



# Secaucus Monthly

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



## EPOS at 4th of July Celebrations

The Secaucus Annual Fourth of July celebrations were held at the Swim Center on Wednesday, July 3rd. The Swim Club was open to all residents with music by Alotta Colada, rides, food and fireworks. Pictured here is the EPOS group with Mayor Michael Gonnelli.

### CONCERTS & MOVIES

Upcoming Concerts: 7:00 p.m.

- 8/8 - Showstoppers at High School PAC
- 8/15 - Neil & The Diamonds
- 8/22 - Streetlife Serenade
- 8/29 - 45 Rpm—the 70s
- 9/6 - Hunter Hayes - Swim Club (6:30)
- 9/12 - New Power Soul at the Plaza at Harmon Meadow

Upcoming Movies (begin at sunset)

- 8/6 - Captain Marvel
- 8/13 - Spiderman into the Spider Verse
- 8/20 - Aquaman
- 8/21 - Mamma Mia at Laurel Hill Park
- 8/27 - Ralph Breaks the Internet
- 9/7 - Guardians of the Galaxy 2 at Xchange

All movies and concerts will take place at Buchmuller Park unless otherwise noted.

### The Mayor's Corner

The Town Council, Environmental Department and I thank residents for everything they do to reduce, reuse and recycle. The Town is working to make it easier for you to be environmentally responsible.

We recently launched the very helpful RecycleCoach app. Simply download the App to your phone, search for an item and it will provide disposal instructions customized for our Town. Please rinse items before you put them in the recycling bin.

We also provide ways to recycle items that are not accepted in our regular recycling bins. We have Green Boxes where you can drop off batteries and small electronics as well as specially marked bins for plastic bags and wraps, so they don't end up in landfills and waterways. Both are conveniently located at Town Hall, the Library, Recreation Center and other areas. We are also working on an ordinance to ban plastic bags to join

more than 30 communities that have already done it in New Jersey. We will give out free reusable bags and reusable straws at Town events to help residents use fewer single-use plastic bags and straws.

This year, we purchased more than 200 recycling bins through the Recycling Tonnage Grant for Clarendon and Huber Street schools. Additionally, our "rocket composter" helps the Middle and High School limit food waste which eventually winds up in landfills. Lastly, we are exploring ways to work with the County to extend food waste recycling to residents and businesses.

For more ways to keep our Town clean and green, please visit [secaucusnj.gov/departments/environmental](http://secaucusnj.gov/departments/environmental).

- Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli



## Donations of School Supplies Welcome

The Department of Social Services is seeking donations of school supplies including pens, pencils, markers, highlighters, glue, notebooks, sharpeners, rulers, erasers and crayons. Backpacks with complete supplies are distributed to families in need at the start of the school year. Last year, more than 100 families benefitted from this program. Please bring your donations to the Senior Center at 101 Centre Avenue, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Gently used school uniforms are also welcome. If you have questions, or need more information, please contact Judy Kennelly at 201-330-2014 or [jlkennelly@secaucus.net](mailto:jlkennelly@secaucus.net).

## Town Museum Celebrates First Anniversary

Curious residents of all ages visited the Town Museum at 150 Plaza Center on July 13th to celebrate its first anniversary. Last July, after months of collecting, planning and organizing, the Museum opened its doors to the public. A fascinating look into the history of Laurel Hill, news articles from the early 1900s, artifacts from Mayor Paul Amico and other residents, portraits of past mayors and servicemen, the entire collection of the Home News, items graciously donated by longtime residents and more are on display. The collections and displays are constantly growing, so make sure you visit the Town Museum even if you already visited. There is always something new to see.

The Museum is conveniently located across the Plaza Shopping Center and is open on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Special summer hours are Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. The Town Museum Directors will be happy to answer questions or take suggestions. For more information visit [www.secaucusmuseum.org](http://www.secaucusmuseum.org) or call 551-257-7205.



## Tips from the Department of Health

The Department of Health would like to remind all residents to:

- Place garbage and recycling curbside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day before collection day. If your garbage is collected Monday/Thursday, your recycling day is Thursday. If your garbage is collected Tuesday/Friday, your recycling day is Tuesday.
- Maintain outdoor pools and cut high grass on property to avoid tick and mosquito breeding.
- Register your cat or dog with the Department of Health. Registration is open year-round. Complimentary Rabies Vaccination Vouchers are available upon request. If you are aware of an unregistered pet, please direct them to the Department of Health at 20 Centre Avenue.

In interest of public safety, The Department of Health also inspects local businesses and temporary vendors at events and festivities. If you have any questions or concerns regarding public health, animal control and property maintenance, please feel free to call the Department of Health at 201-330-2031.

# Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Town of Secaucus committed, through its Housing Department, to rehabilitate 42 units for qualified residents. Here's a program summary:

- A qualified applicant can receive a maximum of \$15,000 per unit for replacement of major systems in their home, i.e. heating system, roof, electrical, etc.
- Available for owner-occupied and investor units (tenant occupied).
- Funds received will be secured by a mortgage that is forgiven at a rate of 10% per year and totally forgiven after 10 years, provided the unit continues to be occupied by an eligible program occupant.

Current income limits:					
1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
\$48,217	\$55,105	\$61,993	\$68,882	\$74,392	\$79,903

A Rehabilitation Program Manual has been adopted and provides all guidelines for participation. The application procedure stipulated in the Program Manual will be strictly followed. Applications and the Program Manual are available at the Secaucus Housing Authority or at the Mayor's Office. It is a limited program so apply as soon as possible. For more information, please call the Secaucus Housing Authority at 201-867-5902 and mention that you are interested in the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

## Sticker Shock by KAI

Members of the KAI Coalition capped off the academic year with Sticker Shock, a highly visible annual campaign aimed at preventing availability of alcohol to teenagers. Members placed more than 1,200 stickers on beer cases and display shelves at local stores to remind residents that it is illegal to provide alcohol to minors. Kudos to all participating students and vendors including Krauszer's, The Wine Outlet and USA Wine Trader.

KAI is the youth subcommittee of Secaucus Coalition with members in both Secaucus High School and High Tech High School. The club aims to raise awareness and prevent teenage substance abuse.

For more information about the Secaucus Coalition or KAI, visit [www.secaucuscoalition.org](http://www.secaucuscoalition.org) or contact Dave Bratton, the Secaucus Coalition Coordinator at [coalition@secaucus.net](mailto:coalition@secaucus.net).



## Taekwondo

Secaucus Martial Arts students attended the 2019 USA Taekwondo Championship in Minneapolis, Minnesota and came home with 2 gold and 4 bronze medals. Participants led the Pledge of Allegiance and were honored with medals at the July 23rd Town Council Meeting.



## Secaucus Girl Scouts Honored at Town Hall

The Secaucus Girl Scouts were honored at the Town Council Meeting on June 26th for being chosen for the President's Award by the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. The President's Award is presented to Neighborhoods who go above and beyond in presenting the program in their Neighborhood. The Award is only given to up to 5 Neighbors each year and an area can only receive it once. This year it was presented to only three neighborhoods in the council and Secaucus was one of them. The award will be displayed at the Town Museum and reflects the hard work by the Secaucus Neighborhood Girl Scouts, leaders and committee members over the course of several years.



## Friends of the Secaucus Public Library 2nd Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show

**Saturday, September 21st, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Grounds of the Secaucus Recreation Center**

Join the Friends of the Secaucus Public Library for a day of classic automobiles, delicious food, beer garden, live music, vendors, 50-50 and basket raffles, pony rides, petting zoo animals, crafts, bounce house, boardwalk-style games, children's activities and more! Admission is free.

### Do you have a classic or custom car, truck or motorcycle?

Pre-register for just \$15 to display your vintage vehicle and be eligible to win awards! To pre-register, download a form at [secaucuslibrary.org](http://secaucuslibrary.org) and mail it to Keith Scaglione at 42 Gail Place, Secaucus, NJ 07094. For more information about pre-registering, contact Keith at 201-960-6718 or [kscags835@yahoo.com](mailto:kscags835@yahoo.com)

### Interested in being a vendor or an official Event Sponsor?

To be a vendor, food vendor or sponsor, download forms at the library website [secaucuslibrary.org](http://secaucuslibrary.org). For more information, email Jenifer May at [may@secaucus.bccls.org](mailto:may@secaucus.bccls.org) or call 201-330-2083 x4011.

## Baseball Champions

Congratulations Secaucus Senior Baseball All Stars, winners of the Section 2 Championship, as they defeated Fort Lee 11-2 in the final. The team also achieved 4th standing in the State Championship in East Vineland, NJ. The team was presented with Commendation Certificates at the Town Council Meeting on July 23rd.



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