



Keep an eye out for Santa! He will be driving around The Town of Secaucus on Saturday December 5, 2020 beginning at 3pm before our virtual tree lighting. Learn more at SecaucusNJ.gov/Santa. Continued on Page 2 with Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department schedule.

Mayor's Corner

The Town Council and I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season. May you all have a safe, healthy and joyous time as you prepare and get together for the holidays. I am so proud to live in such a caring and generous community. I thank everyone who has donated generously to our food and holiday toy drive. This helps us make the holidays special for many children and families in Town. Over the past few weeks and months, many companies also donated generously—from masks and sanitizers to toys, puzzles and furniture. We shared them with our residents, free of cost, and hope that these have made life a little bit easier for you.

While I am acutely aware this year has been difficult for all of us, I feel it has brought out the best in so many people. Each day I see neighbors caring for each other, our business community reaching out to see what they can do for those in need and a community filled with love and warmth. Difficult times test a community and either bring it down or lift it up and from where I sit, I see a community lifted up. I certainly recognize that we still have challenges ahead and remind everyone how important it is to remain diligent, wear your mask and maintain social distance whenever possible. We are turning the corner on the pandemic and it seems a vaccine is near. I believe there is a light at the end

of the tunnel and our lives will return to normal.

Lastly, we have many businesses in our community the are struggling to remain open. Our business community is a part of this Town and we need to partner with them to ensure their success. This holiday season shop at your local stores, buy gift cards to a local restaurant, cater your food locally, etc. Our business community needs our help as the holiday season is vitally important to them.

As we end the year, I reflect on what I have learned: be kind, help others, and bring joy to those around you. Hold your family close, show them how much they mean to you. And let us promise to do everything to keep our family, friends and Town safe and protected.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a great start to 2021.

- Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli



Annual Holiday Lights Competition

It's that time of the year! While the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in the center of Town will be virtual this year due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the Annual Holiday Lighting Competition will continue to be in full swing. Decorate your front yards and/or exterior of homes with creative, festive, colorful holiday décor and lights and a panel of residents will select the best decorations in three categories. Competition runs from December 10th to the 24th and winners will be announced soon after. There is no need to register—just decorate your homes and you're in! Make it a festive holiday season. Wishing you the best!

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Secaucus Coalition Launches New Video



The Secaucus Coalition launched a new video on YouTube to highlight the loss that results from addictive behaviors. “Echoes” is a poignant collection of portraits of artists whose lives were cut short due to addiction. “It was an idea I had for a long time and just could not shake,” said Dave Bratton, Secaucus Coalition Coordinator and creator of the video. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, some activities scheduled for the Coalition and its student organization, KAI, had to be put on pause or changed to a virtual format. “Videos are a way of continuing our prevention efforts in our community and beyond,” he added. In just a few weeks after its launch, the video garnered more than 1,100 views and has been shared by many other organizations, an impressive response in the prevention field. Check out the “Echoes” video on the Media tab at secaucuscoalition.org.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Mayor Michael Gonnelli and the Town Council along with the Secaucus Fire Department have invited Santa Claus to take a tour of our Town and pick up children’s request for this holiday season. Santa will ride atop a Secaucus Fire Truck at the following schedule. So come outside and wave to Santa as he passes along your street. And children, be on your best behavior—he’s going to be checking off on his naughty-or-nice list too!

December 10, 6:00 – 8:00 PM:

Engine 3 - County and Centre to Fifth St.

December 12, 4:00 to 9:00 PM:

Engine 2 - North End

December 13, 6:30 to 9:30 PM:

Engine 1 - Harper, 1st to 3rd Aves., First St. to Fourth St

December 16, 6:00 to 8:00 PM:

Engine 4 - Washington Ave. to Louis St. and Xchange

December 19, 6:00 to 9:00 PM:

Tower 2 - Fourth St. to Tenth St.



Community Solar Comes to Secaucus

Have you always been interested in going solar, but have not been able to? Secaucus residents are among the first in the state to be able to participate in the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ (NJBPUB) newest clean energy program, community solar. It was designed so that everyone can access the great benefits of solar energy, regardless of housing or financial situation. To learn more and sign-up, visit the Secaucus Environmental Department’s Website, and navigate to the “Go Solar” tab within the “Residents” menu section. Questions? Call 201-86-GREEN (47336).



Secaucus Police Officers Resuscitate 75-Year-Old Woman

On November 1, 2020 at 5:58 P.M., the Secaucus Police Department received a 9-1-1 call that a 75-year-old woman was suffering from severe chest pains and having complications with her breathing. Police Officer David Delseni was first to arrive at the residence, located on the 600 block of 9th Street.

Upon his arrival, Police Officer Delseni found the victim lying supine, turning blue with agonal breathing. Police Officer Delseni began to provide “rescue breaths” to the victim, but her condition worsened, and she became unresponsive. The victim’s breathing stopped, and no pulse could be found. At this time Police Officers Delseni, Michael Borrelli and Matthew Kirvin began to administer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). While performing CPR, the officers utilized their Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and administered a “shock” to the victim and a pulse was found shortly thereafter by Hudson Regional Hospital EMT’s who also arrived on the scene.

The victim was transported to the hospital and at the time of this press release she is recovering in the Intensive Care Unit. “I am extremely proud of these officers and commend their perseverance in performing these lifesaving measures. I am especially proud that these officers utilized their training and the equipment provided to them, worked as a team and were able to bring this victim back to life,” Chief Dennis Miller said.

Street Sweeper

Suspended Starting 12/14

Street Sweeping is suspended from Monday, December 14, 2020 and will resume on Monday, March 15 th , 2021.



Parking Meters

Suspended Starting 12/01

Parking meters will be suspended from Tuesday, December 1, 2020 to Saturday, January 2, 2021.

Animal Shelter Receives Donation

The Secaucus Animal Shelter organizes an Annual Halloween Party to raise funds for the shelter. However, the event had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Answering a call for donations, the Harmon Cove Recreation Association held a fundraising campaign and bake sale with delicious donations from Pat Foley to raise the much-needed funds. A check of \$1500.00 was presented to the Animal Shelter at the October 27th Town Council Meeting. Pictured here are Councilwoman Orietta Tringali, President of Harmon Cove Recreation Association Tommy Schwarz, Animal Shelter Director Chris Conte, Pat Foley and Councilman William McKeever.



Recycling This Holiday Season

Ever heard of wish-cycling? You toss a tricky item in your recycling container, hoping it will get recycled. Unfortunately, simply wishing for something to be recyclable doesn't make it so. Wish-cycling is one of the biggest issues facing our municipal recycling program. While this is a year-round problem, it gets worse during the holidays.

Know What Can & Cannot be Recycled Curbside:

- Download the free Recycle Coach app (RecycleCoach.com/Download-App).
- Recycle Coach has Secaucus-specific curbside collection information and a resourceful "What Goes Where?" Search Tool.
- To-date, the Environmental Department has uploaded information for over 100 items and how they can be donated, recycled, or discarded.

Cardboard & Paper Recycling:

- It is mandatory to flatten cardboard and have any other attached materials removed such as Styrofoam, bubble-wrap, tape, or plastic.
- Gift wrap: only items that are 100% paper can be recycled in curbside collection. Anything that contains non-paper additives cannot be included, such as ribbons, rope handles, glitter, wax, foil-type paper, etc.

Avoid harmful wish-cycling and contact the Environmental Department with recycling questions at 201-86-GREEN (47336) or environmental@secaucus.net

To learn more, please visit: SecaucusNJ.gov/RecycleRight



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*Mayor and Town Council
Present*

**Secaucus Ice Rink
Open Skating**

Thursday :	7:00 PM — 9:30 PM	
Friday:	7:30 PM — 9:30 PM	
Saturday:	1:30 — 3:30 PM 7:30 PM — 9:30 PM	
Sunday	3:00 PM — 5:00 PM	

**Admission \$3.00
Skate Rental \$2:00**

For more information, call 551-257-7207






Police Officer Kowlessar Saves Infant's Life



Police Officer Mikhail Kowlessar was honored with a Proclamation at the October 27th Town Council meeting for saving the life of an infant. On October 7th, the Police Department received a frantic phone call from a father whose infant was turning blue. Police officers responded to their home and found that the five-month-old baby boy was not breathing. When the officers arrived, the infant's mother was administering CPR as

directed by the dispatcher who received the emergency call. Police Officer Kowlessar swiftly stepped in and administered back slaps in accordance with his training. The infant spit up clear liquid and began to breathe on his own before he was transported to Hackensack University Medical Center. Thank you, Officer Kowlessar for your swift and professional action, which saved the infant's life.

Major Upgrades Coming to Mill Ridge Fields

Major upgrades are coming to the Mill Ridge Fields area thanks to a recently awarded \$500,000.00 Open Space Grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The Town is also looking to reprogram additional Open Space funds previously awarded to this project. Improvements will include a completely reconstructed field with new turf surface. This is a major step towards making the area one of the Town's premier parks, a goal that the Mayor and Town Council have been working on as a priority. Over the last few years, Mill Creek Point received many upgrades including a new playground, gazebos, additional parking, a dog park, archery range and a complete reconstruction of the portion of Mill Ridge Road leading into the park. "Our Town is blessed with scenic riverfront open areas and we are doing our best not just to preserve them as open space but also make the best use of these spaces to support our residents' recreation needs. The grant will help us upgrade one of the ball fields with minimal impact on our budget," said Mayor Michael Gonnelli. The area has become one of the most used parks in Town offering walking trails, a boardwalk, breathtaking sunrise and sunset views, children's play areas, ball fields and lots of opportunity to watch wildlife, including diamondback turtles and a variety of birds.



Library History Added to Rock Garden

Secaucus is a beautiful, art-filled and community-spirited Town. From seasonal flowers and street-deco to murals to the relatively new rock garden, we have ways to show off our hometown pride. Our murals are obvious, but if you don't know about the rock garden, it's time you checked it out! Located on 1st Avenue, right by the Little League Ball Field near Buchmuller Park. Local artists have been contributing beautifully painted rocks dedicated to our wonderful Town. Recently Katherine Steffens, formerly a longtime Director of the Secaucus Public Library, thought of adding the Library to the rock garden. So she requested young and talented artist Destinee Salinas to paint the library's history. Here's a picture of Katherine and Destinee with their meaningful addition to the rock garden!

Check out the Community Rock Garden when you can. If you would like to contribute a Secaucus-themed painted rock, just drop it there and let everyone know by posting it on your social media or sending us a picture!

