for Old Tappan.....

You purchased hundreds of gift cards in support of the Wish Tree Program that brought holiday joy to our families and seniors! A grateful mother wrote "With the assistance you have provided, particularly with such care, concern, thought, time and help with the wonderful and very useful gift cards and presents, you brought warmth, kindness, generosity, love, friendship and immeasurable happiness to our home and lives." A senior citizen wrote "Life is full of surprises - happy ones! A sincere thank you for the gifts!" Another senior citizen wrote "Thank you for the enormous gift package with everything useful!" Special thanks to the following: Bank of America, Bi-State Shipping N'More, Butterworth's Bagels, Get RX Help Pharmacy, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Starbucks, Sunrise Assisted Living of Old Tappan, St. Pius C Church, Trinity Reformed Church and the Old Tappan Girl Scouts. You nurtured and directed Girl Scout Troop #95188, who affectionately gave back to their community when they prepared and delivered monthly nutritional meals to our frail seniors and disabled! A senior citizen wrote "I pretend I am at a restaurant eating a gourmet dinner. It brings so much hap-



pininess and delight into my life." You generously donated to our food/supply pantry that kept the shelves filled with needed items! Special thanks to Brielle Lumina, who completed her Gold Award Project in Girl Scouting, titled "Food for All Season," for OTSS. Brielle spear headed, organized and implemented a twelve month schedule for contributions that will ensure a well-stocked pantry year round. Special thanks to all the organizations that committed to support Breille's project, as well as to Kayleigh Lumina who has taken over the responsibilities for "Food for All Seasons." You charitably provided emergency financial assistance with your donation to our annual fundraising drive! As an appreciative parent said "You come to the aid of others and I am ever indebted." You continued the bi-weekly "Senior Friday Flix lunch and movie social event" at the library with your financial contributions! You encouraged your children to participate in Mrs. Beckman's CDW Community Service Class that brought holiday cheer to senior citizens with gift bags throughout the year.

The Local Assistance Board would like to thank Old Tappan residents for all YOU do! Your compassion and generosity is gratefully appreciated by all those who benefit from our programs. The Board feels fortunate and honored to be supported by, and to serve, our dedicated caring community



WOMAN'S CLUB OF OLD TAPPAN NEWS...

Spring Rummage Sale at Fire House on Sat, May 20th – Save the Date & Your Donations

This is sponsored by the Woman's Club of Old Tappan to benefit scholarships and charitable endeavors and will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 9am to 4pm at the OT 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! Please refer to the flyer for more information.

Thank you for your generous support. For information call Debbie at 201-937-3777.

Two \$1,000 Scholastic Awards Available to Graduating High School Seniors These awards are being offered to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue a course of higher education. Each award, the WCOT Scholastic Scholarship and the WCOT 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 OT for at least 2 consecutive years immediately prior to graduation from an accredited secondary school. An application may be obtained online at the NVOT guidance website at www.nvnet.org or by contacting the WCOT Scholarship Committee Chairperson Nancy Maida at 201-573-0024. The completed application must be mailed to Nancy Maida, 642 Russell Snow Dr, River Vale, NJ 07675 and received by Friday, May 5, 2017.

Thank You for Supporting our Fundraising Shopping The WCOT wants to thank the community for its support of their participation in the Lord & Taylor SHOP SMART DO GOOD fundraising shopping event this past Nov. Because of the community's support, we were able to raise enough money to help meet our goal.

Join Us Guests Welcome to our Meetings... We welcome new members. Guests are invited to our meetings which are generally held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 7pm at the OT Fire House. The guest speaker for the April 18th meeting is Ginger White, of OT, who will be doing an artistic presentation of her photography. Refreshments will follow. For information about this program, contact Anita at 201-248-0930.

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

LIBRARY NEWS...



Our deepest thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising letter which was mailed to all residents in December. The donations will be used to purchase additional books and media, provide cultural programs and small capital improvements.

The library was very busy in 2016! We circulated 76,681 items and 87,993 people visited us, including over 1900 people who attended our special community programs for adults and children.

Our library was incorporated 75 years ago as the Old Tappan Free Public Library Association. We try to live up to the word "free." There are no fees to borrow any books or media (unlike some libraries who charge for DVD rentals or book requests.) Plus our membership in the library consortium (BCCLS) provides access to FREE downloadable ebooks, audio books, movies, music and digital magazines. In addition, Ebsco databases offer business, health, educational, history, literature and full-text magazines like Consumer Reports. All you need is a library card, which is free.

Plus we offers free museum passes to the Guggenheim Museum, the Frick Collection, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and the American Museum of Natural History. Passes have to be reserved on the library website.

The library has free wi-fi, a color laser printer (10 cents for B&W, 25 cents for color), FAX services (\$1.00 per fax) and we have a notary on staff.

For a complete list of our adult and children's programs, go to our website oldtappan.bccls.org. Register for programs on events.bccls.org. And don't forget to friend us on our Facebook page!

RUMMAGE

SALE

*Save the Date
& Your Donations!*

Saturday, May 20, 2017
9 am - 4 pm
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

DONATIONS OF NEW and GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR SALE
 Drop off at the OT Fire House on Thurs. May 18, 4-8pm and Fri. May 19, 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

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	Aug. - Sept.	Early Dec. through end of Mar
Winter Travel Basketball	Nov 1- Nov 30	Early Jan. through end of Mar
Indoor Soccer	Oct 1- Oct 31	Jan through Mid Mar
Easter Egg Hunt- Rain or Shine	n/a	April 15th
Recreation Baseball/Softball	Dec. 15- February 28	Early Mar into June
Summer Basketball	March - May	June/July
Camp Serendipity	Opens in February	July 10- July 27 (Mon-Thur)
Skyhawks Summer Camp	Opens in February	July 10- July 27 (Mon-Thur)
Town Day/Fireworks	n/a	Sept 9
Town Day/Fireworks - RAINDATE	n/a	Sept 10
Halloween Festival/Ragamuffin Parade	n/a	October 28
Haunted Mansion	Sept.-Oct.	October 27 & 28
Tree Lighting Ceremony	n/a	December 4



OLD TAPPAN AND WOODCLIFF LAKE

ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE

As of February 2017 Woodcliff Lake and Old Tappan have entered into a new recreation shared service agreement. Residents of Old Tappan can now join the Woodcliff Lake Pool and Tennis Program at Resident Rates. Meanwhile residents of Woodcliff Lake will be permitted to join the Old Tappan Golf Course at the resident rate as well.

Residents can register directly through community pass or go to the Woodcliff Lake Borough Hall, 188 Pascack Road, Woodcliff Lake, to join. Complete details for both programs can be found on the Old Tappan website, www.oldtappan.net - look for Woodcliff Lake Pool, Tennis and click on the link or for more information call 201-391-4977.

This year we are pleased to offer our residents two camps right here in town.....



CAMP SERENDIPITY AND SKYHAWKS Multi Sports Camp will run from July 10-July 27 (Mon.-Thurs.) at Stone Point Park.

Serendipity runs from 9-1pm and Skyhawks runs from 1:30-4:00pm. Supervised lunch period between the two camps is available for Serendipity Campers going to Skyhawks right after.

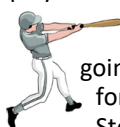
Serendipity Camp— (Fee: \$225.00 for three weeks) Registration is open

Campers enjoy this outdoor environment with the help of some natural shade trees and our cooling off Water Station as needed. Each day, Campers participate in a variety of activities in a SAFE, FUN, FRIENDLY and INFORMAL environment. Counselors encourage our campers to partake in organized activities with their friends under the close supervision of our Camp Director and Arts and Craft Director. Campers follow a daily schedule of activities, such as sports, arts & crafts, free play, field games/activities as well as our always popular Explore Science programs. Typically, campers are divided into groups based on their entering school grade in September, but groups are sometimes combined or re-constituted depending on our registration numbers and our boy/girl ratio. Details of our programs can be found at: oldtappan.net

Early registration is always helpful in putting together the best possible program for our campers.

Skyhawks Camps— (Fee: TBD) Registration to open soon.

This program immediately follows our Camp Serendipity at Stone Point Park. Skyhawks offers youth sports skill-based programs where children discover/develop athletic skill and social values such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. The program focuses on offering children a positive sports experience while promoting a healthy, active lifestyle. Adding Skyhawks to our summer program has allowed campers who want a longer camp day to remain at Stone Point for the full day, as Skyhawks will offer a half hour supervised lunch period for campers coming from Camp Serendipity. Skyhawks offers programs for: k-2/3rd-5th/6th-8th. These programs are perfect for the beginning to intermediate level player. Details for the Skyhawks program can be found at: www.skyhawks.com/jersey



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SEASON is approaching and this year we have lots of exciting things going on with our Baseball and Softball programs for 2017. Players and their families are looking forward to the official kick off of the season at our Opening Day Ceremonies on April 22nd at Stone Point Park. This year's events will include Team Pictures.....BBQ....Dunk Tank....and lots of Old Tappan Team fun.....Don't miss this event!!!

Also...mark your calendars for the Old Tappan Championship Day on June 17th to wind up the season.....OT teams will enjoy fun competitions...share some great food.....show support for their team and end the season in the spirit of Town and Team pride. All of our Recreation players and their families are welcome!



REGISTRATIONS FOR SUMMER BASKETBALL at Stone Point Park will open in early March. This is always a popular program in town as players have an opportunity to continue to develop their skills in our relaxed yet instructive summer program. Teams are formed based on current grade level and play against other towns in the area. Home games take place at Stone Point Park, while away games require local travel only.

This season our Summer League will premier its play on our newly constructed basketball court....to complement our existing facility at Stone Point. With the addition of a second court, multiple league games and tournament play can now take place right here in Old Tappan.

Sign up early to ensure a spot on one of our teams as registration will close in late May .



GOLF COURSE IS

OPEN FOR THE 2017 SEASON...

The OT Golf Pro, Doug Meeks, looks forward to the return of all our members and is hoping to meet many new members who are looking to take up the game of golf or continue pursuing the game at one of the most restful, yet challenging venues on the east coast. New this year the Borough and Golf Commission are extending a special rate for college student residents currently attending an accredited College or University. The rate is \$250 and includes membership for June, July and August. For more information on rates please visit www.oldtappan.net/index.php/golf. You can register through Community Pass online or in person with Doug Meeks at the OT Golf Course Pro Shop located at 83 De Wolf Road or call Doug at 201-767-1199.

Town Day 2017

Sept 9th

Raindate – Sept. 10th

We Are Searching

For Town Day Volunteers...

Planning for this event begins each spring as our town day committee meets to brainstorm and coordinate tasks.....

If you would like to contribute to this year's town day as a member of the town day committee, please contact: Gloria Weisner at gweisner@oldtappan.net if you are interested.

The DeWolf Inn

opens at the Old Tappan Golf Course...

Please join us in welcoming the DeWolf Inn a new spot for quality food or a cocktail with friends located at the town's most venerable locations the Old Tappan Golf Course on DeWolf Rd. The Inn opened on March 1 and is operated by Jill and Charlie, both residents of OT and members of the golf course. While they aim to provide quality food and a convivial atmosphere to the members of the golf course the DeWolf Inn is also open to the public. The facility features a full bar, dining area and outdoor dining overlooking the golf course.

Visit our website at www.dewolfinn.com and get to know the featured qualifications of Chef Jill DeWitt. Together with her regular menu of traditional foods at reasonable prices (including a children's menu), there will be specialties each week which will be offered for both lunch and dinner. Traditional breakfast menus will also be offered Tuesday through Sunday each week, so join us for breakfast or brunch.

The facility is a community asset, so feel free to engage a private party or function at any time during the year or an evening dinner reservation overlooking the sunset over Lake Tappan during the summer months. Available for birthday parties, holiday parties, graduation parties and even fund raising events for youth sports or private charities. The DeWolf Inn is eager to assist charitable events raise funds. Catering off premises at a reasonable prices is also available.

Please look for email notifications of comedy nights, live music, DJ's and other fun events to take place in one of the best locations in our town.



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 11:30am.

Zumba Gold is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 9am.

Chair Yoga is held on Fridays at 11:30 AM. Both of the events are held at the Firehouse located at 231 Old Tappan Road.

There are three Lunch & Learns scheduled for this year;

May 11—a spring lunch;

June 8—sponsored by the OT Alliance will focus on Stigma Free;

October 12—International Lunch sponsored by the Local Assistance Board and will focus on Greek culture and food.

Lunch & Learns are held at the Old Tappan Firehouse at noon. There will also be a Holiday Party held at the firehouse on December 14. All Old Tappan seniors are invited.

Several trips planned for this year; please check the Borough calendar on the OT website www.oldtappan.net. In addition they will also be posted on the Electronic Bulletin Board located in front of Borough Hall. Of course updated information will be given at every Senior Social Society meeting. All seniors are welcome to attend.

As in every social group, volunteers are needed and always welcome. Please see Dave Northrup, Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee or Anna Haverilla, Council Liaison, if you would like to help in any way.

Last year's International lunch was sponsored by the Local Assistance Board and featured Korean Food and Culture.

Thanks to Jane Cho and all her helpers the seniors in attendance enjoyed a power point presentation on Korean Culture, authentic Korean dancers in beautiful Korean clothing and, of course, delicious Korean cuisine.

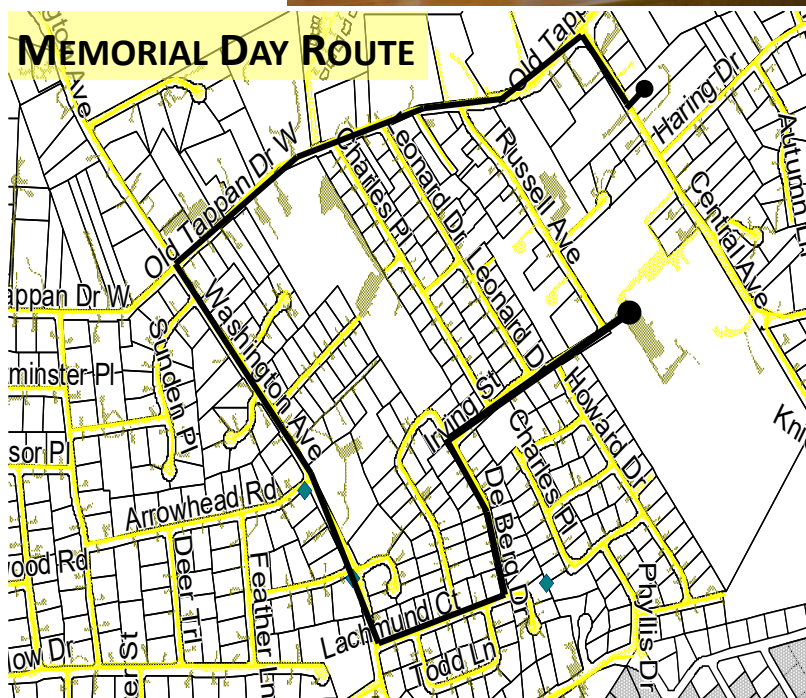
Old Tappan's Police Chief Shine was also on hand to talk to the seniors and answer any questions they might have.



THE 2017 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be held

on **Monday, May, 29th**. 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 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.

MEMORIAL DAY ROUTE





Borough of Old Tappan

227 Old Tappan Road
Old Tappan, NJ 07675



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NEWSLETTER



BOROUGH TO HOST ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Borough of Old Tappan will again be hosting their annual town-wide garage sale the weekend of Friday, June 9th. This Garage Sale gives borough residents the opportunity to part with yesterday's treasures and find today's bargains.

For a fee of \$20 participants can hold their own garage sale at their residence without the hassle and huge cost of advertising. The town will take care of promoting the sale. A map and list of participants' addresses will be available starting Thursday, June 8th. Maps will be available online and for pick-up at the Borough Hall on Thursday and Friday, and also at Butterworth's Bagels at Bi-State Plaza, at Stokes Farms on DeWolf Road and at the OT Library on Russell Ave throughout the weekend.

Residents wishing to participate can fill out the form below and drop it off with payment of \$20 to the Borough Hall on Old Tappan Road. The form can also be found on the Old Tappan website: www.OldTappan.net.

The deadline to register is Tuesday, June 6th

This event is sponsored by the Old Tappan Arts and Entertainment Committee. A portion of the \$20 proceeds will benefit the Arts & Entertainment Committee which provides various town events such as Concerts in the Park and Art in the Park.



Registration forms must be received by **June 6, 2017** to be included on the maps

This form may be reproduced. Please complete and either mail or drop off with payment (please print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ Email: _____

Items to be sold (optional): _____

Please specify what days and times you will be open:

Friday, June 9	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Time: _____ to _____
Saturday, June 10	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Time: _____ to _____
Sunday, June 11	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Time: _____ to _____

Please make \$20.00 check payable to Borough of Old Tappan

MAIL TO: Arts & Entertainment Committee, c/o Borough of Old Tappan, 227 Old Tappan Rd, Old Tappan, NJ 07675
Any questions, please contact Anna Haverilla at haverilla@oldtappan.net