

# Old Tappan Spotlight



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## Message from Mayor Kramer



For the past several months, the governing body has been assessing the advantages of allowing our municipally owned golf course to be managed by a professional golf course management company. Prior to 2020, the golf course has operated at a deficit which has been supplemented and supported by your tax dollars. The Covid-19 pandemic created a situation where golf benefitted from our country's workforce being shut down resulting in a small profit last year and anticipated profit this year as well.

This year our 40-year golf course superintendent and our 27-year golf pro have announced their retirement dates. At the end of the year our 5-year concession contract comes to an end as does the 4-year golf cart rental contract. Due to the confluence of these factors, the governing body was prompted to investigate the possibility of having our municipally owned golf course be managed by a professional golf course management company. If there was ever a time for the management option to be considered, it is now and it is our duty to investigate this alternative.

Thus far we have reviewed what four management companies have to offer. The reviews consisted of two in-person meetings and two virtual meetings. One company was rather local, one served New Jersey and New York, while two were national companies with interest here in New Jersey. At our September 6th mayor and council meeting, the clerk was authorized to advertise for "Requests for Proposals" from any and all golf course management companies. Receipt of proposals will allow us to further investigate and determine if it is in the entire town's interest to move forward in this direction.

As always, for up-to-date information you are welcome to attend our mayor and council meetings held the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month and are an open forum for discussion.

Sincerely,  
*John M. Kramer, Mayor, Borough of Old Tappan*



As Hurricane Ida survivors move forward please don't wait to clean up storm damage. Instead, start the clean-up process as soon as possible and document the damage with photos or videos. A Major Disaster Declaration from FEMA was secured for Bergen County and FEMA is now providing many different types of help to Hurricane Ida survivors. This assistance covers temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs designed to help people and business owners recover. Individuals affected by Hurricane Ida in New Jersey can apply for assistance online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or call 1-800-621-3362 or TTY 1-800-462-7585. Hours: 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. ET, 7 days a week.

A **FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Team** has been scheduled for Old Tappan and will be set up in the front Borough Hall parking lot on **Friday, September 17th, from 9am-5pm**. This team will be able to answer your questions, assist you with registration for FEMA Individual Assistance, and conduct inquiries on the status of any existing applications. Individuals, households and businesses affected by Hurricane Ida should attend.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** Please note that the Building Department now has a separate entrance on the side of the Borough Hall. Hours are from 8:30am—2:00pm Monday through Friday.

The Borough is accepting applications for a full-time technical assistant for the Construction Department. Prior experience and DCA Certification preferred, SDL experience a plus. Candidate will issue construction permits, schedule inspections, and comply with COAH and construction fees. Candidate should be computer literate and possess excellent organizational skills, customer service and communication skills. Will work directly with the public. Send cover letter and resume to Anna Haverilla, Borough Administrator, 227 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan NJ 07675 or email same to [haverilla@oldtappan.net](mailto:haverilla@oldtappan.net). The Borough reserves the right to review resumes and conduct interviews as they are received. The Borough of Old Tappan is E.O.E

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NEWS:

**SEWER:** Please **DO NOT flush** any wipes or any swifer type fibrous cleaning products. They should be discarded with your garbage. Also, please dispose of grease properly by putting it out with your garbage. Pouring grease down your drain clogs your pipes and the sewer pipes in the streets. Remember it is a violation to dump cooking grease & oils down the drain to the sanitary sewer system.

**RECYCLING:** The recycling center is opened Mon. through Fri., 7am to 3pm, and from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays (except holidays). Please bring only those items designated for recycling and place them in the appropriate designated container. 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. Effective 2011 consumer electronics may not be disposed of in the trash. **We do not accept garbage, construction debris, paint or chemicals, fluorescent bulbs etc.** Violators will be prosecuted. Questions as to what is acceptable or where you may dispose, please call 201-664-4438.

## TIRE RECYCLING, ELECTRONICS AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING PROGRAM

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah  
Sunday, October 3, 2021

Collection Hours: 9am-2pm (rain or shine)

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

To determine accepted materials go to [BCUA.org](http://BCUA.org).  
Look under Solid Waste recycling and then Household Hazardous Waste for a list of items.

Bergen Community College  
400 Paramus Road, Paramus  
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS RD ONLY  
Sunday, October 17, 2021

Bergen County Utilities Authority  
Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie  
Saturday, November 13, 2021

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 INFORMED

Please remember to visit our website, [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net) as it is regularly updated. In an attempt to be greener and more efficient the Borough will slowly be stepping away from paper notices and newsletters. All information is now posted on our website, our Facebook page and through our email system. Remember to sign up for town emails at <http://eepurl.com/gYrVWz>, or directly from the link on our website. Also, follow us on Facebook.