



Secaucus Monthly

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



Emergency Fund Holiday Food & Toy Drive

The Secaucus Emergency Fund is requesting food donations of stuffing, canned yams, pasta, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned corn, marinara sauce, mac & cheese, cookies, turkey gravy, \$10 gift cards to local supermarkets for perishable items as well as new, unwrapped toys needed for less-fortunate children between the ages of 6 to 12 years old. Donations are being accepted through 12/7/2019 at the following locations:

Community Center—145 Front St—M-F 8-3
Recreation Center—1200 Koelle Blvd—7 Days 8-5
Town Hall 2nd Floor —1203 Paterson Plank Road—M-F 9-4

Monthly Newsletter Make It Yours

Let us know what is going on!

Did you recently celebrate a milestone birthday? Did you get engaged? Maybe you just returned from the vacation of a lifetime.

We want to know!

Send your stories or photos to
Ajaideep@secaucus.net for
consideration

The Mayor's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity during this month of Thanksgiving to thank each of you for making this community your home and a place that others like to call home. I am reminded often that Secaucus would not be what it is but for the contributions, activities and personalities of the people who live here.

I thank you for giving of yourselves to our youth teams and charitable organizations, for taking pride in your properties, for keeping your community clean, for enjoying the parks and neighborhood, for helping a neighbor, for expressing your community spirit, for working hard to create your home in Town and for just being you.

As I drive around Town, I see a great community! I see you walking your dog in an open space, waiting for your

bus next to your neighbor, taking your children to our local schools or just starting your day with a bagel and coffee. I try to wave hello to everyone I see and I am overjoyed

for that wave back. It is because of you that I wake up every day with a sense of purpose. It is such an honor to be the Mayor of this great Town.

Thank you for all that you do, and for making Secaucus the "Jewel of the Meadowlands."

Have a safe and happy holiday season.



Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with E-Cigarette Use/Vaping: Secaucus Takes Action

As of October 22, 2019, 1,604 lung injury cases associated with the use of e-cigarette, or vaping products have been reported to CDC from 49 states. Thirty-four deaths have been confirmed in 24 states.

Dave Bratton and members of the Secaucus Coalition have given presentations about vaping to hundreds of parents at Back to School Nights, thanks to the Secaucus Middle/High Schools and High Tech High School. The Coalition has also given out hundreds of pamphlets about vaping to parents and community members. Teen Coalition members have created posters for their schools and placed substance abuse/vape prevention messages on their classmates' lockers.

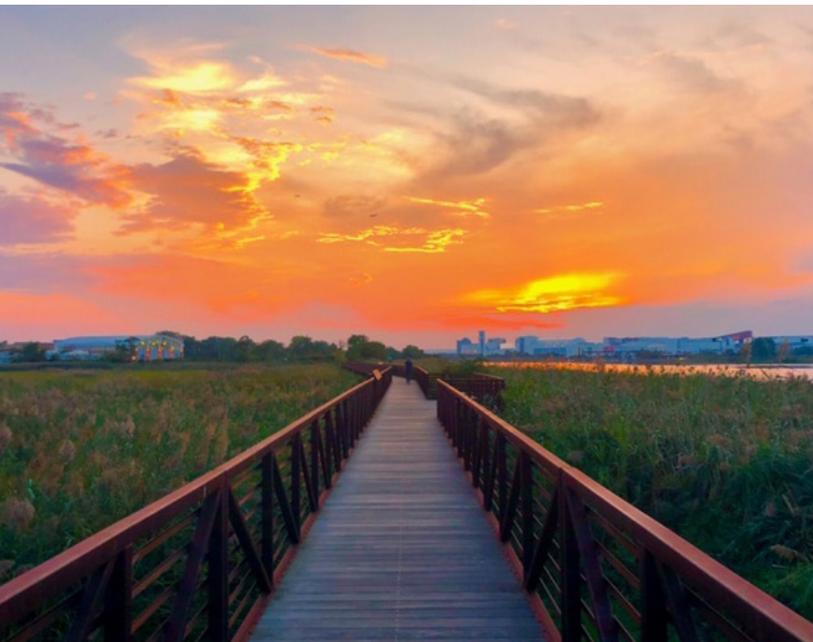
The Secaucus Coalition has also met with the Mayor and Town Council, the Board of Health and the Secaucus Health Department. "Our officials have been extremely responsive and supportive," said Bratton. "We are collaboratively implementing recommended strategies in order to reduce the harms of e-cigarettes among our community members and youth."



SECAUCUS COALITION

The CDC recommends that people not use e-cigarettes, especially those that contain THC. For more information about the Secaucus Coalition, visit www.secaucuscoalition.org or check them out on Facebook.

Resident Photo Submission - Alexander Ballas



Have a photo that you want to share?

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Secaucus Museum Snake Hill Movie

Over 40 people gathered in the Town Museum's Movie Screening Room on the afternoon of October 24th to view "Snake Hill," a documentary about the Laurel Hill/Snake Hill institutions. Viewers learned the history of the campus and that it is believed that over 10,000 human remains were buried in the Snake Hill and New Jersey Turnpike area. With 4,571 sets of bones found, the largest disinterment in the United States occurred right in Hudson County. An educational afternoon was had by all. Watch for more Museum activities and explore the history of the Town with us!



Secaucus - Home of The Celery King



In September, Mayor Michael Gonnelli, The Town Council, and The Town Museum Directors dedicated a plaque at 325 County Avenue to Sebastian Meisch "The Celery King," who had a 20-acre farm at the site. He developed and cultivated a hybrid variety of celery known as "Meisch's Special Celery" or "Meisch's Wonderful Celery." The hybrid seeds were sold to farmers across the country and his celery is the variety still grown and sold nationwide today.

Meisch was a German immigrant who moved to Secaucus in the early 1890's. He was elected mayor of Secaucus in 1911 and his success as a farmer eventually led to great wealth and influence in Secaucus.

The Meisch farm was sold in the 1920's to developer Curtis Wright with potential plans to build an airport on County Avenue. The plans were later abandoned.

Halloween in Photos



View all of the photos by visiting SecaucusNJ.gov/Pictures

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