

## A Word from the Mayor

First, I'd like to say that I feel honored and privileged to serve as your Mayor. I can only be as good as the people I serve, and I have seen there is a lot of goodness in our community. I have devoted my life to serving others, helping those in need and preserving our high quality of life. It is with a happy heart that I embrace my new role as Mayor for all the people.

In the entrance of our lobby at the Town Hall is a plaque with a saying by Abraham Lincoln that can serve as a guide for our social and civic responsibility as residents and members of this community. It says, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." I feel that this quote speaks volumes, and the truth of Lincoln's words can be applied to the lives of those I have come to respect most who have lived in and served this town.

My first priority is to put into daily practice the importance of civility. It is the cornerstone of trust, good faith, and good will. These are some of the attributes that have distinguished us in Hudson County as a unique community. Historically we have always been a small community of caring, honest, helpful, and hard-working people. I have valued those qualities and tried to live them everyday of my life. They are the qualities that have molded my character and temperament. I love our Town and all that it represents. Secaucus is the place I have known as a youth and cherished my whole life. And as I have grown, so has the Town. In these changing times, it is obvious we have new challenges as a community. But, as I see it, part of our job is to find the balance between preserving the practice of civility B kindness, honesty, truth, and respect B while living in these changing times.

As I see it, we are a neighborly community where caring, cooperation, and respect bind us together. We are a community that helps those who can't shovel their snow or carry their bags.

We are respectful of other=s property, mindful not to litter, and to always clean up when walking our dog. We are mindful of the importance of maintaining quiet on our streets and in our neighborhoods, of abiding by speed laws. These are simple things that many times we may overlook or take for granted. However, it is the small things done on a daily basis that make for big changes and transformations. If we practice these daily, I believe we can preserve our Town=s high quality of life while embracing the necessary changes that our times demand.

I will be writing this column on a regular monthly basis to stay in touch and keep you informed about matters of Town government and policy as well as any other issues that affect Secaucus.