



Secaucus Monthly

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Edition

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



OEM BUILDING DEDICATED TO SUSAN PIRRO

On Saturday, June 9th, the Town of Secaucus dedicated the OEM building to former Councilwoman Pirro. Earlier this year, Susan lost her battle with cancer but her positive impact on our community will last for many years. Susan was the Council liaison to the OEM.

Although those who knew Susan will never forget her dedication, warm personality, and heartfelt love of animals, the plaque will serve as a physical reminder of her love for Secaucus and the legacy that she leaves behind. Picture are Susan's daughters & granddaughter.

4th of July Celebration

Join Mayor Michael Gonnelli & The Town Council for the annual 4th of July celebration on Tuesday July 3rd at 6pm. The event takes place at The Swim Club and features food, amusements, entertainment & fireworks.

This event is open to Secaucus residents & their guests. ID is required.



Property Tax Bills have not gone out yet. The August 1st deadline will be extended accordingly. Please check the town website at www.secaucusnj.gov for updates.

The Mayor's Corner

Summer in Secaucus



Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli

It is hard to believe we are at the time of the year when school is out and our parks, playgrounds and pools will be filled, once again, with children looking to have fun.

The Council and I would like to remind all residents that the Town of Secaucus has many activities and fun programs for our young residents. The Secaucus Swim Club has gone through extensive renovations over the last few years and is a great place for children to spend the day. If you have not been to the pool recently I would encourage you to visit the facility as you will be impressed with the upgrades and all of the pool has to offer.

We also have many summer camps, which offer a variety of programs for children of all ages. The camps run throughout the summer. Our Recreation Department and Director of our summer camp program work all winter coordinating fun events, trips and other activities to make our camps among the best in the State. Please visit our website to view all details and to register.

It is my hope that all of our residents have a great summer and enjoy all that Secaucus has to offer.

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Secaucus Sets Four-Year Town Record!

During the past several months, Secaucus residents have turned in 323 pounds of unused or expired prescription medications to the Town prescription drug drop box located within the Secaucus Police Station. According to Secaucus Coalition records, 267lbs. were collected in 2015, 140 pounds. in 2016, and 149lbs. in 2017.

“323 pounds is more than double what was collected in each of the last two years, and the year is only half over. The people of Secaucus should be extremely proud of that,” said Dave Bratton, the Secaucus Coalition Coordinator.



“The Secaucus Coalition wants to thank Marra’s, Sam’s Club, Walmart and CVS pharmacies for helping us get the word out,” said Bratton. “And a big thank you to Det. Torres and the Secaucus Police Department for all the work they do to maintain the drop box and dispose of the medications. This would not be possible without them.”

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, or the prescription drug drop box, visit www.secaucuscoalition.org.

The Buddy Bench



The Town purchased three “Buddy Benches” which have been installed at our Pre-K, Clarendon and Huber Street Schools. The Buddy Bench idea originated in Germany and was brought to the United States by a student from an elementary school in Pennsylvania. The Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. A child can sit on the Buddy Bench to let others know that they would like to have a friend sit along with them and talk. The purpose is to make it easier to start a conversation with an old friend or a new one. Let’s spread the message of inclusion and kindness!

Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Town of Secaucus committed, through its Housing Element, to rehabilitate 42 units for qualified residents. Program summary is as follows:

1. A qualified applicant can receive a maximum of \$15,000.00 per unit for replacement of major systems in their home, i.e. heating system, roof, electrical, etc.
2. Available to owner occupied and investor units (tenant occupied).
3. Funds received will be secured by a mortgage that is forgiven at a rate of 10% per year and totally forgiven after 10 years, provided the unit continues to be occupied by an eligible program occupant.
4. Current income limits:

1 Person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
\$48,217.	\$55,105.	\$61,993.	\$68,882.	\$74,392.	\$79,903

A Rehabilitation Program Manual has been adopted and provides all guidelines for participation. The application procedure stipulated in the Program Manual will be strictly followed. Preliminary applications are due back by August 3, 2018. Applications and the Program Manual are available in the Mayor's Office . For more information, please call the Town's Housing Authority at 201-867-5902 and mention that you are interested in the Rehabilitation Program.

Grand Opening! Town Museum

Thursday July 12
4pm - 6:30pm

150 Plaza Center
(Former Library)

Come see Secaucus
history dating
from the 1890's to
present including
photographs,
memorabilia, signs,
artifacts, books,
plaques & more.



Ms. Leppin's 2nd grade class at Huber Street School are pictured with books delivered to them by Mayor Michael Gonnelli. All look happy to have received their new books!

Mayor Gonnelli can often be seen in our Pre-K and grammar schools handing out books. Educators point out how important reading is to the development of children and the books help foster a love for reading. No doubt, all those who have received the books will enjoy their summer reading! Throughout the year, The Town's Children receive donations of books from Command Web, a company located in Secaucus. The Mayor cannot thank Command Web enough for their generosity and for recognizing how important it is for a child to develop a passion for reading.



Photos This Month

Spring is a busy time for the Town of Secaucus. Check out photos from events including:

- The Street Fair
- Senior Luncheon
- Library Events
- Summer Concerts

Visit

www.SecaucusNJ.gov/pictures

Secaucus Launches Recycling Coach

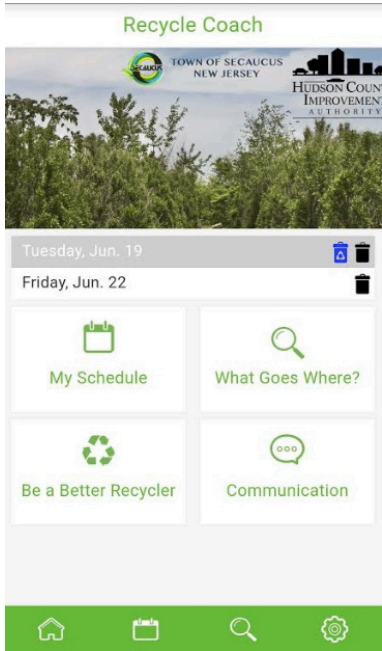
The Town of Secaucus is launching a FREE app for all residents to promote improved recycling practices.

For residents looking to reduce their household waste and become better recyclers, look no further than the Recycle Coach platform—now available in Secaucus. Residents can access Recycle Coach from their desktop computers, mobile devices, or through digital assistants like Amazon Alexa and Google Home.

With Recycle Coach, residents can:

- Stay organized with custom curbside collection and events calendars.
- Receive collection reminders and real-time updates on service disruptions.
- Become recycling experts with a comprehensive “What Goes Where?” search tool, including local disposal information and collection requirements for common and uncommon items.
- Take the “What Type of Recycler Are You?” quiz for useful recycling tips and tricks.
- Use the problem-reporting tool, equipped with geolocation, to notify municipal customer services about issues like missed collections.

Become a better recycler today by downloading the Recycle Coach app for free at the iTunes Store and Google Play. Please contact Amanda Nesheiwat, Environmental Director at 201-864-7336 with any questions.



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