# Secaucus



# Newsletter



Frank Schillari, Hudson County Veterans Service Representative Joann Northgrave, Assemblyman Mejia and others to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Direct U.S. military involvement ended in 1973 with the last of the soldiers coming home on March 29th that year.

# **Mayor's Corner**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our business partners who generously donate to support families in need throughout our Town and beyond. We have had overwhelming success in connecting donated items to those that need them, thanks to the ongoing contributions of repeat donors. I am very happy that my team and I can facilitate the effort—residents, neighboring towns and shelters in the area have benefitted immensely from the distribution of donated clothes, food, household items, furniture, TVs and everything in between.

Secaucus also has a very supportive and generous business community that pitches in to support a range of programs in Town. Arbor Day is just around the corner and Secaucus has been able to achieve the honor of being Tree City USA for several years now. This is in big part because our businesses support tree plantings through their donations. Our Little League and Recreational teams are also sponsored by businesses big and small—and the teams proudly wear the sponsors' names. The Imagine Garden at Meadowlands Parkway is a project we are all proud of and was made possible by several sponsors including Sadhu Vaswani Center, ZT Systems, Union Beer Distributors, The Jerry Perricone Foundation,

Home Depot, Life Art
Kitchen Cabinetry and
many more. Additionally,
volunteers from several
organizations such as The
RealReal Foundation,
Rotary Club, Native
Plant Society and more
will make the garden
a beautiful place to
enjoy and garden. Large
businesses including

Hudson Regional Hospital and Hartz Mountain as well as small businesses such as Natolis and Mike's Icecream have pitched in at various events. The contributions are too exhaustive to list here but on behalf of all residents, I thank you for each and every contribution that comes in—they make our programs and events possible and help out more people than you can imagine.

I think it takes a village to raise a village. Thank you to all donors and contributors from the bottom of my heart.

Be well and stay safe.

## **Memorial Day Parade**

The 2023 Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 20th beginning at 12 noon. This year, the parade route has been modified. The revised route is as follows:

- Assembly will be on Enterprise
   Avenue North, just past the 5th Street
   gate and will proceed North on 5th
   Street to Flanagan Way
- Turn right on Flanagan Way
- Left onto Plaza Center
- Turn right into Buchmuller Park

There will be food and entertainment in Buchmuller Park immediately following the parade.



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### Original Kroll Heights Residents Recognized by Housing Authority

The Secaucus Housing Authority Board of Commissioners recognized Dolores Concepcion and Sophie Deliberto at their recent board meeting. Both Mrs. Concepcion and Mrs. Deliberto are original Kroll Heights' residents who moved into the building in June and August, respectively of 1993. Starting from the back pictured from left to right are Michael H. Harper, Chairperson and Michael Schlemm, Vice Chairperson, Sergio Castillo, Sylvia Castillo



(cousins to Dolores Concepcion), Virginia DiBisceglie (daughter of Sophie Deliberto), Donna Sciancalepore (niece of Sophie Deliberto) and John Roggio.

### **Read Across America**

The first week of March, Read Across America brings a special kind of excitement to elementary schools across the nation. In our own schools, the week was observed from February 27th to March 3rd. Parents had the opportunity to go to their child's classroom and read a book to the students. Mayor Gonnelli, Town Council members, Police Chief Miller, members of the Secaucus Police and Fire departments participated and had a great time interacting with the students.



### **Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program**

The Town of Secaucus committed, through its Housing Department, to rehabilitate units for qualified residents. Many took advantage of the program, however, there are still some funds available for those who may qualify. Here's a program summary:

- A qualified applicant can receive a maximum of \$15,000 per unit for replacement of major systems in their home, i.e. heating system, roof, electrical, etc.
- Available for owner-occupied and investor units (tenant occupied).
- 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.
- Current income limits:

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
\$58,277	\$66,602	\$74,928	\$83,253	\$89,913	\$96,573

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. Applications and the Program Manual are available at the Secaucus Housing Authority. It is a limited program so apply as soon as possible. For more information, please call the Secaucus Housing Authority at 201-867-5902 and mention that you are interested in the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

### Police Officers Recognized for Exemplary Service

On March 11, Chief Dennis Miller and members of the Secaucus Police Department were joined by Mayor Gonnelli, members of the Town Council, families of police officers, and other residents, to honor the achievements of the officers who went above and beyond the call of duty and/or achieved remarkable results in service to our community. Several police officers were honored for a range of exemplary achievements and we are lucky to have such an excellent and proactive police force. We are grateful to our police officers for ensuring our safety each and every day. For more information and updates, check out the Secaucus Police Department's Facebook page



### **Cheering for the Cheerleading Team**



The Secaucus High School Cheerleading team was honored by Mayor Michael Gonnelli and the Town Council at the March 14th Town Council Meeting. The team are the 2023 State Cheerleading Champions All Music Med Varsity as well as the 2023 Group 2 Combined Champions.

### **Girl Scout Troop Leaders Honored**



The Secaucus Girl Scouts have been going strong for more than 50 years under the leadership of two very dedicated troop leaders. Helen Allen who has led the Girl Scouts for 52 years and Judy Jaeger who led for 42+ years, were honored by Mayor Gonnelli and the Town Council at the March 25th Town Council meeting. The Girl Scouts, who started the meeting with a color guard march, received backpacks filled with several items. Councilman James Clancy applauded their service projects and made special mention of Project Pride, held early in May where the girls plant flower saplings around Town.

Congratulations and thank you, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Jaeger and the Secaucus Girl Scouts!

### Wrestling His Way to the Top



Secaucus High School Wrestler Dean Costantino is a two-time District Champion with 104 career wins. He ended the season 39-4, the most wins in a season. Dean was honored at the March 14th Town Council Meeting for his extraordinary season. His proud father, Councilman Rob Costantino, recited a long list of Dean's accomplishments on the mat, without needing to refer to any notes as he witnessed it all first-hand. Pictured above is the proud family, including Dean's mother, grandmother, and brothers. They were all beaming with pride. We understand Dean will continue wrestling at the college level at NJCU.

### **Military Tribute Banner Program**

Here's a great way to honor a loved one who has served or is serving in the US Military. The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Peter B. O' Connor Assembly1543 in conjunction with the Town of Secaucus is continuing the Tribute Banner program. Under this program a printed banner of your loved ones will be displayed on poles throughout our community each year before Veteran's Day as a sign of public recognition for their service to our country. This would be a great opportunity for your honoree as well as your family to publicly display the appreciation that you have for our

veterans as well as for the public to remember them. The honoree does not have to be a resident.

To participate in this program, please contact Sir Knight Sal Manente Sr. at 201-866-2988 or e-mail him at salm50@aol.com with a photograph of the veteran (preferably in uniform) and the name of the family/individual sponsoring the banner. Deadline is June 17, 2023!

### **Diversity Fair Held in Secaucus**



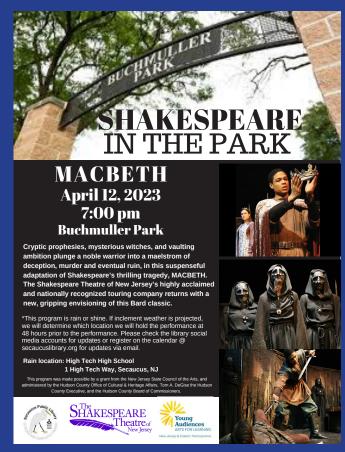
On March 19th, more than 250 performers, artists, authors and vendors from 20 world cultures and more than 600 visitors came together to celebrate the 1st International Diversity Fair at the Secaucus Recreation Center.

The Diversity Fair was organized by The Diversity Center in collaboration with

the Town of Secaucus and was sponsored by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was a spectacular event

showcasing world cultures through music and dance performances, author readings, diverse food offerings, an art competition, country showcase tables and sports activities, which kept visitors of all ages engaged and delighted. All agreed this was a great event and was very well attended considering was the first time the event took place.





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Location: 145 Front St.

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

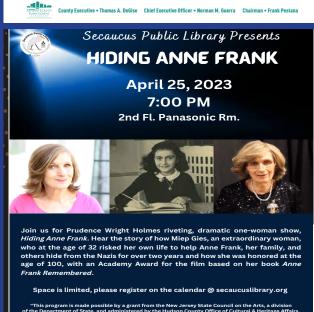
\*\*All types of positions/shifts available!\*\*

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# **Schools**

Dear Secaucus Families,

I hope everyone is doing well!

Spring is upon us and a new season of sports has begun. Our students are outside enjoying the Springlike weather and all of the activities in our wonderful town. We are asking our parents and residents to please be careful while driving around our school areas, parking only in legal spots when dropping off and picking up your children from school.

Please take a moment to scan the QR code on this page to view our 2023-2024 High School Program of Studies, or visit the high school website at https://shs.sboe.org/. This document provides students and families with a great amount of information on course offerings and programming that the high school has available! Also remember that all district events for all of our schools could be accessed on the Google Calendar available on the www.sboe.org webpage.

I would like to quickly remind parents/guardians and Secaucus residents about our "Parent Communication Form" that is also available on the www.sboe.org website (as a button on the right side of the page labeled 'Parent Questions/Comments'). We welcome all feedback and will use the questions submitted to populate our bi-weekly FAQ that is available under the "News" section of our www.sboe.org website.

Again, thank you for supporting our school district!

Best Regards,

Dr. Daniela Riser

**Acting Superintendent of Schools** 

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### Sixth Graders Search for Fossils

The students in Mr. Mroz's and Mrs. Maloney's 6th grade Science classes recently got to experience the chance to search for fossils. The students were able to sift through sediment obtained from a phosphate mine in North Carolina that was once under water millions of years ago. The amateur paleontologists found shells, various types of shark teeth



along with other types of marine fossils. The hands-on experience excited many of the students as seen in the photos.

### Sail Computer Class



Secaucus High School S.A.I.L. students held their monthly virtual Senior Citizen Computer tutoring class.



### **March Madness**

Students in Mrs. Bartletta's class at Clarendon
School enjoyed their own
March Madness Fraction
basketball during math this
week! With their partners,
the students took turns
being the basket and taking
shots with their paper
basketballs. They used tally
marks to keep track of the
number of shots made and
missed and then compared
their fractions.



### Holi



Students from around the district celebrate "Holi", a Hindu holiday celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring!

# Pi Day







Students around the district celebrate Pi day on March 14th! "Pi" is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159