



## Veterans Day November 11, 2021

Mayor Michael Gonnelli and the Town Council invite you to the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Town Hall on November 11th at 11:00 AM.

## Mayor's Corner

November brings cooler weather, and one of the most important responsibilities that a citizen must fulfill. Whether you vote by mail, or in person, please make sure that your choice counts, and your voice is heard. Who you choose to vote for is your personal and confidential decision but please remember that every vote counts in all elections—school board, municipal, county, state and national levels.

November is also a time when we honor the contributions of veterans to our country. We have numerous Secaucus residents who pledged their lives to our nation, and we are proud of them. To honor their contributions, the Town of Secaucus, along with the Knights of Columbus have installed banners with the photos and names of each veteran. More than 130 families took part in the ongoing initiative. The Town Council and I will also be present at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 to thank all Secaucus veterans for their service and for the values they share.

As you prepare to gather with family for Thanksgiving, I would like to invite you to think

about the families who are less fortunate. As in previous years, the Town will be donating turkeys to families in need and bring homemade hot meals to our seniors and homebound residents. There are many more items needed that will make Thanksgiving special for these families. Please consider donating generously to the Secaucus Food Pantry who will coordinate food distribution in Town.



The Town Council and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all residents. You make the Town the warm, welcoming, friendly, and community-oriented place that we all call home. Let's continue to keep our Town clean, safe and beautiful.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

### FOOD DRIVE

We are looking for donations of



- Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Canned Yams
- Soup



During the month the items can be dropped at the Community Center

145 Front St

Monday through Friday 8 am – 3 pm

Any questions please call

Judy or Maria at 201-330-2014

We are always looking for donations of \$10.00 gift cards to Walmart or Shop Rite

View more information on the back cover

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## NB Earth Talks Plants Trees in Town

The Town of Secaucus is committed to increasing tree cover in Town and has proudly participated in the Tree City USA program since 1993. Our Town's tree cover is below the ideal level of 30% to 40%, so the Town Council and Shade Tree Committee continue to raise funds and plant trees to reach the ideal goal. Several individuals and businesses have made generous contributions to the effort. Recently, NB Earth Talks, an organization founded earlier this year that works towards environmental justice, also contributed to this effort. On October 18th, they joined Mayor Gonnelli, members of the Town Council and the Environmental Department to plant six trees on the island on west-bound Route 3.



It is estimated that each tree costs about \$200 to plant. If you would like to plant a tree or contribute, please contact the Environmental Department at 201-864-7336.

## Advisory: Active Shooter Drill

Please be advised that on November 5th, the Secaucus Police Department will be conducting an active shooter drill at the Secaucus High School. You may notice heavy police presence at the school, Schmidt's Woods and nearby areas. There is no cause for concern, as this is a drill for training purposes only. Students will not be present on school premises during that time as school will be closed that week.

## Community Garden Dedicated to Orozco



On October 19, Mayor Michael Gonnelli, Town Council members and President and CEO of Hudson Regional Hospital Nizar Kifaieh joined members of the Orozco family and residents to dedicate the community garden to Wilfredo "Freddie" Orozco.

The beautiful ceremony on a perfect fall morning was a fitting tribute to Freddie who started the garden and used the produce in meals he created at Hudson Regional Hospital. Freddie's wife Debbie, and his daughter Danny, unveiled the dedication plaque. The Community Garden is located at Hudson Regional Hospital near the EMS parking lot and is open to all Harmon Cove residents.

## Secaucus Polling Information

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. Polling places are open 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

WARD	DISTRICT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
1	1	685 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	Clarendon School
1	2	53 Centre Avenue	1 <sup>st</sup> Reformed Church
1	3	County Avenue	Fire House
1	4	Plaza Center	Fire House
1	5	Plaza Center	Fire House
2	1	Huber Street School	Huber Street School
2	2	Huber Street School	Huber Street School
2	3	Huber Street School	Huber Street School
2	4	Huber Street School	Huber Street School
2	5	Huber Street School	Huber Street School
3	1	685 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	Clarendon School
3	2	1 Harmon Cove	Recreation Building
3	3	777 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	Community Room
3	4	764 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	Fire House

## Fall Décor Transforms Center of Town

As the weather turns cooler and the sun's rays lose the sweltering sizzle, the center of Town transforms from the bright colors of Summer to warm tones of Fall. The Department of Public Works plants mums of different shades, and adds Fall décor including haystacks, wagons, pumpkins and beautiful banners. If you like what you see, stop and say "thank you" when you pass by a DPW worker around Town. They truly make our Town a welcoming place in every season!



## Covid-19 Vaccines Available at Secaucus POD

The Secaucus Vaccination POD continues to provide you with a convenient location for COVID-19 vaccines. First, second, third and booster doses are currently being offered. Eligibility, scheduling and appointment information changes periodically, as the CDC and FDA are still issuing guidance. For the latest information, please visit our website [www.secaucusnj.gov/virus](http://www.secaucusnj.gov/virus) or call the Health Department at 201-330-2031.

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Access official proof of your COVID-19 vaccine record with the new Docket® App.

### 1. Set-up your account.

Download the free Docket® app. Login with email, Apple or Google account.

### 2. Search your records.

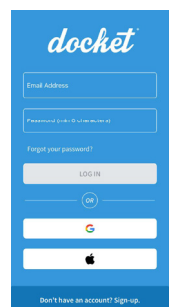
Select New Jersey Department of Health. You can refresh your search results or retry your search as needed.

### 3. Achieve immunity.

**Simple Vaccine Verification**  
Access and share your official New Jersey COVID-19 immunization report.

**Add Family members**  
Manage your family's immunizations from a single Docket® account.

**Easy Record Refresh**  
Got a new shot? Drag and release to refresh your records.



Scan to download the Docket® app

NJ Residents with a valid email or phone number on file with the state can access COVID-19 records on the app.





## Students Love Walk with a Cop Program

Residents may have noticed a lot of happy students being escorted to school by police officers. What was that about? It was a continuation of the Secaucus Police Department's community policing strategy—this one is the "Walk with a Cop" program where students of Clarendon and Huber Elementary schools were invited to walk to school in the company of police officers. The program was intended to make officers more approachable to school children and improve police-community relations. It was also an opportunity for officers to share pedestrian and traffic safety tips. The program saw robust participation by Clarendon School students on October 15th and Huber School students on October 22nd. Students were led by Police Chief Dennis Miller and several other officers. Therapy Dog Oakley made the occasion even more special as he welcomed hugs from eager students.



## Residents Upcycle Through GreenDrop

The Town of Secaucus officially partners with GreenDrop LLC to offer residents an opportunity to drop-off unwanted, donate-able items at least twice per year in conjunction with our popular town-wide garage sales. This partnership is promoted to residents to give their household items a second chance and in doing so, they can reduce landfill waste while also helping raise critical funds for charity. GreenDrop works on behalf of charities including the American Red Cross, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the National Federation of the Blind.

The effort has been a success! On October 2nd, residents dropped off 148 bags/boxes after the Fall Town-wide Garage Sale. Earlier, Secaucus residents dropped off 62 bags/boxes at the Green Fest, and 240 bags/boxes after the Spring Town-wide Garage Sale. That's an impressive 450 bags/boxes this year! Secaucus will continue to partner with GreenDrop for all future town-wide garage sales. All GreenDrop event flyers are regularly posted at municipal buildings, on the Town's Facebook page, Town website, community calendar, and in the Secaucus Newsletter. For individual drop offs to GreenDrop, please visit [GoGreenDrop.com](http://GoGreenDrop.com) or call 1-888-944-3767.

Larger furniture and other items not accepted by GreenDrop can be donated locally year-round by using instructions provided on the Town's Recycle Coach App within the "What Goes Where" search tool. Additionally, you can contact the Environmental Department at 201-864-7336 for further guidance on donating unwanted items.

## Volunteer Group Asez Wao Cleans Up Park Plaza Drive

On October 3rd, Asez Wao, an international young adult volunteer group participated in a massive clean-up drive in the Park Plaza Drive area. Anyone who has been in the area is aware of the floating plastic bags, soda cans, paper and other kinds of trash that is littered in the area, often getting trapped behind the wire fence. This area is particularly environmentally sensitive as pieces of trash not only pollute local land parcels but also potentially end up in the waterways. More than 80 volunteers participated in the effort and collected 130 bags of trash. "This was a much-needed effort and I thank Asez Wao for volunteering their time. We were pleasantly surprised with the number of Asez Wao volunteers that came out to help, but what was even more impressive is that each one worked wholeheartedly and with a purpose," said Mayor Michael Gonnelli. The Asez Wao team was formally honored at the October 13th Town Council Meeting. Mayor Michael Gonnelli and the Town Council presented a Proclamation to the volunteer team to thank them for this effort.

Clean-up efforts like this one are coordinated by the Environmental Department. If you or a group you know would like to volunteer, please call the Environmental Department Coordinator Jennifer Schneider at 201-864-7336.







# This Month in Secaucus

Upcoming Events  
Community Highlights  
Reminders

Mayor and Town Council  
Present

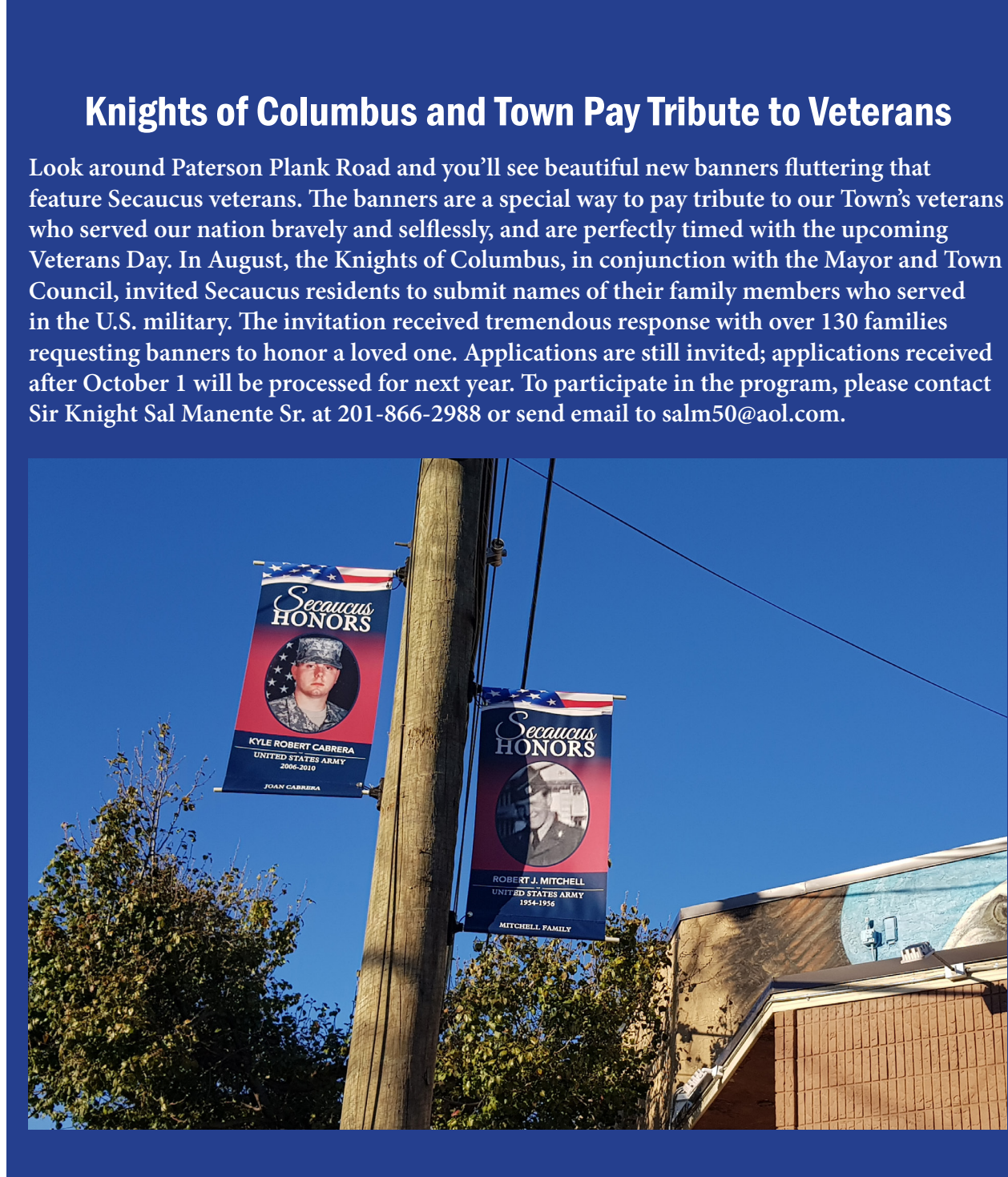
## Secaucus Ice Rink

STARTING OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
**Open Skating**

<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b> 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b> 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

**Admission \$3.00**  
**Skate Rental \$2.00**  
John Schwartz – Facilities Director  
Michael Pero – Recreation Superintendent

For more information please call (551) 257-7207



## Knights of Columbus and Town Pay Tribute to Veterans

Look around Paterson Plank Road and you'll see beautiful new banners fluttering that feature Secaucus veterans. The banners are a special way to pay tribute to our Town's veterans who served our nation bravely and selflessly, and are perfectly timed with the upcoming Veterans Day. In August, the Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with the Mayor and Town Council, invited Secaucus residents to submit names of their family members who served in the U.S. military. The invitation received tremendous response with over 130 families requesting banners to honor a loved one. Applications are still invited; applications received after October 1 will be processed for next year. To participate in the program, please contact Sir Knight Sal Manente Sr. at 201-866-2988 or send email to salm50@aol.com.

### Secaucus Emergency Food Pantry

#### Holiday Wish List

Stuffing Canned Yams Pasta  
Mashed Potatoes Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Corn Marinara Sauce  
Mac & Cheese Cookies Turkey Gravy

\$10 gift cards to local supermarkets  
(for perishable items-milk, bread, cheese, etc.)

**Holiday TOY DRIVE** **New, Unwrapped Toys needed**  
**for less-fortunate children between**  
**the ages of 6 to 12 years old**

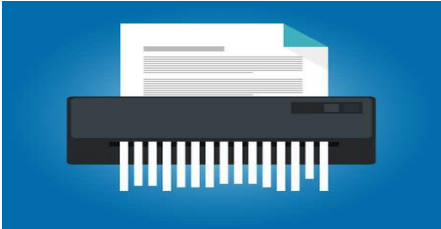
Bring all donations to:  
**Senior Center—145 Front St—M-F 8-3**

**NOW through December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please call 201-330-2014  
To find out how you can help


### Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA) Shredding Event in Secaucus

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Secaucus High School (Parking Lot)

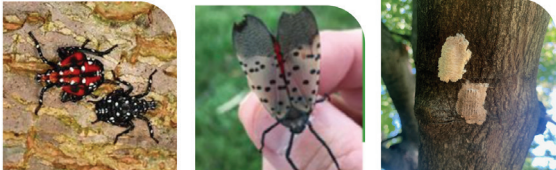


Shredding personal documents and sensitive materials is the best and only way to protect yourself from identity theft and keep your confidential information secure. Shredding paper can also help you save on storage space, remove fire hazards, and help the environment! Bring your discardable documents to this shredding event and have it professionally shredded. Remove large binder pins and paper clips. Please note, due to COVID-19 restrictions, participants must remain in their vehicles and place shredding materials in their trunk. HCIA personnel will unload and shred the paper.

For more information, visit [www.hcia.org](http://www.hcia.org) or call 201-324-6222, Ext. 3257



## STOMP OUT THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY




**Nymph Stage** (April-August)    **Adult Stage** (July-December)    **Egg Masses** (September-June)

The Spotted Lanternfly is not native to the US. It is an invasive species capable of **destroying woodlands and gardens.**

If you find any **egg masses** please contact the Environmental Department at [environmental@secaucus.net](mailto:environmental@secaucus.net)

For more resources scan the following QR code:



A chronic and severe BLOOD SHORTAGE is still affecting hospital patients throughout NJ. Your HELP IS NEEDED. PLEASE DONATE BLOOD & PLATELETS!

**You're the right type**  
Thank you for being a blood donor!

## URGENT NEED COMMUNITY BLOOD & PLATELET DRIVE

Sponsored By The Secaucus Police Department



**Secaucus Recreation Center**  
1200 Koelle Blvd., Secaucus NJ 07094

**Sat., November 6, 2021**  
**8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

All presenting donors will receive a \$5.00 Starbucks card, a tee shirt and be entered into a raffle to win a \$ 50.00 VISA gift card.

MASKS REQUIRED. ALL MEDICAL QUESTIONS TO RWJUH BLOOD SERVICES @ 732-235-8100 Ext. 248

## Secaucus Wants Your Pumpkins

Every **WEDNESDAY** in November  
Include your pumpkins, cornstalks, & hay bales with your **bagged leaves\*** for pickup in front of your house

**\*FREE biodegradable bags are available for residents at the DPW. Call 201-330-2080 to schedule a pickup time. Reminder: NO plastic bags!**




Interested in composting at home or with the town drop-off? Visit [secaucusnj.gov/compost](http://secaucusnj.gov/compost)



### Tropical Storm Ida

#### FEMA Applications Still Open

FEMA Emergency Assistance applications are open for residents and businesses impacted by Tropical Storm Ida. Apply online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). The in-person Disaster Recovery Center at the Secaucus Public Library is now closed.

The deadline to apply for disaster assistance is **Thursday, November 4, 2021.**



Mayor Michael Gonnelli and Town Council

Appointments are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED and available at [rwjhdonorclub.org](http://rwjhdonorclub.org) or by calling 732-235-8100 ext. 221. Bring a photo ID & be sure to eat and drink prior to donating.

