



Secaucus Monthly

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Edition

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



RECREATION AT THE COUNCIL MEETING

At the February 27th Council meeting, sweatshirts were presented to the U14 Girls Soccer team for winning the championship. The players are pictured with Coach Jack McStowe, Mayor Gonnelli, Councilwoman Tringali, Councilman Dehnert, Councilman McKeever and a couple of team mothers. The team was also coached by Mario Mendez and Mike Ducusin, who could not attend. Congratulations to the U14 girls for their hard work and dedication!

SOCIAL SERVICES NEWS

The Social Services Department wants all residents in need (and income qualified) to be aware of their options for assistance. As part of the Town's commitment to the welfare of its residents, the following are available at the Office of Social Services, located at 101 Centre Avenue:

- Food Stamp Applications
- Medicare Applications
- PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled)
- Notary Public

Employees in the Department of Social Services will provide assistance to families and residents in need and help identify available resources. The Department also has an Emergency Food Pantry and "Helping Hands", a clothing center for qualified low-income families.

For any residents in need of employment services and job fair announcements, please call 201-330-2014.

The Mayor's Corner

View the monthly newsletter by visiting www.SecaucusNJ.gov/Newsletter. You may also sign up for email distribution through Swift 911 to get it delivered to your inbox as soon as it is published!



Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli

"I glanced out the window at the signs of spring. The sky was almost blue, the trees were almost budding, the sun was almost bright." (Millard Kaufman) This is a quote I recently read and thought it was a great time of year to start looking forward to spring. With this season often comes warmth, new life and hope.

Just as I was preparing this article, the Council and I received word of the passing of Councilwoman Susan Pirro. This news filled us with much sadness as she was a dear friend, esteemed Councilwoman and a great advocate for the people of Secaucus. As I sat back and thought of Susan, I realized she reminded me of spring as that

is how she lived her life.

When Susan entered a room, she would fill it with warmth. She always recognized the beauty in simple things and was the type of person who always took the time to "stop and smell the roses." She had a special gift of recognizing even a glimmer of hope in a situation and would take hold of that hope and not let go. What a great gift that was. Susan's love and contributions to the Town will help carry Secaucus forward as we enter this season of spring.

Susan is now in a better place where the sun is always shining on her face, the trees are in bloom and she is at peace. We will all miss you!

POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS



On March 8, 2018, the Secaucus Police Department held its annual awards ceremony and gave out awards of recognition to officers. Thirty four (34) officers were given awards for Excellent Police Service, Life Saving and Meritorious Duty Citations. Mayor Gonnelli thanked all of the officers for their hard work and dedication. The Mayor stated “you have the admiration of my administration and my full support is behind the Department.”

Many family members were on hand to witness the proud officers. Captain Dennis Miller thanked all of the families for being supportive of the officers and allowing them to do such a difficult job. He acknowledged that support of one’s family is key to the success of a police officer.

Secaucus High School Presents: “In The Heights”

The Mayor and Town Council invite all residents to come out this month to see “In the Heights,” Secaucus High/Middle School’s musical production for this spring. Every year talented students put on a great show for our community. This year’s selection is “In the Heights”, an urban story set in New York City’s Latin section of Washington Heights, following three days in the lives of its characters as they overcome hardships. It is an important story to tell because, as Assistant Director Sarah Sciscilo explains, “in the end, the overall message is a love for your community and culture.”



“In the Heights” will be playing at the Arthur F. Couch Performing Arts Center from Thursday, April 12th to Saturday, April 14th. Tickets cost \$15, however, students pay \$12 when they show their student ID. You can purchase your tickets at the High School on Monday or Wednesday nights from 7 – 8:30 PM, or email pphemisint@sboe.org. A portion of proceeds from the play will be donated to Puerto Rican Hurricane relief efforts. Be sure to come out and support this great group of young actors!

Show times are as follows:

Thursday, April 12: 7:30 PM

Friday, April 13: 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 14: 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Hope to see you there!

DOG WALKING PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!

In preparation for the summer months, the Health Department and Office of Property Management would like all residents to be advised of the animal waste ordinance. We know walking your dog is a priority, and cleanup should be as well!

Pursuant to Town Ordinance 67-59, dog owners are responsible for picking up after their pet. In the upcoming weeks, as part of an educational campaign, Secaucus Police Traffic Division personnel will be handing out PetSmart coupons to residents as a thank you for those seen picking up after their pet. Brochures will also be given out as part of the campaign's goal of educating the public and eradicating the issue of animal waste being left behind.

Dog owners are responsible for picking up after their pet.

Please stay posted for more information on this campaign.



Event News

Arbor Day Tree Campaign: Help us Plant 100 Trees!

On Friday, April 27 at Clarendon School, our annual Arbor Day Celebration will be taking place. As part of the campaign, we educate students on the importance of trees in our community. Trees produce oxygen, provide shade from the sun, and contain bird habitats which enrich our environment. They also contribute to a better quality of life and increase property values. Having participated in the Tree City USA program since 1993, Secaucus continues to make the environment a priority. We hope you will join us.

The Town of Secaucus' annual Arbor Day Tree Campaign is underway. The Town Council and Shade Tree Committee are asking for your contribution. As part of the Town's annual goal of improving our tree canopy, we need your help in raising \$20,000 to plant 100 trees. For every \$200 donation, a tree will be planted. Help us meet our goal!

For more information, please email the Town's Environmental Department at lkramer@secaucus.net. To donate, make checks payable to: the Town of Secaucus, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094. ATTN: Amanda Nesheiwat. Please write "Arbor Day Campaign" in the memo line.

The Events Committee invites everyone to come out on Sunday, April 29th for the Arts and Crafts Fair at Buchmuller Park! This fun event will run from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM and there will be a variety of art displays for all to observe. At the discretion of the vendor, some items may be for sale. Crafts being exhibited will include embroidered, crocheted, knitted and quilted items. Stained glass artists, soap crafters, photographers and painters will also be present to showcase their skills.

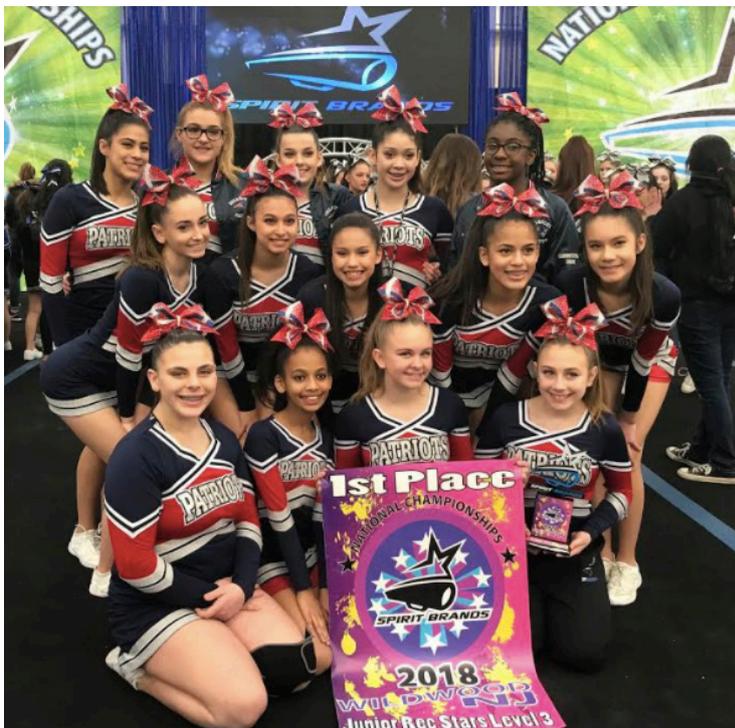
Anyone interested in setting up a display should contact Susan Flanagan at 201-330-2000 ext. 3168 for a registration form. Pre-registration is required, but the cost is free. We hope you will join us!

Town Hall Installs Brand New Surveillance System

Keeping Secaucus Safe for All

The Secaucus Police Department would like to announce that in late 2017, a state of the art surveillance system was installed in Town Hall to update an aging system. The cameras, which are monitored by the police, capture real-time footage from inside and outside the municipal building and record activity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Safety always has been and will remain a priority of Mayor Gonnelli's administration. This new camera system will enhance safety for those visiting Town Hall, employees and police officers alike.

NATIONAL CHAMPION SECAUCUS RECREATION CHEERLEADING TEAM



The Secaucus Recreation Cheerleading Competition Team won the National Championship in the Level 3 Recreation Division on Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Wildwood, NJ.

The team also received recognition for having zero deductions on their performance.

8th graders: Gabriella Benetatos, Gianna Daurio, Rosary DiCanio, Brianna Hawxhurst, Kaitlyn Martinez, Jordan Rocco, Kayla Trotman-Thomas, Megan Williams.

7th graders: Sarah Bowers, Carlina Carbone, Emily Fearon, Amyah Jennings, Camilla Pimentel

6th grader: Deborah Biru

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