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Dear fellow resident,

Not unlike many other towns, Old Tappan is not immune to continued development; mainly brought on by our Council on Affordable Housing requirements. COAH is an agency within the NJ Department of Community Affairs that is responsible for ensuring that all 566 New Jersey municipalities provided their fair share of low- and moderate-income housing. More information regarding our requirements can be found on our website.

The latest application in front of the Planning Board is the construction of an assisted living at 244 Old Tappan Road. Anyone interested in learning more about the application is welcome to attend the Planning Board meetings that are held at the Borough Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Updates can be found on our website.

Most recently another applicant has filed for construction permits for two group residences to be located on the long vacant northwest corner of Old Tappan Road and Washington Avenue. Unlike the previously mentioned development, this applicant does require site plan approval and only required Planning Board approval had they needed any variances. "New Concepts for Living" has plans to build two, single story, 5,000 square foot residences catering to medically, developmentally, disabled adults. The 24-hour medically attended residences will each accommodate the needs of 6 individuals with such maladies as those with feeding tubes, tracheotomies, and the likes.

New Concepts for Living is a property tax exempt not-for-profit organization accepting both private and governmental monies to support its operation. A similar building fully constructed can be observed on Cedar Lane in River Vale. You may also check out their services by visiting their website at www.NCFL.net.

Stay well, be safe, and be thankful.

Sincerely,

John M. Kramer

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