



Congressman Pascrell Visits Secaucus

Congressman Pascrell presents a \$950,000 grant to Mayor Gonnelli & The Town Council for the construction of a new senior center.

Mayor's Corner

It was a great privilege to host Congressman Pascrell, who was in Town on Friday, February 17th. The Congressman was at the current Senior Center to make the formal announcement of the \$950,000 grant awarded toward the construction of the new Senior and Community Center, which will be located at the site of the prior building, 101 Centre Avenue. On behalf of myself and the Town Council, I would like to thank the Congressman for his constant support to our Town. Due to his efforts, we were able to receive other funds including Port Security and Assistance to Firefighters grants. All these funds allow us to make major improvements to our facilities and infrastructure and go a long way in decreasing the burden on our Town's fiscal budget.

Recent grants from County and State sources will also allow us to repave the full length of Centre Avenue and Paterson Plank Road from the intersection by Dunkin Donuts to the cul-de-sac. Work

will begin this Spring, and even though it may cause temporary inconvenience, it will benefit us immensely in the long run.

Lastly, Spring is in the air and I look forward to the line-up of events and activities as the weather gets warmer. As we see students accomplish great things in Spring sports, college acceptances, graduations and more, I would like to invite you to send us your information and photos so we can share it with our community. Sharing accomplishments and efforts brings our community closer and helps keeps the core small-town feel of Secaucus intact. Please email Alka at ajaideep@secaucus.net for consideration.

Be well and stay safe.



Alternate Side Parking in Effect

Please be advised that alternate side parking will be in effect starting Monday, March 13, 2023. Please move your car to alternate side on designated days to allow street sweeping to avoid parking tickets.



Spotted Lanternfly Eggs

The Town of Secaucus is actively taking steps to prevent hatching; however, most Spotted Lanternfly eggs are on private property that is inaccessible to the Town of Secaucus. Therefore it is important for residents to take the steps necessary to prevent their hatching this spring. Watch as Environmental Department Intern Damaris Acomata shows you how to properly destroy eggs and stop the lifecycle of the Spotted Lanternfly before it starts. Visit SecaucusNJ.gov/Lanternfly to watch the video



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Margaret Cruz Honored as Senior of the Year

Each year, senior citizens of Secaucus are invited to a very special Valentine's Day breakfast celebration. This year's event was held at the Clarendon School gymnasium with a sumptuous breakfast served by 5th grade students. It is also the event where everyone waits for the much-anticipated announcement—the Senior of the Year award. When Mayor Gonnelli announced that Margaret Cruz, a resident of the Elms, is the 2023 Senior of the Year, all attendees clapped and cheered. Speaking about the pick, Lisa Snedeker, Senior and Social Services Director, applauded Margaret's compassion and helpful, welcoming and friendly attitude. Congratulations to Margaret on the well-deserved honor.



Thanks go out to the students, teachers and staff of Clarendon School and the staff of the Department of Social Services for organizing the enjoyable event.

Secaucus Rotarian Participates in Polar Bear Plunge

Congratulations to our newest Secaucus Rotary member, Bill DeIasi, and Team De-Icers, who participated in the New Jersey Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside Heights on March 24th. This is the 30th anniversary of the event, and Bill participated for the 14th year, braving the frigid waters to raise money for Special Olympics athletes in New Jersey. The Club and some members also made donations. The Secaucus Rotary wishes the organizers and participants of the Special Olympics much success.



Rotary Club Concludes Second Baby Bundle Event

The Rotary Club of Secaucus successfully raised approximately \$1,700 to purchase gifts for the second "Mom's and Babies Best Start Luncheon", in partnership with Hudson Regional Hospital. Members and friends of the Rotary made generous donations during the Rotary's Italian Heritage Dinner Fundraiser. Delectable dishes, sponsored by United Way, were prepared by Rotarian Chef Danny Altilio, President of the United Way of Hudson County.

One "Baby Bundle" with baby basics for twelve months was prepared and presented to a mother by Villon Enterprises. Additionally, all new mothers who attended received four large gift bags filled with baby supplies and clothing donated by Hudson Regional Hospital, Villon Enterprises, the Rotary Club of Secaucus, and a large donation from GoTo Technology, thanks to Keely Respass. Gift certificates for Carter's and Walmart were also handed to each mother.

The Rotary Club of Secaucus also thanked Mayor Michael Gonnelli who generously donated designer handbags for a raffle, future Rotary District 7490 Governor John Cosgrove for his presence, Mr. Yan Moshe, owner of Hudson Regional Hospital, and Dr. Nizar Kifaieh, CEO of Hudson Regional Hospital for their ongoing and generous support. Rotarian Sheryl Syby, Assistant Vice President of Nursing, was assisted by Krystal Melendez and Sabrina Matos in providing a delicious holiday luncheon and gifts.



Recycling Really Pays: Town Receives Grant

The Town of Secaucus received a Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$189,204 from the State. It is a grant that helps communities enhance waste reduction and recycling programs. The awards are based on 2020 recycling performance and Secaucus is one of only 31 towns to receive an award of over \$100,000. This is possible thanks to the diligence of our residents who consistently recycle items, thus taking them away from landfills. Many residents also help reduce waste by participate in the Community Composting program resulting in organics that are turned into usable compost. All of your recycling efforts paid off and we thank you!

Boys Soccer



The Boys Soccer Recreational U-10 and U12 teams won the Fall 2022 NCSA tournament and were honored by Mayor Gonnelli and the Town Council. Head Coach Alex Laloui presented the players with monogrammed jerseys and the members of the Town Council presented them with messenger bags at the February 14th Town Council meeting.

Congratulations players, coaches and parents on this awesome accomplishment!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



On Friday, March 3rd, the Knights of Columbus hosted their annual fish fry at Immaculate Conception Church. This has become a Lenten tradition. The event was very well attended, and all were well fed. Pictured above is Pastor Victor Kennedy with some of the members of the Knights who helped run the event. The Knights thank all who attended as funds raised help advance the many charitable causes the organization supports.

EPOS Valentine's Day



Yet another fun day at EPOS! Attendees celebrated Valentine's Day with music, dance, games, and food. If you or someone you know would like to know more about the EPOS program and the line-up of activities, please call 551-257-7202 or email kbuckel@secaucus.net.

Clean Energy Incentives Are Here!

Last summer, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA features over two dozen provisions in rebates, loans, and tax incentives that help save New Jersey families money while moving our state closer toward a clean energy future.

The landmark law sets the course to help homeowners and residents reduce energy bills and improve the efficiency of and electrify their homes with tax credits and upfront rebates on state-of-the-art heat pumps, water heaters, stoves, and ovens. Additionally, the IRA provides up to a 30% tax credit on the cost of installing solar panels and rebates that can save buyers up to \$7,500 on a new electric vehicle – just to name a few.

To navigate the wide variety of available benefits, the White House unveiled a new website that makes learning about the new federal incentive programs easy! Please visit www.cleanenergy.gov to learn more!

To maximize the savings afforded by the IRA, you can stack federal programs with state programs, like New Jersey's Charge-Up Program, (info at www.chargeup.njcleanenergy.com) a nation-leading rebate of up to \$4,000 toward a new electric vehicle - leading to even greater savings. We encourage you to take advantage of state and federal cost savings while they're available. The list of state programs for homeowners and businesses is available at www.njcleanenergy.com, where you can also find a directory to your electric and gas utility website to explore more cost-saving opportunities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL HHW EVENTS: 9AM-1PM ALL SHREDDING EVENTS: 9AM-2PM

<p>Saturday, March 18th Mobile Shredding & E-Waste Collection Secaucus (HS Parking Lot) Mobile Shredding North Bergen (Braddock Park, Picnic Area Parking Lot)</p> <p>Saturday, March 25th Mobile Shredding Harrison (Red Bull Arena North Parking Lot)</p> <p>Saturday, April 1st Mobile Shredding Bayonne (Gregg Park, Lot #1)</p> <p>Saturday, April 15th Earth Day – North Bergen (Braddock Park) 11AM-3PM Mobile Shredding Union City (Jose Marti School Field Parking Lot) • Kearny (W. Hudson Park)</p> <p>Saturday, April 22nd 11AM-3PM Earth Day – Jersey City (Lincoln Park)</p> <p>Saturday, April 29th Mobile Shredding Hoboken (DPW) • Guttenberg (DPW)</p> <p>Sunday, May 7th HHWE-Waste Recycling/Tire Amnesty North Bergen (MJA) Bayonne (Gregg Park, Lot #1)</p> <p>Saturday, May 13th Mobile Shredding & E-Waste Collection Jersey City (Lincoln Park, Duncan Ave Parking Lot)</p> <p>Saturday, May 20th HHWE-Waste Recycling/Tire Amnesty Jersey City (Municipal Complex) • Kearny (DPW)</p> <p>Saturday, June 3rd Mobile Shredding West New York (DPW)</p>	<p>Saturday, June 10th TMA Stride & Ride (Lincoln Park, Jersey City)</p> <p>Saturday, September 9th Mobile Shredding Bayonne (Gregg Park, Lot #1)</p> <p>Saturday, September 23rd Mobile Shredding & E-Waste Collection Secaucus (High School Parking Lot)</p> <p>Saturday, September 30th Mobile Shredding North Bergen (Braddock Park, Picnic Area Parking Lot)</p> <p>Sunday, October 1st HHWE-Waste Recycling/Tire Amnesty Bayonne (Gregg Park, Lot #1) Secaucus (High School Parking Lot)</p> <p>Saturday, October 7th Mobile Shredding Union City (Jose Marti School Field Parking Lot) Kearny (West Hudson Park)</p> <p>Saturday, October 14th HHWE-Waste Recycling/Tire Amnesty Jersey City (Municipal Complex) • Kearny (DPW)</p> <p>Saturday, October 21st Mobile Shredding Hoboken (DPW) Guttenberg (DPW)</p> <p>Saturday, October 28th Mobile Shredding & E-Waste Collection Jersey City (Lincoln Park, Duncan Ave Parking Lot)</p> <p>Saturday, November 4th Mobile Shredding West New York (DPW) Harrison (Red Bull Arena North Parking Lot)</p>
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(201) 324-6222 ext. 3257

2023

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MAYOR MICHAEL GONNELLI AND THE TOWN COUNCIL
INVITE RESIDENTS 11 YEARS OLD AND UNDER TO

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023
12:00 NOON
SCHMIDT'S WOODS
RAIN LOCATION - SECAUCUS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The Diversity Center & The Town of Secaucus
Invite you to our 1st

International Diversity Fair

Sunday, March 19, 2023
Time: 12pm - 5pm
Location: Secaucus Recreation Center
1200 Koelle Blvd - Secaucus, NJ

Activities Include: A Vendor Fair - Information Booths - Book Readings International Performances - Delicious Food

Purchase Tickets Today!

Contact Us: info@thediversitycenter.org
www.thediversitycenter.org

Interested in purchasing fresh, local, organic produce that is harvested the same day its delivered to Secaucus?

School Lunch Organic Farm offers a weekly vegetable share for 16 weeks, from June through October 2023

Pick Up Site:
Secaucus Public Library (1379 Paterson Plank Rd.)
Every Tuesday from 2PM-8PM

To sign-up, visit www.secaucusnj.gov/csa

Secaucus' Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA) is now in its 7th year! **Sign up by May 10th, 2023**

For more information, visit www.secaucusnj.gov/csa or contact the Environmental Department with questions:
Call: 201-330-2000, x3222
Email: environmental@secaucus.net

SECAUCUS FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF

REUSABLE BAG DONATIONS

WHERE & WHEN
145 FRONT STREET
M-F 8AM - 3PM

WHAT
ANY/ALL REUSABLE BAGS

WHY
TO HELP THOSE IN NEED & THE ENVIRONMENT

SecaucusNJ.gov | Social Services 201-330-2014

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD!

You're the right type
Thank you for being a blood donor!

BLOOD & PLATELET DRIVE

A COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY THE SECAUCUS POLICE DEPARTMENT... TO HELP SAVE LIVES!

Location:
Secaucus Recreation Center
1200 Koelle Blvd., Secaucus NJ 07094

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ALL BLOOD DONORS WILL RECEIVE A \$5 COFFEE GIFT CARD!
Platelet donors will receive a \$10 Shop Rite gift card.

ALL MEDICAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY CALLING 732-235-8100 Ext. 248.
BRING A PHOTO ID AND REMEMBER TO EAT AND DRINK BEFORE YOU DONATE!

Appointments are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED and available at rwjhdonorclub.org, by using the QR code provided or by calling 732-235-8100 ext. 221.

RWJBarnabas HEALTH
Let's be healthy together.

FREE!

HCIA SPRING SHREDDING 2023

9AM - 2PM (RAIN OR SHINE)

<p>Saturday, March 18 Braddock Park – North Bergen Picnic Area Parking Lot E-Waste Collection and Shredding Secaucus High School – Secaucus 11 Millridge Road, Parking Lot</p> <p>Saturday, March 25 Red Bull Arena – Harrison North Parking Lot</p> <p>Saturday, April 1 Gregg Park – Bayonne Parking Lot #1 - Parkview Drive & Kennedy Blvd Entrance</p> <p>Saturday, April 15 Jose Marti School – Union City 1812 Summit Ave – Field Parking Lot West Hudson Park – Kearny Parking Lot, near Duck Pond</p>	<p>Saturday, April 29 DPW – Guttenberg 2177th Street DPW – Hoboken Willow Avenue & Observer Highway</p> <p>Saturday, May 13 E-Waste Collection and Shredding Lincoln Park – Jersey City Duncan Avenue Parking Lot</p> <p>Saturday, June 3 DPW – West New York 6200 Dewey Avenue</p>
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WHAT TO BRING: Personal or Confidential Documents
WHAT NOT TO BRING: Newspapers, Magazines, Binder Clips, Cardboard, Books, Binders

IMPORTANT!
In an effort to accommodate all those wishing to participate please limit your documents to no more than 40 lbs. For further information, contact the HCIA's Environmental Hotline: (201) 324-6222 ext. 3257 or visit www.hcia.org. Documents will be commercially shredded safely, privately and properly by trained, licensed and bonded document destruction specialists. Residents may bring documents in whatever type of container they wish. These events are open to Hudson County residents. Businesses are not eligible to participate.

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

St. Patrick's Celebration

Live Music
Irish Food
Irish Dancing

MARCH 15
6:30 pm
Secaucus Public Library

The Dublin Yard HOOLEY SHOOTERS

Register on the calendar @ secaucuslibrary.org

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

St. Patrick's DINNER

Join us for Corned beef and Cabbage, Irish Soda Bread, and fun!
Sunday, March 12, 2023
2pm - 5pm

Tickets are \$30
kids under 10 are \$10
Call the church for more info
(201) 865-4185

Spring into a craft

At the
Secaucus Public Library

Adults are welcome to attend this craft class. We will be decorating a terra cotta pot, creating tissue paper flowers and making a pom pom creature to welcome spring. Bring your creativity and we will provide the rest!

Thursday, April 5 @6:30 pm

1379 Paterson Plank Road
Secaucus, NJ

Space is limited, register on the calendar @ secaucuslibrary.org



Dear Secaucus Families,

I hope everyone is doing well!

This is a very exciting time of year for our district! Spring is quickly approaching and plans for the next school year are already coming to fruition. Our administrators are working diligently to ensure that we are providing our students with the best education possible and keeping our school district in the top 100 in the state, which contributes to the high property values in this amazing community!

At the High School level, student registrations for the 2023-2024 school year have begun. Please take a moment to scan the QR code on this page to view our newest High School Program of Studies. This document provides students and families with information on the plethora of course offerings that the high school has available! Also remember that all district events for all of our schools could be accessed on the Google Calendar available on the www.sboe.org webpage.

I would like to remind parents/guardians and Secaucus residents about our "Parent Communication Form" that is also available on the www.sboe.org website (as a button on the right side of the page labeled 'Parent Questions/Comments'). We welcome all feedback and will use the questions submitted to populate our bi-weekly FAQ that is available under the "News" section of our www.sboe.org website.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a "Happy St. Patrick's Day" and a wonderful, mild end to our Winter season! I would also like to thank all of the Secaucus residents for their support of our school system. We could not do what we do without your help!

Best Regards,

Dr. Daniela Riser

Acting Superintendent of Schools



Mrs. De La Cruz's Kindergarten Class



The students in Mrs. De La Cruz's kindergarten class at Clarendon School have been enjoying science lessons about matter and the way it changes. During "I" Week, they used very cold ice to turn liquid milk into solid ice cream, and during "Pp" Week, they used a very hot griddle to turn liquid pancake batter into solid pancakes!

Anthony Franks Award

Congratulations to Secaucus High School student Anthony Franks, who won the NJIC Meadowlands Division Joe Feigel Sportsmanship Award. This award goes to any senior in the league who demonstrates leadership and responsibility along with the generous treatment of others.



Internet Safety

For "Safer Internet Day" in Clarendon School, 5th grade students in Ms. Melendez's computer class watched videos on how to be safe on the internet and discussed ways to use the internet responsibly. After, students created their own Internet Safety posters on Google Slides to share with the younger grades.



Valentine's Day



Both Clarendon and Huber Street school PTAs treated our amazing teachers with Valentine's goodies! On behalf of our schools, thank you so much for your generosity!

Atomic Emissions

Students in Ms. McFadden's chemistry lab were observing atomic emission spectra, which are the wavelengths of light produced by different elements as they are energized. Students have been learning about electron locations within atoms, and they're seeing firsthand what happens as we excite different gases with electricity. Students then observed these bulbs through spectroscopes, instruments that take in light and separate it into different wavelengths. The goal of the lab was to show that no two elements have the same emission spectra, and we often compare this concept to fingerprints with humans.

Therapy Dog

Students in our therapy dog group are all smiles working with our therapy dog Lucienne and Ms. Zahava Pianko, school psychologist and coordinator of our district therapy dog program! The district currently employs three therapy dogs who visit students around the school district.



Cheerleading & Dance



Secaucus High School students Sarah Bowers (right) & Carlina Carbone (left) were named to the New Jersey Cheerleading & Dance Coaches Association's 2022-2023 All State Team. This is the 1st time that cheerleaders from Secaucus High School were bestowed this honor.

School Clubs Host Breakfast Fifth Graders Participate in Project Linus



The High School S.A.I.L., Key Club and Middle School S.G.O. students held a "Meet and Greet" breakfast as part of their Big Friends/Little Friends program. The High School S.A.I.L., Key Club and Middle School S.G.O. students held a "Meet and G Mrs. Stamm's fifth grade class is working on Project Linus, a drive to collect and donate fleece blankets to seriously ill and/or traumatized or other children in need. The class received many donations, including from Chirolove Spine and Wellness Clinic (pictured here). Thank you Mrs. Stamm and her class for contributing to a great cause!



In Huber Street School, Mrs. Viera's 3rd grade class enjoys extra S.T.E.A.M time for meeting their academic goals!