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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF SENECA GARDENS
~ BRINGING YOU UP-TO-DATE ON
THE LATEST NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the desk of *David Brown*

The November 6th election brought changes to the Seneca Gardens' Board of Commissioners. Greg Singlust and Casey Clements decided not to run for re-election. Greg, after 6 years of serving decided he was going to truly retire. Casey's work schedule with ResCare brought to many conflicts with Seneca Gardens meetings. Greg and Casey both served our city for 3 terms. I personally want to thank them both for their outstanding service and dedication to helping improve our city. They both will be missed.

Joe Steffen and Johnny Morris were re-elected to another two year term as a Commissioners. Our current Treasurer, Andrea Brown and City Clerk, Diane Gahafer ran for the other two Commissioner seats. I pleased to say both Andrea and Diane began their terms on January 1, 2013.

Michael Hayman will once again serve as City Arborist.

The Board is looking for resident to serve in one of the following positions:

City Treasurer – \$100.00 Monthly Fee (Expense Reimbursement) - Keeps the financial records of the City. Collects City taxes and disbursement of payments approved by the Commission. Supports the annual audit performed by a party uninvolved in the City government.

City Clerk – \$100.00 Monthly Fee (Expense Reimbursement) - maintenance and safekeeping of the City's permanent records. Taking and filing minutes from meetings of the city commission. Publishing ordinances adopted by the city commission.

City Engineer – \$100.00 Monthly Fee (Expense Reimbursement) – Oversees the day-to-day maintenance of streets, drainage, lights, etc. Additionally, the position provides consultation to the Commission regarding the City's physical infrastructure and frequently oversees implementation of related projects approved by the Commission.

If you are interested in helping with any of these open positions or have an interest in helping your Board keeping our city one of the finest in Jefferson County's, please contact me by calling 664-7572 (Cell) or 452-2069 (Home). You can also send an email to: mayor@cityofsenecagardens.com.

Sincerely,
Dave Brown
Mayor

A note about the Gardens Gathering

BY DAVID BROWN

First let me start by saying the board and appointed officials of Seneca Gardens thoroughly enjoy the annual Gardens Gathering. There is always lots of preparation work and time committed. Cancelling the event would be the last thing we would want to do.

As we all know weather is very unpredictable. The board was being called by the catering company as early as Sat before the event concerned about the wind and rain predictions. The representative from

the Louisville Horse also called Saturday afternoon stating concerns over their horse's reaction to possible falling limbs, possible lightning and possible heavy rains. Bottom line "Safety First" was on everyone's mind.

The catering operation, the horse tram and the band all needed varying preparation time, so, the "cancellation" decision had to be made several hours before the 4 PM start. We I made the decision at 1 PM Sun the wind was still

server and threat of heavy rain was still at 50/50. So, reluctantly, we cancelled the event.

There were too many scheduling conflicts to set a replacement date. To my knowledge this was the first and only time this event has ever been cancelled.

As always we are always looking for suggestions and volunteers to make this wonderful family event bigger and better.

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2547 Dell Rd.
452-2069

Attorney

Schuyler Olt
262-2802

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Jason Hoppe

Bookkeeper

Rose Buckman

Arborist

Mike Hayman
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Andrea Diebold
2515 Meadow Rd.
456-4023

Diane Gahafer
2606 Valletta Rd.
608-4366

John Morris
2501 Valletta Rd.
458-3460

Joe Steffen
2545 Dell Rd.
458-1119

Louisville Police

Douglass Blvd.
574-7636

Strathmoor Police
2801 Bardstown Road
432-8900

Life Threatening Emergency

911



Seneca Gardens

Reminders/Announcements

Seneca Gardens residents should contact Strathmoor Police (432-8900) first and then Louisville Metro (911), in case of law problems: home or car break-ins, burglaries, strange people checking out property in the neighborhood, vehicles illegally parked in Fire Lanes or in front yards, etc.

Please, do not post flyers for lost pets or bicycles, yard or garage sales, etc. on "stop signs" and "no parking in fire lane signs" because it is against the law to place signs on traffic control devices. Also, signs are not allowed on light poles. The tape mars the paint on all posts/poles and effects the reflectivity or reflection ability of the traffic control signs.

Residents are responsible for removing debris and leaves from drainage pathways, culverts, and drains. Remember, that with the onset of winter, we are responsible for the removal of ice and snow from the sidewalks in front of our homes. Cars must be parked off the street, during adverse weather conditions, to allow for proper snow and ice removal.

Ordinance No. 2012-01
City of Seneca Gardens

Section 2: The tax rate for the calendar year 2012 shall be at \$0.2131 per \$100.00 of the assessed value of the property (as determined by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Authority). Said tax shall be due and payable as follows:

Discount Date: 2% if paid by January 15, 2013

Face Due Date: March 15, 2013

Penalty and Interest: 10% of face amount if not paid by Face Due Date plus 1.5% per month

Wanted: GARDEN COMMITTEE to care for common areas

The Seneca Gardens' Board is forming a Garden Committee to care for common areas around the neighborhood.

If you have a penchant for landscaping or just want to help beautify our city, please contact Diane Gahafer at 502-608-4366 or dianemgahafer@gmail.com to volunteer for the Garden Committee.

Thank you and we look forward to a more lovely neighborhood this Spring!



PLEA FOR TREES: Update on the latest happenings

BY DAVID BROWN

First let me remind you if more detailed information is wanted about the efforts of "Plea for the Trees" organization please go to: pleaforthetrees.com.

“It will be late winter or early spring before we have the information we need to full understand the impact of this...project”

There is not much of an update that I can give because there hasn't been a lot of outside activity by the contracted LRAA consultant organization, Hanson. Their work has been mostly procuring and developing their worksite at Bowman Field.

On or around October 16th area residents should have received a letter from Melissa Jenkins of Hanson. This letter pointed out the only work underway was the Aerial Photography and Imaging and Ground Survey Work.

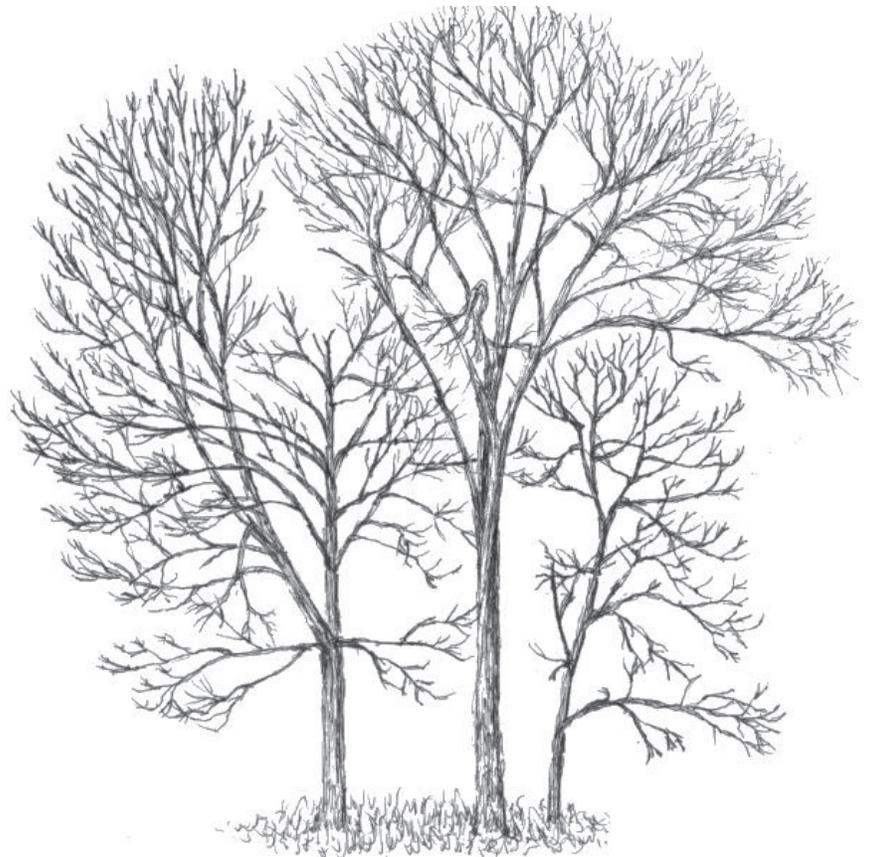
Mimi Zimmel of Olmsted Conservatory and I met with Melissa Jenkins of Hanson Professional Services, Inc on October 18, 2012. According to our notes the work completed was the aerial photography. This work was done by LIDAR: however,

a company named GRW will interpret the LIDAR data and send their findings to the FAA. GRW has not completed the data research; therefore, as of November 18th 2012, their information has not been seen by the FAA not Hanson personnel. Melissa Jenkins gave indication the "actual ground survey will be done later".

It's my opinion it will be late winter or early spring before we have the information we

need to fully understand the impact of this FAA/LRAA/ Bowman Field "Safety" project.

Again if you want to help or need more information please go to Plea for the Trees' website (pleaforthetrees.com).



2013 Recycling Calendar

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Acceptable

Plastic: Plastic bottles and jugs (Soda, milk, detergent, shampoo & small-mouth bottles)

Glass: Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars

Paper: Newspaper, glossy inserts, magazines and catalogs (up to 1" thick), cardboard (broken down into 2' x 2' pieces), mixed office paper, junk mail and paper bags

Cans: Aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, steel food/tin cans, empty aerosol cans

* Labels do not need to be removed. Please rinse and flatten everything possible.

Not Acceptable

Plastic: Bowls, buckets or tubs, oil jugs, film, plastic bags, styrofoam

Glass: Lids, window or drinking glass, light bulbs, glass cookwear

Paper: Pizza boxes, books, napkins, paper plates

Cans: Paint cans, coat hangers, steel scrap, pots and pans



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BLOCK WATCH

BY JILL MAUREY

The Seneca Garden's Block Watch has been up and running now for about 2 months. And I'm happy to say that we have not had to initiate a crime notification email yet! There have been some incidents in surrounding neighborhoods, however, so keeping an eye out for you and your neighbors is important. Here's a reminder:



HOW DOES A BLOCK WATCH WORK?

Block Watch requires two basic commitments:

- A commitment to be concerned about your neighbor's property and well being as well as your own.
- A commitment that when you see suspicious activity, you will take action by alerting your neighbors and by calling 9-1-1.

Block Watch really just organizes and extends what you are probably already doing on an informal basis. We tend to know and watch out for our closest neighbors, but a group of neighbors at one end of the block who are doing this may not know the group of neighbors at the other end of the block. A Block Watch makes this attitude of watchfulness more systematic, and provides you suggestions and a Street Point person to call with questions. See our info on cityofsenecagardens.com.

Police will always tell you to call 911 when you see something suspicious. But, how do you know what's suspicious in your neighborhood? First, you have to know what's normal for your neighborhood. How do you know what's normal? You get out from behind your doors and you talk to each other. It's your neighborhood, your community. You know (or should know) what is normal for your neighborhood and what is out of place. The more you interact with each other, the more you are observant and engaged, the better able you are to identify those things that are unusual, out of place and suspicious.

IS BLOCK WATCH A LOT OF EXTRA WORK?

Block Watch doesn't require you to perform any special tasks, go to a lot of meetings, or take on extra responsibilities. You don't have to patrol the neighborhood, or tell your neighbors every aspect of your business. Block Watch just involves being alert as a part of your everyday life.

All it requires is that you and your neighbors be familiar enough with each other to know who belongs in the neighborhood and who doesn't; which cars are a part of the neighborhood and which aren't; recognize when something suspicious is going on and being a little more observant of changes in your surroundings. It also requires that when you see something suspicious, you alert each other and you alert police.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Sign up to be a member by calling or emailing us. Check out our block watch information on cityofsenecagardens.com. To find it, click on Our City and then Block Watch. These pages describe our organizational structure as well as helpful home security info from the Louisville Police Dept.

If you sign up, you'll have a Block Point person who will introduce you to the watch. If you use email, you will then get notifications of crime in Seneca Gardens.

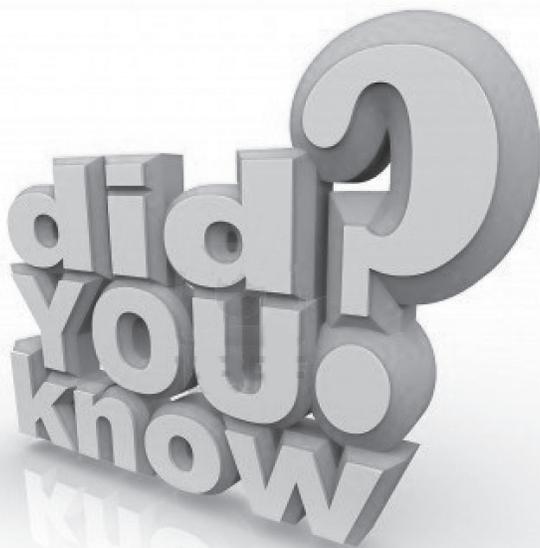
Please also consider becoming a Block Point Person. You'll welcome new members and be involved with a great group of folks who helped organize the watch. Its easy and fun!

Call Jill Maurey
Seneca Gardens Block Watch Captain
207-712-6061
jwmaurey@gmail.com



Order your Seneca Gardens Ornament

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer had Community Christmas tree in City Hall during the 2012 Holiday season. Each city within the Louisville Metro area was encouraged to submit an ornament. The City of Seneca Gardens had a specialty ornament designed by Louisville Stoneware (please see adjacent picture). The ornaments are available to residents through Louisville Stoneware at 582-1900. The ornaments are \$22 each and make great gifts!



Are you curious about the recent clearing of brush in Seneca Park?

Its part of the Olmsted Park Conservancy's project to control invasive plants. Through a grant, the organization is clearing woody invasive vegetation such as Bush Honeysuckle and Privet. Native warm season prairie grasses and flowers will be planted as part of the second phase. For more information, visit www.olmstedpark.com

ATTENTION ATTENTION!

The SG board is in the process of updating the directory. If your contact information has changed, please send new details to info@cityofsenecagardens.com. If you have new neighbors, please direct them to the site so their contact information can be added.



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