



Secaucus Monthly

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



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WINTER STREET CLEANING

Effective December 17, street sweeping will be suspended for the winter.

Visit www.SecaucusNJ.gov in early March for the date that street sweeping will resume.

Newsletter Submissions

Do you have any photos taken in our Town to share?

Send articles and photos to Pia Valentin: pvalentin@secaucus.net for consideration.

The Mayor's Corner



The Town Council and I wish all Secaucus residents a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. It's great to see residents come out as a community and enjoy the festive spirit at Town events lined up this winter. From the Tree Lighting to Skating with Santa to food and toy drives for those in need, there are plenty of ways to share the joy of the season.

The Town is dressed in holiday cheer and so are many homes around town. We will continue our Holiday Lights Contest with winners chosen in the Martha Stewart, Clark Griswold and Best Block

categories. Our Town has so much to offer so come out and enjoy the season and don't be a Grinch!

To make your shopping merrier, metered parking will be suspended on streets and municipal lots in the center of Town from December 2, 2018 through January 2, 2019. Please patronize our local businesses and restaurants.

Have a safe holiday season and a happy start to the New Year.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Secaucus Annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held on November 11, 2018, at the Secaucus Post of American Legion on Second Street. Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli, members of the Town Council and many veterans attended the ceremony. A touching new mural dedicated to veterans was unveiled. The mural with the words, "All gave some, some gave all" stands tall on a brick wall above a plaque with the names of Secaucus residents who lost their lives defending our Country.

"We honor veterans today, but we want you to know that we are grateful for your service every day of the year," said Mayor Gonnelli. Refreshments were served in the American Legion building after the ceremony.

Thanksgiving Meals

The Social Services Department provided turkeys, trimmings and fixings to about 80 families in Town in the days leading up to Thanksgiving. "We thank everyone who donated food and gift cards to help this Thanksgiving program. Social Services does a great job in putting this together every November, and we hope it continues to grow so we can reach more families each year," said Lisa Snedeker, Director of Social Services.

Helping Hands Store



Good Knows No Boundaries

Charitable efforts of Helping Hands make a difference in the lives of many families in Town and beyond our borders. Recently, representatives of the Franciscan Community Development Center located in Fairview, New Jersey, were able to pick up clothes and other articles for those in need in their community. In the past, the Town has provided help to surrounding communities/families in their time of need and even shipped items to the Philippines in the aftermath of a typhoon. Helping Hands, located on 79 Metro Way, stocks items donated by many generous organizations and makes them available to those who qualify. For more information, please feel free to contact our Social Services Department at 201-330-2014.

2018 Cheerleader Showcase

Every year the Secaucus Recreation Cheerleaders have a showcase to show off their hard work and talent for their families. They put on entertaining dances and loud cheers with lots of smiles! Below is a photo of some of the cheerleaders who participated in the event. Our talented Secaucus Recreation Cheerleaders range in age from 3rd grade to 8th grade under the direction of coach / director Kerry Servino.



Renowned Speaker Comes to Secaucus

"There is greatness in this room."

Those are the words with which Marlon Smith opened his presentation to over one thousand students from Secaucus Middle and High Schools, on November 1st. An international motivational and substance abuse prevention speaker, Marlon's message focused on the decisions that propel students forward to a positive future. "The Middle School absolutely loved Marlon Smith," said Middle School Principal, Christine Candela. "His inspiring message about setting and achieving goals really resonated with our students and staff."

The Secaucus Coalition sponsored Marlon Smith's presentation, with funding from the Secaucus Police Deptment. 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.



Electric Vehicles

The Town of Secaucus has purchased two electric vehicles to replace the electric vehicles which were returned due to lease termination. Two used BMW i3 electric cars were purchased at significant cost savings and were paid for through the Recycling Tonnage Grant. Use of electric vehicles shows the Town's continued commitment to environmental initiatives. The Town has also installed four charging stations through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Three of the charging stations located at the Recreation Center, Library Lot and Municipal Lot across from Huber Street School are, for the time being, free for residents to use. A dual charging station at the Town Hall lot is used for the Town vehicles.



Secaucus Fire Department Rescues Trapped Puppy

The Secaucus Fire Department rescued a puppy trapped in a drain pipe at Laurel Hill Park on Saturday, November 17th. Rescue efforts were complicated by a retaining wall that had to be reinforced before Fire Department personnel could dig to get closer to the puppy. Rescue operations continued the next morning, and the puppy was freed and reunited with owner Kristie Ramos after a 20-hour ordeal. "The Secaucus Fire Department did a great job in rescuing the trapped puppy. Seeing the happy pet and owner was really heartwarming," said Secaucus Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli.

Prevent Fires This Winter

Be smart, be safe. Follow these tips and protect your home:

- Keep candles on a sturdy surface and blow them out before you leave the house or go to bed. Consider using flameless LED tealights.
- If you have a fresh cut Christmas tree, water it every day to prevent it from drying out. Place trees away from heat sources such as radiators and fireplaces. Unplug any lights on your tree before going to bed.
- Check decorative lights and throw away ones with frayed wires. Use extension cords in good condition and UL-labeled for indoor and outdoor use.
- Keep match boxes and lighters out of children's reach.
- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned. Use a fireplace screen to protect embers from flying on to carpet or floor. Use seasoned wood to start a fire; no wrapping paper or flammable liquid should be used to start a fire.
- Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors help save lives. Install at least one on every floor, and check and replace batteries every year.

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