



# Secaucus Monthly

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Edition

A look at the Community, including upcoming events, important notices, meetings, and more.



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & BLOCK PARTY - MAY 19TH

On Saturday, May 19th, the Town is having its annual Memorial Day Parade. We invite you to come out to honor the brave service members who gave their lives in the service of our Country. The parade will feature bands, army vehicles, floats, horses, local sports teams and civic groups, and, most importantly, some of our local Veterans. This year's Grand Marshal will be Claud Macchieraldo, an Army Veteran. The parade will kick off from Trolley Park at 12:00 PM and will make its way down Paterson Plank Road to Buchmuller Park, where a block party will be held. The party will feature bounce houses, free hot dogs, music, face painting and other attractions. Please join us in honoring those who died in active military service and enjoy this annual festivity.

## SUMMER JOBS NOW HIRING

The Town of Secaucus is now accepting applications for all Summer Program Part Time Jobs. We are looking for counselors for a number of camps, as well as lifeguards, clerical and maintenance workers for the swim center. For more information and to apply for these summer positions, please go to [www.secaucusnj.gov](http://www.secaucusnj.gov) or contact Human Resources Director Sandra Lopez at (201) 330-2000, ext. 3005.



Reminder to All Property Owners

Property Taxes Are Due May 1, 2018

Pay online by visiting:  
[www.Secaucusnj.gov/Taxes](http://www.Secaucusnj.gov/Taxes)

## The Mayor's Corner

### No Tax Increase in 2018!



Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli

On April 10, 2018, we introduced the 2018 municipal budget. I am pleased to announce that this marks our 8th consecutive year without a tax increase. From the outset of my administration, I promised that I would work along with the Council to carefully analyze all expenditures and ensure taxpayer funds are used responsibly. Keeping municipal taxes stable, ensuring fiscal responsibility and offering a high level of service to the community will continue to remain priorities.

I am also pleased to advise that the Town has received a credit rating of AA/Stable from S & P Global. Once again, this is just another indicator of the strength of the Town's

financial position. This year, as in the past, the Council and I projected ahead and have not relied on any short term monetary solutions. Therefore, we expect our financial condition to remain favorable into the future.

The Town's budget has been sent for review to the Office of Local Government Services for the State of New Jersey. Once the budget is approved, we will move forward with adoption. The public hearing on the budget will be May 8, 2018. The entire budget document, as well as the S & P Global report, can be viewed on our website at [www.secaucusnj.gov/rating](http://www.secaucusnj.gov/rating)

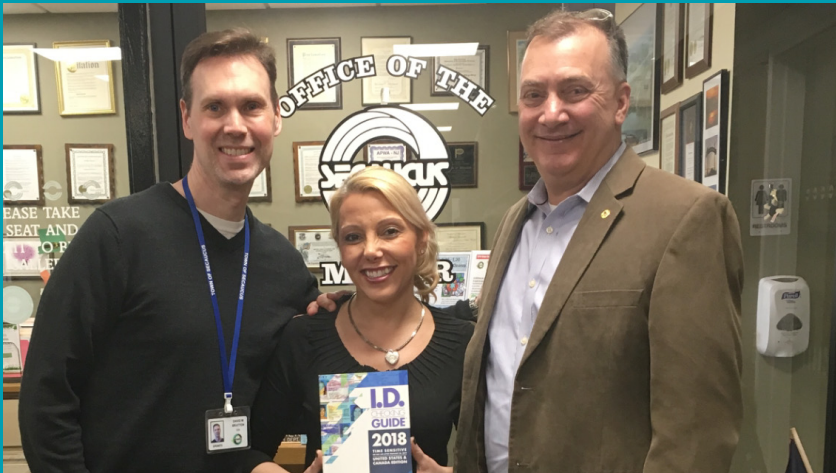
# SECAUCUS COALITION

The Secaucus Coalition provided ID Checking Guides to each of the over 40 liquor license holders in Town at no cost to the business owners. The ID book is designed to help businesses with liquor licenses make “accurate, on-the-spot verification of driver’s licenses and ID cards”, to protect against ID fraud.

“We have people from different states come to our bar all the time. If someone from Hawaii shows up and orders a drink, we’ll know what the ID should look like. It comes in handy,” said Tara Krajewski, manager of Charlie’s Corner.



SECAUCUS COALITION



One of the Secaucus Coalition’s priorities is to work to reduce underage drinking. According to Dave Bratton, Coordinator for the Coalition, “If someone who isn’t of legal age is using a fake ID to try to purchase alcohol, servers and sellers have a tool to help prevent that from happening.”

The Secaucus Coalition is a volunteer and staff run organization working to reduce the harms of substance abuse in the community. For more information about the Secaucus Coalition, visit [www.secaucuscoalition.org](http://www.secaucuscoalition.org).

## Project Pride

The Town of Secaucus will observe Project Pride Day on Saturday, May 12th. Project Pride is part of a national effort to enhance the appearance of New Jersey communities through plantings, decorative displays, and clean-ups. Secaucus started this program back in 1986, which continues today with the help of the local Girl Scouts planting flowers throughout the Plaza area.

The plantings and holiday decorations have enhanced the appearance of the Plaza in recent years. In addition, the project started a true planting program throughout the community. It is hoped that this ongoing initiative will continue to increase community spirit and pride throughout the Town. In conjunction with Project Pride, we urge all residents to undertake their own plantings, which will enhance the look of outdoor spaces, blocks, and the Town. Pride brings about a sense of cohesiveness in a community. Please come out and show your support.



spring cleanup

# SECAUCUS MUA PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS

The Secaucus Municipal Utilities Authority is working to educate residents and homeowners on the ways to prevent a sewer backup in their home. Sewer backups are unsanitary and costly to repair, thus creating an inconvenience for everyone. Homeowners and the SMUA must work together to make sure that these instances do not occur.

## Don't Flush or Pour Down The Drain

Fats, Oils or Grease  
Solid Food Particles  
Diapers and Wipes  
Feminine Products  
Paper Towels

Please do not dispose of these items into any sewage system, as they will not break down correctly and can cause a backup into your home. After cooling down, many food byproducts will solidify and cause a blockage that can restrict the pipes from functioning properly. It is important to also beware of any product which calls itself "flushable", as it may not be. The SMUA wants everyone to think twice before dumping anything into a drain. It's better for the environment, everyone's health and your wallet!

## Secaucus Year of Climate Action: Residential Solar Initiative!

2018 is the Year of Climate Action in Secaucus! The Town has started many initiatives this year to reduce our carbon emissions and use more renewable energy. Some residents have reached out to the Environmental Department asking for information on solar panels for their homes and if the Department can recommend any companies. Since our municipality cannot make recommendations as to vendors, we would like to provide a link through Sustainable Jersey to EnergySage, a website for homeowners to get information about vetted solar companies.

This is a free service and can help residents understand the incentives and programs available to purchase and finance solar panels, as well as, understanding the savings on energy costs. If you are curious about solar, and would like to learn more about your options, please visit:  
[www.energysage.com/p/secaucus-nj/](http://www.energysage.com/p/secaucus-nj/)

# Senior Center Services

The Town of Secaucus and the Department of Social Services has long been dedicated to our Senior Citizens. For all seniors living in Secaucus, the Social Services Department oversees many functions, activities, and events. The Senior Center, located at 101 Centre Avenue, is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and all senior residents are welcome! Please join us for any of the following events throughout Town:

**Bingo on Mondays and Fridays  
at 12:30 PM and on the last  
Monday of every month at  
6:00 PM**

**Seminars on Fridays at  
10:00 AM**

**Yoga on Mondays and Fridays  
at 9:30 AM**

**Exercise at the Recreation  
Center on Tuesdays and  
Thursdays at 10:00 AM**

**Water Aerobics at the  
Recreation Center on  
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM**

In addition to these regularly scheduled activities, there are also different trips scheduled for seniors. Pick up a Monthly Senior Calendar at the Senior Center or at [www.secaucusnj.gov](http://www.secaucusnj.gov) to stay in the loop. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (201) 330-2034.



# Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli distributes candy at the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt last month.

View the full photo album at [www.SecaucusNJ.gov](http://www.SecaucusNJ.gov)

# AIR FORCE DIVISION CHAMPIONS SECAUCUS RECREATION BASKETBALL TEAM



Girls 4th Grade Bergen Travel Basketball League Air Force Division Champions

**Front Row**

(L-R): Kat Sakatos, Ava Krajewski, Alexa Fu, Sarah Veloz, Gianna Torrillo, Brooke Hartung

**Back Row**

(L-R): Kiran Pisolkar, Kaylie Bartletta, Avalyn Torres, Olivia Buckingham, Ava D'Addetta

**Coaches**

Guy Pascarello, Melissa Howard, Mike Pero

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