



The Mayor and Town Council invite all residents to our annual Halloween Celebrations this month. We have an awesome series of events, complete with the traditional ragamuffin parade and trunk-or-treat. Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, this year's Spooky Friday at Schmidts Woods is being modified. Please stop by, participate and enjoy the planned events.

## Mayor's Corner

As we head towards cooler weather, I look back at the last few months. It has been an unfamiliar ride with the COVID-19 pandemic. I am proud of the way you have handled the situation and collectively did what was right. While most other towns canceled their summer events, our staff worked hard to continue programs and events that could be conducted safely. I am happy to say that our summer camps gave our children a safe way to stay engaged and active. The summer concert series and movie nights were enjoyed by all and was a great way for people to get together with social distancing guidelines in place and have a good time.

In October, we will continue the annual Halloween traditions with the parade and trunk-or-treat. Due to the pandemic, we had to modify our ever-popular Spooky Friday at the Woods. However, I am sure that Chiller Theater at the Woods, with two movies, will be a fun evening for

all. To make these events a success, I request residents to make sure you follow social distancing guidelines and wear face masks as needed.

On another happy note, I

am sure residents are as excited as I am that construction by the Route 3 Bridge by the library is finally over! The NJDOT did a great job repairing it and repaving surrounding streets. I thank all residents for their patience and understanding during the entire construction period as I know it was frustrating, at times.

See you around Town. Stay safe and healthy.



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## Halloween 2020 Schedule

**Chiller Theater** on Friday, October 23rd: Movies at Schmidts Woods specially set up for Halloween. To attend, preregister on our website at [secaucusnj.gov/Halloween](http://secaucusnj.gov/Halloween). No admit-tance without pre-registration. Space is limited and will fill fast!

- Not-too-scary children's movie begins at 6:30 PM
- Scary movie begins at 8:30 PM

**Ragamuffin Parade** on Saturday, October 31: Line-up starts at Secaucus High School Parking Lot at 12:30 PM. The Parade will step off at 1:00 PM and will go down Mill Ridge Road, ending at Mill Creek Point.

**Trunk-or-Treat** on Saturday, October 31 at Mill Creek Point Park from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Residents are invited to participate in giving out treats. Cars must be registered on our website [secaucusnj.gov/Halloween](http://secaucusnj.gov/Halloween). No unregistered cars allowed.

Please practice social distancing and wear masks at all events. To register and for more information, visit our website [SecaucusNJ.gov/Halloween](http://SecaucusNJ.gov/Halloween).

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## General Election: How to Cast Your Vote & Registration Information



**REGISTER  
TO VOTE!**

**Your VOTE is your VOICE**

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Due to complications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Election will be conducted primarily via vote-by-mail ballots, which shall be sent to all “active” registered voters. All vote-by-mail return envelopes shall have prepaid First-class postage in order to facilitate the proper delivery of all cast vote-by-mail ballots.

In addition to vote-by-mail ballots, there will be seven polling locations open in the Town of Secaucus. They will be:

1. Clarendon School (for residents of Ward 1, District 1 – Ward 1, District 2 and Ward 3, District 1).
2. The County Avenue Firehouse (for residents of Ward 1, District 3)
3. The Plaza Firehouse, across the street from CVS (for residents of Ward 1, Districts 4 and 5)
4. Huber Street School (for all Ward 2 residents)
5. Harmon Cove Clubhouse (for all residents of Ward 3, District 2)
6. The Elms Senior Center (for all residents of Ward 3, District 3)
7. Seventh Street Firehouse, between Centre Avenue and Front Street (for all residents of Ward 3, District 4)

In each of these polling places, there will be one voting machine. These machines are for use only by voters who are disabled and anyone using a voting machine must sign an affidavit to this effect.

Voters who complete their vote-by-mail ballots will have three options for turning them in to be counted:

1. Place the return envelope with the completed ballot in a mailbox
2. The Town of Secaucus will have a secure ballot drop box, in which the return envelope with the completed ballot may be placed
3. Return the completed ballot and envelope to your polling location. Your signature will be required.

NOTE: The person bringing in the mail-in to the polling location must bring their own ballot only.

Hudson County mailed out ballots to registered voters on Thursday, September 24th. All completed ballots that are sent through the mail, back to Hudson County, must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2020.

A person may proceed to [www.hudsoncountyclerk.org](http://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org) and click on the option “Elections”. The second option down on the left will allow you to track your mail-in ballot.

The Secaucus Town Clerk’s Office will be open until 9:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13th for late night voter registration. This will be the last day that anyone can register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the November 3rd General Election. It will also be the last day that anyone can change their address or change their last name.

## Inviting Resident Submissions

Calling all residents and organizations to contribute your pictures and information to this Newsletter. Have events, milestone birthdays, weddings, engagements, club events, or a family member’s achievements? How about your child’s talents? Send a picture and a brief description for consideration. Let’s make the Secaucus Newsletter a community platform. Email your information to [ajaideep@secaucus.net](mailto:ajaideep@secaucus.net) or call 201-330-2000 x 3042.

## Exceptional People of Secaucus Calendar

All events are from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Buchmuller Park

Wednesday, October 6th  
Bingo Night

Wednesday, October 13th  
Halloween/Fall decoration arts and crafts to bring home

Wednesday, October 20th  
Game Night in the Park (choice of board games and physical activities)

Wednesday, October 27th  
October Birthday Celebrations

EPOS members are to wear their GREEN EPOS shirt for all outdoor activities. For absences, comments or any questions, please call Kelly Buckel at 201-401-1093 or Donna Knipe at 201-213-1445. All activities are subject to change.

## Knights of Columbus Honors Lisa Snedeker



The Knights of Columbus honored Lisa Snedeker, Director of Senior and Social Services, with the Distinguished Community Service Award. This is the first time an award was presented in this category. Thank you, Lisa, for all you do for our residents!

## Property Taxes Due

Property tax bills have been mailed and are due on November 1st. You have several ways to send in your payment:

- Place in secure drop box located in Town Hall vestibule by the police dispatch window. Available 7 days a week. No cash is to be placed in the drop box.
- Pay online at [www.secaucusnj.gov](http://www.secaucusnj.gov)
- Mail payment check to:

Town of Secaucus  
Tax Collector  
1203 Paterson Plank Rd.  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

For more information, please visit [www.secaucusnj.gov](http://www.secaucusnj.gov) or call the Tax Collector’s Office at 201-330-2021 Ext. 1.

# National Take Back Initiative

The Day to Dispose of your Unused, Unwanted, and Expired Medicine

Mayor Michael Gonnelli, Town Council and Secaucus Police Department Chief Dennis Miller invite residents to drop off your unused medications on Saturday October 24, 2020.

- This program is anonymous and no questions or requests for identification will be made. Individuals can deposit medication freely and independently.
- Law enforcement will not count, inventory or log medications
- You may dispose of medication either in its original container or by removing medication from its container and disposing directly into the drug disposal box. If it is in original container you are encouraged to remove the prescription label if it contains any personal identifying information.
- Liquid products such as cough medicine should remain sealed in their original container. Please ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Syringes and other sharp instruments will not be accepted.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

- The Elms (777 5th Street) 8:00 AM TO 8:45 AM
- Kroll Heights (600 County Avenue) 9:00 AM TO 9:45 AM
- Secaucus Public Library (1379 Paterson Plank Rd.) 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## Vietnam War Veteran Ronald Weaver Honored

Mayor Michael Gonnelli and the Town Council honored Vietnam War Veteran Ronald Weaver at the September 22nd Town Council meeting for his contributions to our country and community. Councilman William McKeever presented Ronald with a plaque and read an official proclamation. He served with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade where he attained the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded several medals including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Combat Inventory Badge. He is a member of the Secaucus VFW Post 3776 and lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of America. For his service to our country, Ronald was selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2020 Memorial Day Parade which unfortunately was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ronald is also a longtime contributor to our community through his successful business, Accredited Lock Company, which he started as a small store and grew it to a nationwide supplier. Pictured here are Councilman James Clancy, Pam Weaver, Ronald Weaver and Councilman William McKeever.



## Volunteers Wanted!

Secaucus Fire Department  
Secaucus, New Jersey

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES  
TO BE A SECAUCUS FIREFIGHTER?

- No experience, certification, or training necessary to apply!
- Connect with your community
- Help others while learning new skills
- Must be a resident of Secaucus, NJ
- Must be 16 years or older



For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.secaucusfire.org/join>



Scan below for  
more info:



## LARGE QUANTITY SPECIAL 2019 SECAUCUS HONEY

Fresh, local HONEY\* from Secaucus' bee hives!

\*Honey is raw, unprocessed, unfiltered, artisanal honey—**DELICIOUS!**

**12 lb case = \$175 (usually \$240)**

Includes **12 1 lb jars or 24 1/2 lb jars**  
combined fall and spring crop (lighter & darker)

**Individual 1 lb jars still available for \$20**

Cash (exact change) or checks made payable to:

**Hudson River Apiary Society**



To place orders call or email Jennifer Schneider at  
201-864-7336 or [jschneider@secaucus.net](mailto:jschneider@secaucus.net)

SPECIAL DELIVERY INCLUDED for residents purchasing cases.  
Individual jars must be picked up by appointment only.

**Please Support Secaucus' Hardworking Bees!**

## Focus: Secaucus Animal Shelter

Chris Conte, Manager at the Secaucus Animal Shelter, has a reason to celebrate a special milestone—800 animal rescues! “I was introduced to the animal shelter by Councilwoman Sue Pirro, and I am so thankful for that” she said with a sense of pride as she talked about the rescues she helped orchestrate in the last eight years.

“Most of our animals come from Louisiana, a high-kill state. We work very closely with our rescue connections there, who foster the animals for a few days before we bring them in,” said Chris, explaining the strict process they follow for every rescue. The Friends of Secaucus Animal Shelter, a non-profit organization, bears the cost of transport, full examination by a vet and low-cost spay and neuter program. “We want to make sure that we are not sending our animals to puppy mills.” Every family who adopts one must agree to get their adopted pet fixed. “I am grateful for the support for our staff and activities from Mayor Gonnelli and the Town Council. Without it, we would not be able to help connect pets with families,” said Chris.

While Friends of Secaucus Animal Shelter helps raise funds for the shelter, they also welcome donations of cat and dog food, towels, sheets, cleaning supplies and gift cards to Walmart and pet stores. Call 201-348-3213 to schedule a donation drop off. Connect with them by following the Friends of Secaucus Animal Shelter’s Facebook page. If you’re interested in adopting a pet, you can find a cat and/or dog adoption form on their website [sasnj.org](http://sasnj.org).



### Police Department Holds Second Town Hall



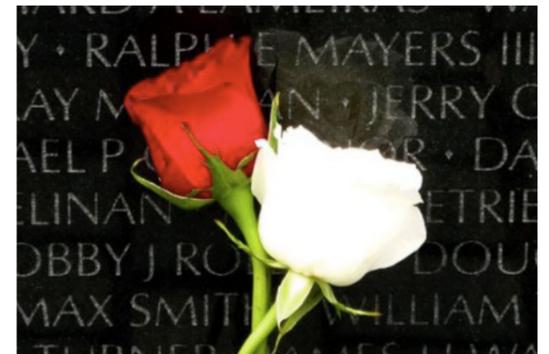
The Secaucus Police Department conducted its second Community Town Hall on Tuesday, September 15th at the Recreation Center Parking Lot on Koelle Blvd. The Town Hall series strive to make the department approachable and build a police/resident relationship in the true spirit of community policing. Chief Dennis Miller and heads of various units shared important information and updates relating to COVID-19, traffic issues, crime prevention, 911-dispatch and more. The event ended with a Q and A session. More such events are planned throughout Town including one at Harmon Cove Towers on October 1st.

### HCIA Art Contest Rashi Jakhotiya



Secaucus 7th grader, Rashi Jakhotiya, won the 2020 Annual Poster Contest organized by the Hudson County Improvement Authority. Rashi was invited to the Town Council meeting on September 22, where Amanda Nesheiwat of HCIA and Councilman Rob Costantino presented her with a certificate and \$100 Staples gift card. Winning entries from throughout Hudson County will be featured in the 2021 HCIA calendar.

### Digital History of Vietnam War



The Secaucus Public Library is compiling a visual database of images from the Vietnam War. If you or someone you know has any photographs of individuals at boot camp, draft cards, notices, recognition letters, images in uniforms, photographs of awards, medals, protest photos or other items, the Library would like to include them in a digital archive. Images must be received by October 31st. Please contact Jen May at 201-330-2083, Ext 4011. You may also email [may@secaucus.bccls.org](mailto:may@secaucus.bccls.org) for more information.

## Please Recycle Right



**NEVER bag** recyclables. Put loose in bin.

**ALWAYS rinse out** soiled materials.

**DOWNLOAD** the free  **recycle coach** app.

Call the Environmental Department at 201-86-GREEN (47336) with any questions. Thank you!

## Flu Vaccine Clinics

The Secaucus Department of Health highly recommends all residents to get the flu vaccine. To facilitate this, the Health Department in conjunction with Walgreens is conducting a Flu Shot Clinic. No appointment needed. Please bring your health insurance card, practice social distancing and wear masks.

The Elms, 777 5th Street: October 6, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Kroll Heights, 700 County Ave: October 6, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Secaucus Public Library, 1379 Paterson Plank Rd.: October 13, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please call 201-330-2031 for more information.

## Call for Recipes for Rotary International Cookbook

The Rotary Club invites all residents to send in your favorite recipe for consideration to be included in the Rotary International Multicultural Community Cookbook. Funds raised from the sale of this cookbook will provide scholarships to Secaucus High School students, support the Secaucus Emergency Fund, local veterans and other Secaucus Rotary Club initiatives which benefit those in need. Send in your recipe with list of ingredients and detailed notes about how to prepare the dish. Include a photo if you like. Email your recipe to [info@secaucusrotary.org](mailto:info@secaucusrotary.org).