

125th Anniversary

Join us on on May 31, 2025 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM at Center of Town-Buchmuller Park for our 125th anniversary celebration. Read more on page 2 and order your shirts, mugs, banners, and more on page 3.

Mayor’s Corner

This year, as we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Secaucus, we also honor the love residents have for our Town. A lot of things may have changed in the last 125 years, but the sense of community and pride in the small-town feel has remained constant.

That sense of community and pride is also reflected in the many small businesses that call Secaucus their home. Some have been here for a very long time—businesses such as Marra’s Drugstore and Charlie’s Corner are part of our historic fabric. And some have been long-time partners such as Natoli’s, Filomena’s, Giovanni’s, Plaza Pizza, Plank Road Inn and Mike’s Ice Cream (now Uncle D’s) that have been part of our lives for decades. More recently we have had an increasing interest in new businesses looking to open in Town, which, to me, reflects the confidence businesses have in our community.

For quite some time, we waited for a local grocery store and recently Grocery Square has officially opened. I would ask that you take advantage of their convenient location, visit the store and support their business. They have a wide range of fresh produce and many staples that you may need. Additionally, the laundromat on Front Street is freshly

renovated and opening under new management with a new name Bubbles and More.

In addition to the businesses scattered throughout the business district and residential neighborhoods, there has been quite a few new “faces” in the Harmon Plaza development. Flagship brands such as Cava and Shake Shack opened in Secaucus and a few more, including Dallas BBQ and Dulce de Haute are slated to open soon. Even the previously shuttered Holiday Inn has been renovated and is scheduled to open in the next couple of months under a different name. It is good to see businesses doing well in our Town and I hope residents come out and support them because a thriving local business community is good for all of us.

For all those who are thinking Spring, the wait is getting shorter!

Be well and stay safe.



Secaucus Prevails in Lawsuit

Secaucus recently filed a lawsuit against Jersey City challenging their County Tax Ratio. We are pleased to report our efforts were successful and will result in a reduction of approximately \$1.5 million from the overall amount that the Town has to pay in taxes to the County for 2025. “This is a tremendous tax savings to our residents and business community. We are very happy with the outcome of this tax litigation, and this is just another example of how my administration continuously works for the benefit of our community”, stated Mayor Gonnelli.



Mayor Michael Gonnelli and The Town Council
Invite Secaucus Residents to

Celebrate the
125th Anniversary of Secaucus

May 31, 2025
Rain date June 1st
Buchmuller Park
11am-9pm

T-shirts, mugs, journal ads, and banners for sale

Scan QR code:



- Mayor Michael Gonnelli- mayor@secaucus.net - O: 201-330-2005
- Councilman William McKeever
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Secaucus, NJ 07094

Cutest Dog Contest Winners

A fun contest turns out to be an impressive fundraiser for the Secaucus Animal Shelter.

Secaucus Spectator and Secaucus Patch organized the “Cutest Dog” contest and received an overwhelming response. Nearly 450 votes were cast with 200 votes cast for Bearman owned by Evan Pope. Guinness, owned by Colleen McCaffery, won the second place prize. As part of organizing this contest, Don Evanson of Secaucus Spectator and Carly Baldwin of Patch, donated \$200 each to the Animal Shelter in Town. Evanson also presented a \$100 check to Pope and \$50 check to McCaffery (which she donated to the Animal Shelter).



Secaucus Resident Wins the Harold Feinberg Conservation Award

At the NJ Meadowlands Eagle Festival held on January 12, 2025, Secaucus resident, Edna Duffy, received the 15th Annual Harold Feinberg Conservation Award. Mayor Gonnelli and Councilmembers Rob Constantino and Orietta Tringali joined Don Torino, President of the Bergen County Audubon Society (BCAS) to present the award. The award is in honor of Harold Feinberg, a longtime member and field trip chairman for BCAS.

Edna was nominated by Mayor Gonnelli for spearheading many eco-friendly initiatives in Town over the last 30 years. She volunteered at the Shade Tree committee and contributed to efforts leading to a growing tree canopy in Town.

Edna’s firm belief of “save and build habitats and they shall come” resulted in her relentless pursuit of creating and nurturing spaces that are inviting for wildlife. She is a strong supporter of native gardens and helped create a butterfly garden at Fountain Park. Other gardens were created in local churchyards, at the Duck Pond, and Monarch Park on Radio Avenue, some with school children during Arbor Day Celebrations. Gardens at her own home are a collection of a wide variety of plants, creating an oasis for hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees. She is a passionate birder and travels widely, carefully cataloging birds sighted and writing about them, including a column Edna used to write for the Home News. She has also supported the Hackensack Riverkeeper, both financially and through clean-up efforts, for over two decades. From protecting nesting habitat to advocating for safe migration paths, Edna has partnered with a range of groups to help make our Town the nature-friendly place that it is.



New Leadership at Secaucus Fire Department

On January 3, 2025, in a room at La Reggia filled with supporters and fellow firefighters, the three new Fire Chiefs took the oath of Office. Lawrence Marciano was sworn in as Chief; Nicholas Nardone took over as Deputy Chief, and Jason Leppin stepped in as the Battalion Chief. The oath-taking ceremony was officiated by Town Clerk, Michael Marra.

Chief Lawrence J. Marciano began his service as a volunteer firefighter with the Secaucus Fire Department in September 1972 as a member of Washington Hook & Ladder Co. #1. Throughout his volunteer career, he has served as Captain of the company on several occasions and currently acts as its Treasurer. Chief Marciano is also a Life Member of the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association and presently serves as the Trustee Chairman of the Secaucus Firemen’s Relief Association.

Deputy Chief Nicholas B. Nardone Sr. began his service as a volunteer firefighter with the Secaucus Fire Department in January 1999. He is assigned to Engine Company #1 and has been a dedicated member of the department for over two decades. His commitment to firefighting runs in the family, as his son, Nicholas B. Nardone Jr., also serves as a firefighter.



Battalion Chief Jason Leppin began his service as a volunteer firefighter with Chicora Park Engine Co. #3 in August 1998. Over the years, he has remained a dedicated member of the department and currently serves as a Representative to the Secaucus Firemen’s Relief Association.



In addition to the chiefs, Nicholas Mandara was sworn in as Lieutenant and Jasmine Garcia, Raymond Ortiz Jr., Kory Avila, Ismael Moronta-Rodriguez, Massim Iacopelli were sworn in as new volunteer firefighters at the Town Council Meeting on January 7, 2025.

We wish the new Chiefs the best of luck and thank them and all of our volunteer firefighters for their service to our community.

Looking for a Job?

The Town of Secaucus has a new, dedicated page for postings about full time, part time and seasonal jobs! If you’re looking for a job opening, scan the QR code to check out the latest open listings. You can also check our website and the Bulletin Board in the Town Hall lobby. For further help with your job search in our area and beyond, please reach Employment Coordinator Tara Acquiviva at 201-863-2532 or email her at tacquiviva@secaucus.net. You may be able to tap into her resources



Two New Medical Escort Cars



The Town recently procured two new electric vehicles for use by the Secaucus Medical Escort. “The medical escort service sees a lot of demand, so the additional cars were needed. The choice of electric cars versus traditional gas car was deliberate and in line with our efforts to increase green energy usage,” said Mayor Gonnelli.

Medical Escort is a service available to you and an accompanying personal care attendant for round-trip transportation from your home to a specific location for medical care purposes. Service is available by appointment only. Please call 201-330-2082 for appointments, or changes to already booked appointments.

Secaucus Freshman Wins Voice of Democracy Essay Competition



Anezka George, a Secaucus High School student, won the 2024-2025 Voice of Democracy audio essay competition organized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). This year’s theme was “Is America Today Our Forefather’s Vision?” She and her family were invited to a VFW awards gala at Toms River where she received the honor. She was also invited to the Town Council Meeting on January 28th, where she had the opportunity to read her essay as well as receive a scholarship check from the Secaucus VFW Post 3776. The Mayor and Town Council also presented her with a certificate and gift.

Mrs. Evelyn Bonin, the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3776 in Secaucus, leads the administration of the competition in Secaucus and is proud of Secaucus students who have been winning awards over the last 3 years. Congratulations to Anezka!

125th Anniversary Celebrations

Grand “Secaucus Day” on May 31, 2025
11:00 AM – 9:00 PM at
Center of Town-Buchmuller Park

Let’s get together for a fun day of music, games, concerts, performances, rides, food, fireworks and more as we celebrate Secaucus’ 125th Anniversary! The center of Town including Buchmuller Park, First Avenue, Little League Field and surrounding areas will be abuzz with excitement. Leading up to the event, you can buy commemorative merchandise such as t-shirts and mugs. Find out about how to put your forever mark on these celebrations by purchasing a display banner or an advertisement in the commemorative journal—ways to showcase your pride in the history of our great town. See page 3 for order forms!

NJBPU Makes Major Milestone Announcement in Secaucus

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities chose Secaucus to make an announcement of a major milestone—the State achieved 5 gigawatts (GW) of installed solar capacity, more than doubling its solar energy output since 2017. The announcement was made on January 23rd at the Secaucus Ice Rink where a solar installation project with a capacity of 287.1 kilowatts was completed by Schneider Electric. “We completed two major solar projects last year; one at the Ice Rink and the other at the Recreation Center. We thank NJBPU and Schneider Electric—without their partnership we would not have been able to complete these important projects. We will continue to explore more ways to expand our clean energy opportunities and look forward to expanding our solar energy projects,” said Mayor Michael Gonnelli.

Making the announcement about the State’s solar energy milestone, NJBPU President Christine Guhl-Sadovy congratulated Secaucus on its robust participation in the program and added, “Doubling the amount of solar capacity and crossing 5GW since Governor Murphy took office reflects the hard work and commitment of the NJBPU to bolstering our solar sector and the thousands of good, local jobs it employs while transitioning New Jersey to a clean energy future.”

Hudson County Commissioner Robert Baselice commended Governor Murphy’s commitment to positioning New Jersey as a national leader in clean energy and applauded Hudson County’s contribution towards this goal.

Amanda Nesheiwat, HCIA Director of Sustainability and Community Outreach and Bryan McGair, Sustainability Business Account Executive at Schneider electric also commended Secaucus’s participation in the solar initiative and pledged continued collaboration with the Town.



Secaucus Police Department Receives Distinguished Re-accreditation Honor

The Secaucus Police Department was reaccredited for a third time—a remarkable honor shared by only 8% of departments statewide. Additionally, the department is the first in New Jersey to secure accreditation for its communication center, making it the first to hold accreditations for both the police department and communications center. Harry Delgado, Accreditation Director for the State Association of Chiefs of Police, announced the achievement and presented a Certificate of Re-accreditation to Chief Dennis Miller at the Town Council meeting held on January 28, 2025. The NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police administers the accreditation program and requires agencies to adhere to best practices in five fundamental areas: administrative, personnel, operations, investigative and arrestee/detainee functions. Accepting the certificate, Chief Dennis Miller promised to continue enhancing the department and thanked his officers and staff for this significant achievement.




Group Helps Raise Awareness about Mental Wellness

What happens when a group of young people notice that mental wellness in their peers is often ignored? In Secaucus, they come together and form ProjectIris, a group that not only highlights the importance of mental health and but also creates a support system for those who need it. “There are a lot of organizations that focus on food insecurity or clothing drives, but we noticed we need a local group that cares about the mental health of our friends and classmates. We were not talking about it and giving it the attention it deserves. ProjectIris does a lot of fundraisers, and we received a tremendous support from residents and the Fire Department, especially Washington Hook and Ladder on County Avenue,” said Kritika Jhamatt, President and Founder of ProjectIris.

ProjectIris hopes to reflect the symbolism of the iris flower as a symbol of hope, positivity, gratitude and affection. Since last year, the group has been organizing fundraisers to raise awareness about mental health, and challenges stigmas that often impede a person from seeking help. “The more we talk about it, the greater the awareness,” said Mriam Awad, a ProjectIris member and volunteer at the Secaucus Fire Department. Informal meetings held at the Secaucus Public Library increase awareness regarding mental health issues and gives young residents a platform to address problems they may be facing. Issues such as bullying, eating disorders, ideation of suicide, depression, ADHD, and PTSD are highlighted on ProjectIris’ social media pages. The group has also organized several fundraisers to build their education and engagement campaigns. If young residents would like to volunteer with ProjectIris, please email projectiris.2024@gmail.com.

125th Anniversary Order Forms



125th Anniversary Celebrations

Commemorative Banner - Order Form



A commemorative banner with your name to be displayed on a pole in town. The banner will be available to you when it is removed.

To order, please mail filled-in form along with a check in the amount of \$200 to:

Town of Secaucus - 125th Anniversary
1203 Paterson Plank Road
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Last day to receive orders is March 14, 2025.

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME ON BANNER: _____

Email: 125celebrate@secaucus.net if you have any questions.
For the latest updates and event info, please visit www.secaucusnj.gov/celebrate

SECAUCUS

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

May 31, 2025

AD JOURNAL ORDER FORM

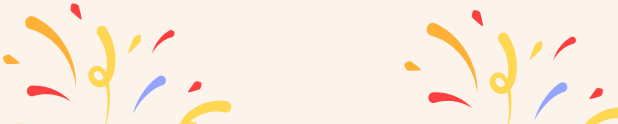
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover Advertisement (one available)	\$ 5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Page Advertisement	\$ 2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Advertisement	\$ 1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Advertisement	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card-Sized Advertisement	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Booster Advertisement, Large Print	\$ 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Booster Advertisement, Small Print	\$ 10

Please attach a separate page indicating exactly how you would like your advertisement to appear in the journal.
Please make checks payable to TOWN OF SECAUCUS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2025

Remit payment to:
Town of Secaucus
Attn: 125th Anniversary
1203 Paterson Plank Road
Secaucus, NJ 07094

For more information, visit www.secaucusnj.gov/celebrate
or email: 125celebrate@secaucus.net



SECAUCUS

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

May 31, 2025

MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirt - Blue	S - M - L - XL*	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirt - Red	S - M - L - XL*	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mug - Blue		\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mug - Red		\$ 5.00

*Larger sizes available upon request via special order \$15.00





T-Shirts and mugs available for purchase with cash or check at
Town Hall - Administrative Office
1203 Paterson Plank Road, Second Floor
9:00AM-4:00PM Monday-Friday
or
Social Services
145 Front Street
9:00AM-3:00PM Monday-Friday

Please make checks payable to:
TOWN OF SECAUCUS
Add "125th Anniversary" in memo line
For inquiries, please call (201) 330-2007
or email: 125celebrate@secaucus.net
www.secaucusnj.gov/celebrate

HAVE "U" GOT GAME?

4 on 4 Half Court Basketball Tournament

Hosted by *Secaucus Spectator*
Teams from Throughout Hudson County
First 12 Teams Admitted. All Players over 18 years of age.



Date: Sunday March 16 9 to 1PM
Recreation Center on Koelle Blvd

The Game Is
Four on Four Half Court
First Team to Get Seven Baskets Wins
Best Two Out of Three Games Wins

Tournament Held at the
Secaucus Recreation Center
1200 Koelle Blvd.
Secaucus NJ
201-330-3299



Team Captains Can Mail Check to:
Secaucus Spectator 1407 Harmon Cove Towers Secaucus NJ 07094.
Check of \$100 Made to Secaucus Spectator
Teams Must Be at Rec Center Ready to Play March 16 at 9:00 A.M. Sharp.
Proceeds for Secaucus Food Pantry
CALL Don Evanson 201-902-9307 For Details or E-mail
secaucusspec@aol.com

TROPHY AWARDED TO WINNING TEAM
PLUS RETURN OF \$100 ENTRY FEE.



Mayor Michael Gonnelli and The Town Council
Invite Secaucus Residents to the

SECAUCUS RESIDENT ART SHOW 2025

Wednesday April 2nd
6pm-8pm


Secaucus Town Hall
1203 Paterson Plank Road

Enjoy art, live music, and food!



The Flavors & History of African Food

Wednesday, February 26th
6:30 pm
Panasonic Rm.



In Celebration of Black History Month, come take a historical journey of food and learn how African cultures have influenced what we eat in the United States and around the world. You will enjoy a food tasting by Chef Sean Hassan, of Rythm N Food, as we discuss topics such as: Soul Food, French Creole, Caribbean Cuisine, and a variety of other foods we have come to know and love. Library programs are ADA-accessible. Special accommodations are available upon request.

Space is limited please register at secaucuslibrary.org



The Mayor and Town Council in collaboration with the Muslim Community of Secaucus invite all residents to

Our Annual Ramadan Crescent Event

Sunday
02/23/2025
Plaza Center
12-2pm



Join us as we welcome Ramadan 2025 with the Secaucus Town Ramadan Crescent Giveaways while supplies last

FREE Skin Cancer Screening



If you are 18 and over, have not been screened for skin cancer in the past year and not currently under a dermatologist's care, you are encouraged to attend this free skin cancer screening.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29
9 - 11 AM**

Location: 255 State Rt 3, Suite 206
Secaucus, NJ 07094
Free Parking On-Site

Doctor: Board Certified Dermatologist,
Jeffrey Rapaport M.D.
Registration is required.

To schedule your appointment, call (201) 227-1555



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ICE SKATING WITH A COP

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
SECAUCUS ICE RINK
11:00AM-1:00 PM



HOSTED BY THE SECAUCUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Join the Secaucus PTSA for a BEEFSTEAK DINNER

INCLUDES SALAD, FRIES AND SUNDAY



DATE:
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

TIME:
7-11 P.M.

LOCATION:
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
753 - 2ND STREET

*** PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE SHS PTSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

**50/50 RAFFLE
PRIZE GAMES
PRIZE RAFFLES**

\$55 PER PERSON

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VICKIE: 201-624-2633
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1 LB. Jar for \$10!

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green.secaucusnj.gov/food/secaucus-honey
or call: 201-330-2000 ex. 3222





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Hudson County
Improvement Authority



Earth Day

Saturday, April 26
Jersey City, (Lincoln Park- Fountain Lawn Area)

Saturday, May 3
North Bergen (Braddock Park - Bergenline Ave)



2025 Calendar of Events

ALL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) EVENTS: 9AM-1PM RAIN OR SHINE
ALL SHREDDING AND CLOTHING DROP OFF EVENTS: 9AM-2PM RAIN OR SHINE

MOBILE SHREDDING EVENTS	
MARCH Saturday, March 8 Harrison (Red Bull Arena, North Parking Lot) Guttenberg (DPW, 217 7th Street)	NOVEMBER Saturday, November 1 Harrison (Red Bull Arena, North Parking Lot) Guttenberg (DPW, 217 7th Street)
Saturday, March 15 Secaucus (HS Parking Lot, 11 Millridge Road)	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
Saturday, March 22 Union City (Jose Marti School, 1812 Summit Ave. - Field Parking Lot) Kearny (West Hudson Park, Duck Pond Parking Lot)	SPRING Sunday, April 27 Bayonne (Gregg Park, Parking Lot #1) Parkview Drive & Kennedy Blvd)
Saturday, March 29 North Bergen (Braddock Park, Picnic Area)	Saturday, May 10 Kearny (DPW, 357 Bergen Ave)
APRIL Saturday, April 5 Hoboken (DPW, 1500 Jefferson Street) West New York (DPW, 6200 Dewey Avenue)	Sunday, May 18 North Bergen (MUA, 6200 Tonnelle Ave)
Saturday, April 12 Bayonne (Gregg Park, Parking Lot #1) Parkview Drive & Kennedy Blvd)	Saturday, June 7 JC (Municipal Service Complex, 1315 Linden Ave)
MAY Saturday, May 31 JC (Lincoln Park, Duncan Ave Parking Lot)	FALL Sunday, Sept 14 Bayonne (Gregg Park, Parking Lot #1) Parkview Drive & Kennedy Blvd)
SEPTEMBER Saturday, September 6 Secaucus (HS Parking Lot, 11 Millridge Road)	Sunday, Oct 12 Secaucus (HS Parking Lot, 11 Millridge Road)
Saturday, September 13 Hoboken (DPW, 1500 Jefferson Street) West New York (DPW, 6200 Dewey Avenue)	Saturday, Oct 18 Hoboken (DPW, 1500 Jefferson Street)
Saturday, September 20 North Bergen (Braddock Park, Picnic Area)	Saturday, Nov 1 JC (Municipal Service Complex, 1315 Linden Ave)
Saturday, September 27 Bayonne (Gregg Park, Parking Lot #1) Parkview Drive & Kennedy Blvd)	CLOTHING DROP OFF
OCTOBER Saturday, October 4 Union City (Jose Marti School, 1812 Summit Ave. - Field Parking Lot) Kearny (West Hudson Park, Duck Pond Parking Lot)	Saturday, March 22 Kearny (West Hudson Park, Duck Pond Parking Lot)
	Saturday, March 29 North Bergen (Braddock Park, Picnic Area)
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	Saturday, May 31 JC (Lincoln Park, Duncan Ave Parking Lot)

Need Help with County Services?

County Executive Craig Guy, the Board of County Commissioners and the Hudson County Department of Family Services and Reintegration invite you to contact Community Resources Team for help in services including Medicaid, Housing, SNAP and more, right here in Secaucus. You are welcome to meet with representative Tamika McReynolds at the Secaucus Community Center located at 145 Front Street in Secaucus. For more information, please email tmoutreach@hcnj.us.

Make the Newsletter Your Showcase

Send in pictures and information showcasing your special celebrations, children's achievements, milestones, graduations, contributions to the community, event announcements and more. Submissions are welcome from residents, community organizations, and businesses. Please send information to Alka Jaideep at ajaideep@secaucus.net or call 201-330-2000, Ext. 3042.