



TAXPAYER'S INFORMATION 2015

Dear Secaucus Taxpayer:

Enclosed you will find your 2015/2016 tax bill. We are pleased to inform you that for the 5th year in a row, there is no increase to the municipal tax rate. We have held the rate steady while providing the highest level of services. We have been able to accomplish this by careful management of the Town's income and expenses. In preparing the budget, the Chief Financial Officer and Town Finance Committee conducted a line-by-line review to ensure that every revenue source pays its proper share and each municipal department allocates its resources wisely.

In addition to good governance and careful oversight, the Town was relieved from its obligation to the Meadowlands Commission tax sharing. Since taking office, this administration has made Tax Sharing reform a priority. My administration has been tirelessly advocating for relief from the burden that our residents face when having to send more than \$3 million to the Meadowlands to make Tax Sharing payments. With the help of Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto in bringing our case to Trenton, we have been successful in eliminating these payments forever.

We also wish to point out the many advances we have made in the past year. Our Town is not only beautiful, with upgrades to every one of our parks; it is safe. We have a record number of police officers on the force now and five new recruits have joined the ranks.

Again, we want to reiterate that **there will be no increase to the municipal rate for the 5th year in a row**. As you are aware, your tax bill includes not only the municipal portion but also the County and School taxes, as well. Including the County and School portion, the total tax bill for an average home will **decrease** a little more than \$115 per year. We are extremely proud of that fact and that the Town's tax rate continues to be the lowest in Hudson County.

The deadline for 3rd Quarter 2015 tax payments is Monday, August 31, 2015. Payments after that date will accrue interest back to the August 1, 2015 due date.

Payments should be mailed to the Town of Secaucus, Attention: Tax Collector, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094. Please remember, the Tax Collector's Office **cannot** accept cash payments. Kindly utilize personal checks, bank checks, or money orders for payments. Residents can look up their property tax records anytime by visiting www.secaucusnj.gov and by clicking on "Look Up Your Property Tax Info" on Tax Collector page. Please note that applications for the Veteran/Widow of Veteran deduction and the Senior/ Disabled deduction are available at the Tax Assessor's Office.

Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli