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Dear neighbors,

In 2015 the Borough entered into an agreement with the Bergen County United Way/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC, both not-for-profit entities, to provide supportive housing for people with developmental disabilities. Partly due to Old Tappan's desire to serve the needs of others who are less fortunate and in addition, receive credits towards our Affordable Housing Obligation as required by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH.)

United Way pays for the houses through donations and in collaboration with local governments or nonprofits. Funding for the construction in Old Tappan is being provided by the following:

Bergen County United Way
Bergen County HOME Program
New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
Old Tappan's Municipal Housing Trust Fund*
*Funds derived from builder's fees as required by law

Now that all funding has been secured construction is about to begin on a 2.449 square foot (one quarter +/- acre) parcel located at the cul-de-sac on Grace Avenue. This home will serve as a residence to four residents and are designed specifically for the developmentally disabled. Staff will be available to serve the residents needs including transportation to and from day care and/or recreational facilities. Once completed, this agency will be responsible for all maintenance of the building and grounds.

For more descriptive literature and the many locations built throughout Bergen County, please visit their website: www.bergenunitedway.org

On another note, throughout our municipality and much of our surrounding municipalities Orange & Rockland Utilities has high tension power lines and towers that are no longer used or needed. These towers have been unmaintained for over a decade, they are getting structurally unsound and may have lead paint leaching into the water table through run off. O&R has completed their electrical system improvement project which they began in 2018 and now many of their system is located underground.

The Northern Valley Mayors have voiced their concern with O&R and have stated that they would like these towers removed as soon as possible. Homeowners with an easement or tower on their property may contact the Division of Customer Assistance to log their concerns at <https://nj.gov/bpu/bpu/assistance/complaints/inquiry.html>.

Sincerely,

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