



Secaucus Monthly

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



9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

This photo was taken at the 9/11 memorial where many residents, first responders and dignitaries gathered to remember the events of September 11, 2001 and pay their respects to those who lost their lives. Our town tragically lost six of its residents, whom we will never forget. Pictured are Mayor Michael Gonnelli, members of the Town Council and Assemblyman Pedro Mejia along with members of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department, the general manager and band leader/bagpiper from the Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa Pipe Band and Molly the Fire Safety Dog.

SEPTEMBER 25TH STORM

Mayor Michael Gonnelli & The Town Council thank the Secaucus Department of Public Works Employees, Police Department, Fire Department, and OEM for their incredible response during last week's unexpected storm. Our community is lucky to be served by such an incredible group of individuals who help mitigate disasters and provide support for our residents.

Newsletter Submission

Do you have something that you would like to include in our monthly newsletter or a photo to share?

Send articles and photos to Pia Valentin: pvalentin@secaucus.net for consideration.

The Mayor's Corner

Each year the Council and I work hard to secure grants to help raise the funds necessary to complete infrastructure repairs, while keeping taxes stable. This past year has been no different.

As you may be aware, Meadowlands Parkway is badly in need of repair and resurfacing. However, this is a very large roadway and we did not have the funds available in the budget to complete such an extensive project. Knowing this, the Council and I made it a priority to locate a grant that would provide funding for this major road reconstruction project. I am pleased to report that Secaucus was selected to receive a State grant from the Local Freight Impact Fund in the amount of \$2,030,000.00 for Meadowlands

Parkway. With these funds we will complete some needed repairs and a resurfacing of the roadway. I expect the work will begin in the spring of 2019.

You may also have noticed that Flanagan Way underwent reconstruction last month. These improvements were made possible as a result of a \$550,000.00 Municipal Aide Grant from the County.

Both of these major road projects will be completed at no cost to the taxpayer. The Council and I always have and will continue to strive to be responsible stewards of taxpayer money.



Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli

Recreation

Registration is now open for Recreation basketball and wrestling on Community Pass. As always, our Recreation Department has been working hard to make certain these programs are exciting for all who participate. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Capone at the Recreation Department at 201-330-2079.

Hispanic Heritage Month

October is Hispanic Heritage Month. Come celebrate at the Secaucus Public Library on Thursday, October 11th at 6:30 p.m. Meriterese Racanelli, Food Scientist/Nutritionist with Goya, will teach us about food labels and menus. Meriterese will demonstrate cooking techniques with 'Goya Better for You' products, while you sample and taste them in delicious MyPlate recipes.

It wouldn't be a Hispanic Celebration without food, music, and dance. Come learn how to Salsa, Meringue, and Bachata on Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Panasonic Room at the Secaucus Public Library. "Mario B", Founder/Director of Salsa Fever on 2, will teach participants the basics of each dance. Enjoy a tasting of Hispanic food provided by Cuatros Amigos while watching a performance by Mario B and his dance partner. No experience or partner necessary.

Health Fair

The Health and Social Services Departments invite you to participate in our 8th annual Health Fair and Food Day on October 14th at the Recreation Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come celebrate with us and enjoy complimentary screenings, lectures, and activities as we inspire one another to live healthier lifestyles. Please feel free to reach out to Christine Aguilera (Department of Health) at 201-330-2031 or Judy Kennelly (Social Services) at 201-330-2035 for more information.

Environmental Youth Camp

2018 marked the 4th year for our Environmental Youth Camp organized by the Secaucus Environmental Department. This year the camp was sponsored by Secaucus Xchange. Twenty students, ages 10 to 14, took part in the four day camp where the students were taken on field trips to learn about nature, animals, and their surrounding environment.

The Mayor and Council are happy to support the Environmental Youth Camp every year because it helps to keep our youngest citizens interested in nature and to recognize that the environment can

be a fun adventure! The Environmental Department puts together this camp year after year with the generous donation of a sponsor. Previous years have been sponsored by SUEZ, TD BANK and PSEG. Let's continue to work together for a Green Secaucus.



Spooky Friday

Get ready for Halloween and come join us for “Spooky Friday” on October 26th. The event will be located at Schmidt’s Woods. There will be a scary haunted trail, hayrides, face painting, refreshments, and a “not so spooky” haunted house for smaller children. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and the haunted trail opens at 7:00 p.m.



Tiger Dam

In advance of Hurricane Florence, Mayor Gonnelli and the Town Council requested the “Tiger Dam” system be deployed in the rear yards of homes on Gail Place and Valley Court. This area had significant flood damage from Hurricane Sandy. While we were lucky enough to not have suffered any impact from Hurricane Florence, the system is now in place and can be quickly set up in the event another storm threatens our area during this hurricane season. The Tiger Dam is a temporary dam system that was purchased by the Town with a grant after Hurricane Sandy as part of ongoing efforts to be prepared for future flooding events.



Election Information

General Election

The November 6, 2018, General Election is quickly approaching. In order to vote in the General Election, the last day to register is Tuesday, October 16th. If there has been a change in your address or name, if you recently became a citizen or if you never registered to vote, you will need to register or make the necessary changes. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on October 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in order to accommodate anyone wishing to register or make any changes to their voter registration record.



Voice Your Vote

All residents are invited to join us at Secaucus High School on October 6th from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Mayor and Town Council in partnership with the Secaucus Board of Education, Hudson County Board of Elections, Hudson County Superintendent of Elections, and JSA will be hosting "Voice Your Vote." Voter registration and vote by mail application assistance will be available in order to assist residents for the November General Election. A Voter Machine will be on hand and tutorials will be given. If you are not currently registered to vote, have recently turned 18, recently moved, acquired US Citizenship or if you just would like to come out and enjoy live music and food trucks, please join us.



Animal Shelter

New puppies are on their way to the Secaucus Animal Shelter and will be available for adoption at some point early in October. Pictured above is one of our new residents preparing for the ride! A total of seven puppies are expected to make the trip. Please keep in mind that our shelter often has dogs and cats in need of adoption year round. The shelter also handles all other animal related services. Please call the Secaucus Animal Shelter at 201-348-3213 for any inquiries on adoptions or to report any animal issues you need assistance with.

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