



Secaucus Monthly

4th
Edition

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



STREET FAIR JUNE 1-3

It's time for the Annual Street Fair in the Plaza Center Municipal Parking Lot by the gazebo. There will be many new food and merchandise vendors, as well as a beer garden, live bands, street performers, face painting, jugglers, magicians and much more all weekend. Also, for the first time at this event, we will be having carnival rides! The hours are Friday, June 1 – 6:00PM until 11:00PM; Saturday, June 2 – 2:00PM until 11:00PM; and Sunday, June 3 – 1:00PM – 6:00PM. Please check the Town website www.Secaucusnj.gov/fair for additional information.

RECREATION SPORTS CAMPS

Mayor Michael Gonnelli & The Town Council, along with the Recreation Department, are excited to announce our summer camp programs.

Patriot Basketball Academy

Who: Boys entering grades 4-9

Where: Secaucus High School

When: July 9-13 (9am - 3pm)

Recreation Football Camp

Who: Students entering grades 2-8

Where: Secaucus High School

When: Offense - 6/16 (9am - 11am)

Defense - 6/23 (9am - 11am)

Summer Camp

Who: Students entering grades K-9

When: Beginning first week of July

For more information about the programs, please visit:

SecaucusRecreation.org/camp

The Mayor's Corner

Summer Concert Schedule Coming Soon



Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli

Summer is upon us and it is my one of my favorite times of the year. It is a time for outdoor activities, barbecues, fun days at the pool and special time with family, friends and neighbors.

It is sometimes taken for granted how much Secaucus has to offer. When I am looking for some peace and tranquility, I take a relaxing walk along the Greenway where I can watch birds fly over the Hackensack River, kayakers paddle by and hear children happily playing in Trolley Park and Mill Creek Point. For an exciting evening, I head to Buchmuller Park where so many residents are interacting, listening to weekly concerts, playing bocce or just relaxing.

Our DPW and Buildings and Grounds Department work tirelessly to prepare the beautiful settings throughout our community. It is my hope that you explore the Town this summer and appreciate all we have to offer. I want all residents to enjoy the community as much as I do!

Please check out our summer schedule at www.Secaucusnj.gov for all the fun activities planned. There is truly something for everyone.

Bring an old friend or meet a new neighbor, come out for summer in Secaucus!

SECAUCUS COALITION

For high school students, this time of year brings the prom, graduation, and summer vacation. It's a fun and memorable time in their lives, but for some, alcohol and other substances can cause real harm and change their lives and futures in a negative way.

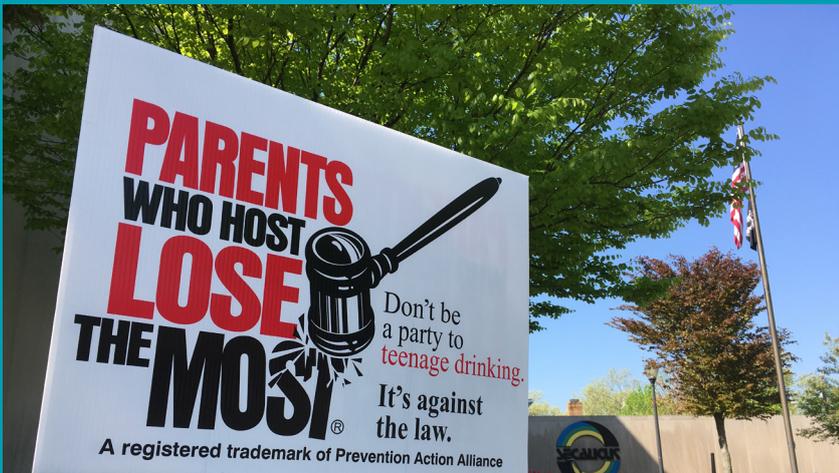
Sometimes students participate in events that permit underage drinking. Many adults are not aware that there are serious potential legal consequences and liability for serving alcohol to underage students. Parents can be held responsible for underage drinking, even if they are not home when it happens.



SECAUCUS COALITION

You can help prevent a tragedy by reporting underage drinking. Contact the Secaucus Police

Department at 201-330-2060 should you have concerns about underage drinking taking place in your neighborhood. Don't be a party to teenage drinking. Parents Who Host, Lose the Most.



If you have questions about underage drinking, or want a free "Parents Who Host" sign for your lawn, contact Dave Bratton, Coordinator for the Secaucus Coalition at coalition@secaucus.net.

Parents Who Host Lose the Most is a public awareness program that has been implemented in all 50 states. It addresses one of the leading factors behind underage and binge drinking. For more about the campaign, please visit www.preventionactionalliance.org. For more about the Secaucus Coalition, please visit www.secaucuscoalition.org.

Board of Health

The Mayor and Town Council are proud to be participating in The American Cancer Society's 80% by 2018 Pledge, working to increase colorectal cancer screening rates to 80%.



Did you know Colorectal Cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in both men and women in the United States? Many people who should be getting screened for colon cancer are not.

The American Cancer Society recommends colon cancer screening begin at age 50 for people at average risk. People with certain risk factors may need to begin screening earlier or get screened more often. Talking to a doctor is the best way to find out about when to begin screening.

For more information about the 80% by 2018 Pledge, please contact the Secaucus Health Department at 201-330-2031.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

As we get in to warmer weather, residents should remember to maintain all grass and vegetation at a reasonable height in order to keep the community beautiful. Residents should also be mindful of stagnant water in uncovered pools, loose tires, buckets, etc. Unused swimming pools should be drained and properly covered to prevent water accumulation and mosquito breeding. If there is an abandoned swimming pool in your neighborhood, please contact our office at 201-330-2031.

**Follow our tips
to keep mosquitos
out of your yard
this summer**

Also, the Property Maintenance Office will be working on a project this summer regarding house numbering. Municipal code requires the numbers on all homes be bold, clearly visible and prominently displayed. Residents who do not have address numbers on their home, or the numbers are not bold, prominent, and in good repair may receive a notice from our office regarding the ordinance requirements. This is very important for proper home identification and public safety.

Environmental Department Announces Rocket Composter

In the United States, nearly 40% of all food becomes waste. This past year, the Secaucus Environmental Department received a \$20,000 grant to purchase a state of the art A-500 Rocket Composter to be used at the High School this coming Fall.

With the help of students from the High School Environmental Club, the High School will be on the leading edge of sustainability.

The students are encouraged to separate food waste for the Rocket Composter. Not only will this be beneficial to the environment, it will help save the Town money by reducing waste transportation. Also, with funding provided by a Robert Wood Johnson Grant, 12 interns will be working

with the Town of Secaucus this upcoming summer to incentivize restaurants to become part of our Food Waste Pilot Program. The plan is to reduce and collect food waste, and repurpose it into compost.

The goal of utilizing the Rocket Composter is to reduce the hundreds of tons of food waste and scraps that we send to landfills every year as well as reducing the CO2 emissions generating from its transportation. Preventing food waste reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions and reduces waste in landfills.



New Community Garden Plots

The Community has actively participated in the Fountain Park Community Garden since it's opening in 2012. When the garden was first established, it had only 4 plots. From the original 4 plots, the Fountain Park Community Garden expanded to 8 plots, then 14 plots over the span of 5 years. In preparation for the upcoming planting season, the Town of Secaucus has installed 10 new additional plots in Fountain Park to be used by fellow community members. The Secaucus gardening season officially began on Mother's Day.

We are looking to expand the other community garden in Town, located at Laurel Hill behind Xchange. In addition to the existing gardens, the Town is in the very early planning stages of developing two new community gardens, to be located at the ends of Farm Road and Maple Street.

Applications to reserve plots become available February of each year. Plots are given out on a first come, first serve basis and all spaces are typically fully reserved by early April. Community Garden Plots are currently all occupied for the 2018 season, but if you are interested in reserving a plot for next season, please contact Lynn at lkramer@secaucus.net.





Puppies, puppies and more puppies! The Animal Shelter recently saved 14 puppies and many admirers came by to greet the new occupants of the facility. Pictured with some of the puppies (left to right) are, Councilman John Gerbasio, Mayor Mike Gonnelli, Councilman Rob Costantino, Shelter Manager Chris Conte, Coleen Roarty, DPW Superintendent Kevin O'Connor and Brian Dunn.

Secaucus Animal Shelter

The Friends of The Secaucus Animal Shelter is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, dedicated to saving lives and finding forever homes for stray, abandoned and surrendered cats and dogs. Our dogs and puppies mainly come from our shelter and rescue team partners in low-income and rural areas where hundreds of highly-adoptable dogs are euthanized each month due to overpopulation problems, lack of spay/neuter education and inadequate funding. Please feel free to visit us at the shelter located at 525 Meadowlands Pkwy. Please view our daily hours on our Facebook page: @TheSecaucusAnimalShelter.

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