



Ceremony Commemorating End of the Vietnam War

On March 29 the Town held a ceremony commemorating the end of the Vietnam War. The ceremony was well attended and featured the laying of a wreath in honor of those who did not return home and made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony was held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located on Flanagan Way (next to Dunkin Donuts). This location recently underwent renovations and has the flags of all branches of the military on display. The captioned photo includes many of the veterans that attended the ceremony as well as Mayor Gonnelli and JoAnn Northgrave, County of Hudson Veterans Service Representative.

Mayor's Corner

Remember the Secaucus Home News? It was the local newspaper that would keep many residents up to date on local newsworthy events. Many of these events included pictures submitted by residents of milestones in their lives, such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, births, exciting trips, etc. It was great to have a publication dedicated to the people of Secaucus.

When the Home News closed, I wanted to find a way to continue to get local news to our residents. It was the desire to keep our residents informed which led to the creation of the Secaucus Newsletter, which we publish every month. While the Newsletter is informative and has been well received, I feel it is missing the personal touch only our residents can provide. Please consider sending

a picture or story you would like considered for publication. I would love to see more of this content, and I am sure others would love it as well.

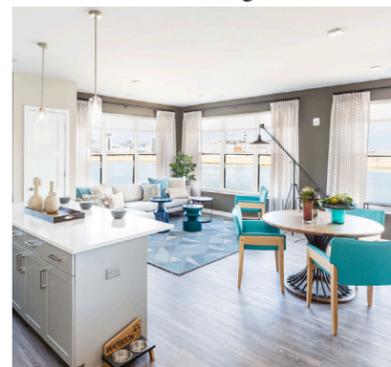
If you would like to make a submission for consideration, please email ajaideep@secaucus.net. Share your great stories and help make the Secaucus Newsletter yours!



Opening of The Waterton

The newest rental complex in Town, known as "The Waterton", is now open for business. This facility is located at the end of Paterson Plank Road, on the cul-de-sac abutting the Hackensack River. This beautiful complex was built on a site previously occupied by a cement company that closed years ago and was an eyesore. The end of Paterson Plank Road certainly looks better these days!

The Waterton has 116 units with in-home washer-dryers, stainless steel appliances and luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout. Some units have spectacular views of the Hackensack River and others have vaulted ceilings with floor to ceiling windows. We also hear the amenities are



impressive and include, among other things, a large lounge/game room, fitness center and two courtyards for outdoor entertainment.

Another great feature for all residents to enjoy is the walking path that runs along the water and connects to the Town's greenway. Residents can walk for miles along the river and enjoy all the beautiful scenery the Meadowlands has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming the new residents of our Town who will choose The Waterton as their home.

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Bergen County Audubon Society Donation

On March 31, Mayor Mike Gonnelli and Environmental Coordinator Jennifer Schneider were presented with a generous check from our local Audubon Chapter President Don Torino. The \$2,000 donation from the Bergen County Audubon Society (BCAS) chapter will fund bird habitat restoration in the form of new bird nest boxes specifically suited for several species including Swallows, Chickadees, and House Wrens.

If you are interested in learning more about local birds, join BCAS on one of their birding



field trips. The next birding field trips in Secaucus are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on May 26, June 16, and July 21 at the Mill Creek Marsh Trail (accessed behind Bob's Furniture). Please contact Don Torino at (201) 230-4983 or greatauk4@gmail.com if you plan to attend so you may be notified of changes or weather cancellations. Visit bergencountyaudubon.org to learn more.

Partners in Prevention 5K Run

Partners In Prevention, a Secaucus-based non-profit organization, held its first ever Spring Sprint 5K run and walk. The 5K brought out over 100 residents and runners (in-person and virtual) to enjoy a scenic route from Secaucus High School, through Schmidt's Woods, to the Mill Creek Marsh Trail.

"We are so grateful for all of the hard work that Mayor Gonnelli, Gary Jeffas, and the Secaucus Coalition put into this 5K to make it a wonderful day for the community and a successful fundraiser for Partners in Prevention. We additionally want to thank all of the local businesses who donated and sponsored the event. The entire community is so supportive of the work we do. Partners in Prevention is fortunate to call Secaucus our home," added Doug Bratton, Executive Director.

Partners in Prevention's mission is to promote wellness and reduce substance use disorders and other related health challenges in Hudson County and New Jersey. For almost 35 years, Partners in Prevention has provided information, education, and treatment referral services to youth, parents/guardians, and older adults. Additionally, Partners in Prevention runs the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute, New Jersey's key leadership and wellness training program for high school, middle school, and college age students.

A number of organizations and businesses supported the event, including the Secaucus Coalition, a group dedicated to reducing youth substance abuse here in Secaucus.

For more information about Partners in Prevention, contact: info@pipnj.org For more information about the Secaucus Coalition or to get involved, email: coalition@secaucus.net



Annual Green Festival

After two years, the Secaucus Green Festival held at and sponsored by Xchange is returning to its traditional First Saturday of May (5/7) 11am-4pm. There will be fun activities for all including free eco-cruises, animal ambassadors at the presenter tent, face painting, solar merry-go-round, rock-wall, golf putting green, crafts, bouncy house, bubbles, DJ, eco-friendly vendors, environmental non-profits, food vendors, and much more. New this year will be nature yoga classes for kids and a native plant sale - the perfect gift for Mother's Day!

There will also be a GreenDrop donation drive at the Library Annex from 11am-2pm, and The Rotary Club will be accepting nonperishable food donations and grooming supplies to send to Poland and Ukraine within the Festival along Riverside Station Blvd. from 11am-4pm.

To be environmentally friendly and to not stress about parking, take the free shuttle bus from 10:30am-4pm. Shuttle bus stop/pick-up locations along with activity flyers, are posted on green.secaucusnj.gov and the Town of Secaucus Facebook page.

See the Newsletter's back page for flyer. Join us!



Moxie Grand Opening



Mayor Gonnelli and members of the Town Council attended the ribbon cutting for Moxie, the Town's newest salon. All agreed that owners Dawn Leon Costantino, Robert Costantino, Alejandro Leon and Samanta Longobucco did a fabulous job renovating the location. We have no doubt Moxie will be a great success. All are welcome to stop in, say hello and enjoy all of the services the salon has to offer.

Fourth Grade Trip



On April 11, the fourth-grade classes from Huber Street School made a visit to Town Hall, where they learned about the inner workings of Municipal Government. The classes participated in a mock trial where the students acted as judges, attorneys, plaintiffs, and defendants. This interactive activity gave them a realistic picture of how the municipal court system in New Jersey works. After the mock trial, all enjoyed a tour of Town Hall, the police station, a fire truck and more. Despite all the great activities, it was clear everyone's favorite stop was Mayor Mike's office. The pictures above will serve as proof.

Earth Day Clean-up



On the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day, Secaucus helped the environment with a litter clean-up at the Duck Pond. Volunteers included many members of the community, Secaucus employees, and visitors from as far as Staten Island who wanted to help the environment on Earth Day. Together, volunteers collected litter from the surrounding natural areas of the Pond. Over 25 bags of trash including bottles, cans, plastic bags, wrappers, and cigarette butts were removed. Secaucus proudly partners with "NJ Clean Communities" striving to prevent litter and organize frequent clean-ups. Visit njclean.org to learn more and contact environmental@secaucus.net to join the Environmental Department's volunteer email list.

Meadowlands Garden



Have you ever passed the large grass lot on Meadowlands Parkway just across from the Hackensack River and wondered what it would become? Mayor Gonnelli and the Town Council are excited to announce that starting this spring it will be transformed into a beautiful new garden. The Meadowlands Garden will feature a native pollinator garden for butterflies and birds, a sensory garden for all ages and abilities, several rain gardens, a gazebo, walking path, and the Town's fifth community garden. We are excited that the community garden will have several wheelchair-accessible raised garden beds. Alongside the Secaucus Environmental, Public Works, and Engineering Departments, this project is being implemented with help from four amazing volunteers from the Native Plant Society of NJ Hudson County Chapter - Kim Correro, Lorraine Freeney, Dawn Giambalvo, and Lauren Morse. They graciously chose the Meadowlands Garden to serve as their internship for the Rutgers Environmental Stewardship Program. We have no doubt that, with their input, the Meadowlands Garden will be an awesome "green" addition to our community.

As is the standard for the Town's community garden program, garden plots will be assigned first to residents on the current waiting lists. New applications will open on green.secaucusnj.gov/food/gardens when the garden is complete.

Most importantly, this project would not be possible without the very generous contributions from the business community. Additionally, on May 12th as part of Hudson Gives, the Hudson County Chapter of NPSNJ selected the Meadowlands Garden project as a beneficiary alongside several other amazing native plant projects in Hudson County. Visit hudsongives.org to donate and learn more!

Stay tuned for updates, and contact environmental@secaucus.net if you are interested in volunteer opportunities such as planting events at the new garden and community clean-ups.

Police Officers Discuss 9-1-1 Procedures at EPOS



Police Officers Thomas Keegan and William Eccles met with members of the Exceptional People of Secaucus to discuss 9-1-1 emergency call procedures. The officers instructed the group on when to call 9-1-1, what to expect and what information to give when they are on the phone so we can get help to the caller quickly. This is one of our latest "community engagement" efforts and was initiated by Captain Hawxhurst.

EPA Air Quality Flag Program



Starting on Tuesday, May 3rd, Secaucus will begin raising brightly colored flags at the Recreation Center on Koelle Blvd. to help our community be aware of daily air quality conditions. Secaucus officially joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Flag Program to help protect people's health. Recreation Department staff will raise a flag each day based on the color of the Air Quality Index (AQI) to show how polluted the air is expected to be. By comparing the colored flags to the AQI, everyone who sees the flags will know what actions to take to protect their health. Green signals good air quality, yellow is moderate, orange means unhealthy for sensitive groups (like children and people with asthma), and red signals unhealthy air for everyone. A purple flag means the air quality is very unhealthy and sensitive groups should avoid all outdoor exertion while everyone else should limit outdoor exertion. Our local air quality can affect our daily lives and it can change from day to day, season to season, and can even vary depending on the time of day.

The AQI provides information about the health effects of common air pollutants, and how to avoid those effects. The flags alert people to that day's air quality, so they know when to modify their outdoor activities, like exercising for less time or moving exercise indoors when necessary. Getting

up-to-date air quality information is easy by subscribing at www.enviroflash.info or downloading the AirNow app. You can get the daily air quality forecast sent to your email, cell phone or Twitter. This is especially helpful for those who are sensitive to the effects of air pollution, such as children, adults who are active outdoors, people with heart and lung disease, and older adults. For more information on the Air Quality Flag Program, visit EPA's AirNow website at www.airnow.gov/flag.

Town of Secaucus Vaccine Clinic will be ending on June 27

The Secaucus Health Department continues to hold vaccine clinics every Monday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on the first floor of Town Hall. No appointments are needed, and walk-ins are welcome!

While the vaccine clinic continues to offer first and second shots as well as booster doses, the clinic's last day of operation will take place on Monday, June 27, 2022. If you wish to receive your vaccine through the Town, we strongly encourage you to attend any of the Health Department's clinics. For residents wishing to receive their second dose at our clinics, the final day to receive your first dose is June 6.

Please note we will not have a clinic on Monday, May 30th as it is Memorial Day.

Upcoming Vaccine clinic Dates: Mondays in May - 5/2/2022, 5/9/2022, 5/16/2022 and 5/23/2022.

Mondays in June 6/6/2022 ,6/13/2022, 6/20/2022 and the last vaccine clinic 6/27/2022.

This Month in Secaucus

The Mayor & Town Council
Invite all Secaucus residents to the

Annual Fishing Derby



Duck Pond

(Metro Way)

Saturday May 7th

Registration 8:00-9:00 am

Derby 9:00am-12:00 noon

Prizes, Food & Fun !!

11th Annual GREEN FESTIVAL
Saturday, May 7th 2022

FREE ADMISSION!

*Please bring your own reusable water bottle!

11:00am - 4:00pm
at Secaucus Xchange
(2000 Riverside Station Blvd.)

For more details, visit Green.Secaucusnj.gov

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COVID RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Are you facing eviction?
Or
Behind in your rent due to the pandemic?

NHCAC can assist you.

Call Soraya Restrepo at 201-210-0333 x22108

Client eligibility:

1. At or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
2. Proof of financial impact due to COVID
3. Resident of North Hudson Area (West New York, North Bergen, Weehawken, Union City, Guttenberg, Secaucus, Harrison, Kearny, and East Newark)

2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines	
Size of Household	200 Percent of Poverty
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260
For each additional person add this amount	\$9,440

HCIA SPRING HHW DAYS 2022
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, COMPUTER & TIRE RECYCLING

FREE!

Sunday, May 1
9AM – 1PM (RAIN OR SHINE)
Gregg Park in Bayonne
Parking Lot #1 - Parkview Drive & Kennedy Blvd
North Bergen MUA
6200 Tonnetle Ave

Saturday, May 14
9AM – 1PM (RAIN OR SHINE)
Jersey City Municipal Service Complex
13-15 Linden Ave
Kearny DPW
357 Bergen Ave

WHAT TO BRING:

- Thermostats
- Tires
- Cleaners & Corrosives
- Pool & Photographic Chemicals
- Oil Based Paints & Varnishes
- Rechargeable & Car Batteries
- Propane Tanks (from BBQ grills only)
- Solvents & Thinners
- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Formaldehyde
- Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- Used Motor Oil
- Old Gasoline
- Fire Extinguishers
- Antifreeze
- Smoke Detectors

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Alkaline Batteries
- Latex Paint
- Explosives
- Compressed Gas Cylinders & Tanks
- TCBs, TCCD (such as Freon & Helium)
- Woodlife
- Asbestos
- Keopone
- Infectious Waste
- Silvex 2,4,5-t
- Radioactive Material
- Unknown or Unidentified Material
- Ballasts
- Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners
- Any OTC or Prescription Drugs

TIRE AMNESTY COLLECTION
Hudson County residents are asked to bring no more than 4 tires for proper disposal. If you cannot participate in this year's Tire Amnesty Event, either store tires indoors (in a garage or shed) or cover them until they can be disposed of properly.

COMPUTERS ONLY RECYCLING
Computers, monitors, computer mice, keyboards, tablets and cellphones can also be recycled. Household appliances will not be accepted.

County Executive • Thomas A. DeGise
Chief Executive Officer • Norman H. Guerra
Chairman • Frank Pestana

MAYOR MICHAEL GONNELLI AND THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT THE

SECAUCUS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022
12:00 NOON

PARADE WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN AT THE HUBER STREET MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND WILL END AT BUCHMULLER PARK

FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW AT BUCHMULLER PARK

PLEASE VISIT WWW.SECAUCUSNJ.GOV FOR FULL PARADE ROUTE

Mayor Michael Gonnelli &

The Town Council

Along with the

Secaucus Volunteer Fire Dept.

Would like all residents to participate in
Lighting our porches RED for May 4th & 5th



In commemoration of **International Firefighters' Day**, the **National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)** asks you to join us in celebrating firefighters by lighting your home in red on May 4, 2022 and keep it lit for 2 days! We ask that you change your porch light(s) and share your **#ShineYourLight4Firefighters** story with us on social media as a thank you to all the firefighters who are on the front lines every day, keeping us safe.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES
SECAUCUS PBA VS. SECAUCUS FIRE

2ND ANNUAL CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME
SATURDAY, JUNE 18 AT 6:30PM
KANE STADIUM, SECAUCUS NJ

TICKETS: \$25
INCLUDES ADMISSION, REFRESHMENTS AND A CHANCE TO WIN \$500 RAFFLE

STARTS AT 5:30pm
PBA and FD
CONTESTANTS

FOR TICKETS VISIT
WWW.SECAUCUSFIRE.ORG/SOFTBALL

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
THE LEARY FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

Bounty Hunters Wanted

To Eliminate Spotted Lantern Fly

\$10 Reward Paid/100 Killed!

The Secaucus Spectator is seeking able bodied Bounty Hunters under 16 years of age, to destroy the ravenous Spotted Lantern Fly that kills our Secaucus trees.

To qualify as a Bounty Hunter first obtain a large jar capable of holding 100 dead bugs.

When you destroy 100 Spotted Lantern Flies, e-mail Secaucuspec@aol.com to claim your bounty of \$10.

For more info, call Don Evanson 201-902-9742
This offer is good until Friday June 24, 2022.

Weapon of Choice

The Mayor & the Town Council
Present the
8th Annual

JAZZ NIGHT

in the Meditation Garden

MAY 19, 2022
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Featuring The Jamile Trio

Located at
Secaucus Recreation Center
1200 Koelle Blvd.