



# Secaucus Monthly

6th

Edition

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



## NEW OFFICERS JOIN THE SECAUCUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the Town Council meeting on June 26, the Mayor and Council approved the hiring of four (4) new police officers. The four new officers, pictured above along with Mayor Gonnelli and the Council are, Frederick Kowal, III, Dennis Calacione, Matthew Kirvin and Kasey Kelly. Also at a special meeting on July 5th, Matthew Cuttola was sworn in.

## Summer in Secaucus

The Secaucus Summer Concert & Movie Series is in full swing! To view the full schedule, visit:

[www.SecaucusNJ.gov/Movies](http://www.SecaucusNJ.gov/Movies)

[www.SecaucusNJ.gov/Concerts](http://www.SecaucusNJ.gov/Concerts)

### Buddy Bench Thank You Bailey Fearon

Last month, our newsletter highlighted the wonderful addition of Buddy Benches to some local playgrounds. We forgot to mention that many thanks need to go to Bailey Fearon, a local Girl Scout, for bringing the idea to the Town's attention! Secaucus only gets better when we work together!

## The Mayor's Corner

### Safety First



Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli

The Council and I have always considered the safety and security of our residents a paramount priority. We strive to accomplish this through ongoing investment in the Town's police, OEM, and fire departments, which includes the recruitment and retention of members, training opportunities and maintenance of a state of the art fleet of vehicles and equipment. In this edition of the Secaucus Monthly, we are proud to include pictures of the new fire truck delivered to Engine Company #1 and some of our newly sworn in police officers.

Our police force now stands at 73 well-trained and dedicated officers, which is among the highest level of manpower we have ever had. The Secaucus Police Department is also among a select number of departments in the State that is accredited by the New

Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

With over 90 members, our fully volunteer Secaucus Fire Department responded to 835 calls alone in 2017. The Council and I recognize how important updated equipment is to the men and women of the Fire Department, and we allocate funds out of the budget each year to ensure the best equipment is made available. Three new fire trucks have been purchased and delivered over the last six years!

I want to end by expressing my sincere gratitude to our police, fire and OEM personnel for their endless dedication in protecting and serving the Town we all call home.

Wishing you an enjoyable and safe August.

# STICKER SHOCK IN SECAUCUS

Some local students helped get the word out that it is illegal to provide alcohol to minors.

On June 25, students from Secaucus High School went with Secaucus Coalition members into multiple liquor stores to place stickers on cases of beer for a “Sticker Shock” awareness campaign. These stickers serve to remind parents and community members that it is illegal to serve alcohol to minors.



“The Town of Secaucus should be very proud of these teens. They are working to make a difference in their community,” said Dave Bratton, the Secaucus Coalition Coordinator. “We are grateful The Wine Outlet, USA Wine Traders Club, and Krauszers participated in this awareness event. It’s always a huge plus to have your local liquor stores demonstrate a commitment to preventing and reducing underage drinking.”

The teens who participated are members of the KAI [Knowledge Action Impact] Coalition, the student sub-committee of the Secaucus Coalition. KAI is also an in-school club that meets weekly during the year and sponsors fun, substance-free events. For more information about the Secaucus Coalition, please visit [www.secaucuscoalition.org](http://www.secaucuscoalition.org), or contact the Secaucus Coalition Coordinator, Dave Bratton, at [coalition@secaucus.net](mailto:coalition@secaucus.net).

## National Night Out



On August 7, 2018, the Town of Secaucus will, once again, be taking part in National Night Out. This event will be taking place in Buchmuller Park from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. National Night Out is an evening of games, food and fun with the purpose of strengthening the relationship between the residents and our Police Department. Please come out, have fun and meet the dedicated men and women of our Police Department and the Hudson County Sheriff’s Office.

Also be aware that students in fifth grade and up can take part in the Junior Police Academy from August 20 to August 23. The Academy will be run by the Secaucus Police Department. Students will get the opportunity to go to Bergen County Police & Fire Academy, Coast Guard Base in Staten Island and Fort Dix Army Base. Graduation from the program will take place on August 23 at Buchmuller Park.

## Recreation Football

A group of Secaucus Recreation Football Players recently attended the “Rising Knight Day” at Rutgers University, hosted by the Rutgers players and coaches. They were provided a tour of the Rutgers football facility, led by players and coaches, complete with autographs, instruction, food and fun!!

Pictured are (back row) Amaree Teamer, Sean Garcia, Blake Thomas, Kyle Garcia, Joe Lanzalotto,

Joe Tormey, Massimo Iacopelli, (front row) Youssef Ahmed Fadel, Mike Lamanna & Wayne Mutuku

Please note that registration is now open for football, soccer, and cheerleading. Residents can sign up through the Community Pass link on the Town website. For more information, please call Mike Pero, Superintendent of Recreation, at 201-330-2078.



# Summer Camp

No time for rest this summer! Once again, this year our summer camps have been a success! The campers are enjoying all of the daily activities including field trips, swimming in the Town pool, games, and arts & crafts. Off-site trips include bowling, movies, iPlay America, Turtle Back Zoo, roller skating and much more! Most of the camps run Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with an option of an extended day until 6:00 p.m. It is such a great way for children to interact with one another, keep themselves active during the summer and explore different places. Please visit [www.SecaucusRecreation.org](http://www.SecaucusRecreation.org) to sign up. If you have any questions, contact our Recreation Department at 201-330-2078.



## Secaucus Museum

Secaucus' rich history can now be seen on display at the new museum at Plaza Center.

The museum, which had its grand opening on July 12, shows all aspects of Secaucus from 1890 to present. Some artifacts

include the desk from Paul Amico's basement, firefighters' helmets and many photos of Secaucus residents throughout the years.

"We worked here every week for the past nine months for this opening day," Museum Director Tommy Schwarz said. "We decided to take on the challenge that Mayor Gonnelli would be proud of."

Schwarz is one of six directors. The others are John Bueckner, Scott Schaffer, Anna Schwarz, George Broemmer and Charlene Hallman. The Museum is sponsored by the Town of Secaucus with the full support of Mayor Michael Gonnelli and the Council.

"I'm really happy that we have this museum to show to the people," Bueckner said.

Getting the museum together was a process that began two years prior to its opening. The first step was to find a location and move all the artifacts, which were being stored in different places throughout Town. Some of the artifacts were destroyed along the way, but most were preserved and remain in good condition.

Secaucus residents are thrilled to have a museum that gives them a chance to reminisce about their lives in Secaucus.

"This is incredible," Zinna Miller said. Miller has been a Secaucus resident for 22 years. "It's neat to see the history of the town."

The museum's hours will be Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the fall, the museum hopes to bring in school groups so Secaucus students can learn the history of their Town.

## Secaucus PBA



On June 25th, a few members of the Secaucus PBA came to Huber Street School with a generous donation for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mrs. Viggiani, a first grade teacher at Huber Street, accepted the check on behalf of the St. Jude Fundraising Committee. It is truly remarkable to watch the community come together for a great cause. Many thanks to the PBA for their generosity.

## Secaucus Fire Department

### Engine 1



Secaucus Fire Department Chaplain Fr. Victor Kennedy, Councilman James Clancy - Fire Liaison, Mayor Michael Gonnelli, Chief Frank Prezioso, E1 Captain Joe Rizzolo, E1 Lieutenant Dave Hayashida, Chief Carl Leppin, and Chief Joseph Schoendorf accept delivery of the brand new Secaucus Engine 1 truck.



Property tax bills have not gone out yet and the August 1st due date will be extended accordingly. Updates will be posted on the Town Website when bills go out and the due date.

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