

GARDEN NEWS

City of Seneca Gardens

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Municipal Tax Collection

City Of Seneca Gardens Needs Your Help!

By separate mailing, each resident will receive an instruction form requesting your automobile, homeowners, boat, personal umbrella, life, and health insurance policy numbers, policy periods, premiums paid and name of pertinent insurance agent and/or insurance carrier. The resident will be asked to send the information form(s) to their agent and/or insurance carrier(s), and to send a copy to Seneca Gardens' PO Box. The mailed form(s) will request "certification" that appropriate Municipal Taxes were paid to Seneca Gardens.

Other cities have been very successful using this approach. Hopefully, if all Seneca Gardens residents comply with our request, we'll enjoy the same successful results.

David Brown, Mayor

Mark your calendar!

Sunday, October 14

GARDENS
GATHERING

Where neighbors come together.

2pm-6pm • 2501 Denham Road

Hope to see you there!



Important Traffic, Parking and Address Regulations and Ordinances for Seneca Gardens

Greg Singlust, Commissioner

The elected officials of Seneca Gardens are requesting that residents and visitors make a concerted effort to observe all the traffic and parking laws and regulations that will make our city a safer place to live. Your positive driving practices will be noticed and reinforced in your own children and friends' driving habits. Others will begin to notice our correct driving practices and they will be subtly influenced to observe our community's traffic laws.

Traffic & Parking Regulations applicable to Seneca Gardens & Louisville Metro are as follows:

- When approaching a Stop Sign, all vehicles must come to a full stop behind the painted white stop bar. If there is a sight distance problem, one may slowly move forward to view for any approaching traffic. Any other manner of "stopping" is illegal and this violation will result in a ticket, a fine and the possibility of three (3) points added to your driving history. The accumulation of twelve (12) points results in the loss of one's driver's license.
- The posted speed limit in Seneca Gardens is 25 mph.
- Please inform visitors and service people that the running of stop signs and speeding laws are strictly enforced.
- The correct manner to park a vehicle, in the public right-of-way, is to park with the flow of traffic with all four wheels on the pavement and parallel to the pavement.
- Do not block the sidewalk with a vehicle and inform service people who work in your home to do likewise.
- One may **not** park in the grass, either in the front or the side of a house.
- No boats or other watercraft, off road vehicles, or trailers may be parked on your property, with the exception of the rear of the house.
- Parking for single-family residences and duplexes is permitted in the required front or street side yard only, on a hard surface or approved semi-pervious driveway that does not exceed twenty (20) feet in width and that leads to a garage, carport, house or rear yard. **(Land Development Code) LDC 9.1.4 Location of Parking on Lot**
- One may not construct or maintain any parking pads in the public right-of-way or in the front or side of your house without a variance from Seneca Gardens.

Louisville Metro Ord. 97.076 Obstructions Regulated

(A) Permit. No person shall place, construct, or maintain within the right-of-way of any public way of Louisville Metro any object, structure, sidewalk, entrance way, driveway, or other installation, except as otherwise permitted by ordinance of the Metro Government, without obtaining a written permit to do so from the Works Director.

Addresses

There are 14 single and multiple family dwellings that are lacking a posted numerical address. The regulations are as follows:

Louisville Metro Ord. 97.012 Single-Family Dwellings

(A) All street address numbers for new single-family dwellings shall comply with the following requirements, except as explicitly set forth herein. Numbers always must be clearly visible to vehicles traveling in either direction on the nearest fronting road, in addition to all of the following:

- (1) Form.
 - (a) Standard Arabic numerals (numbers shall not be written out);
 - (b) In a color distinguishable from its background;
 - (c) At least four inches in height or six inches in height for multiple-family dwellings, unless:

Street numbers that are constructed of laser-cut masonry may be allowed at the height of the cut brick, with a minimum height of three inches.

- (2) Placement.
 - (a) Free and clear of any obstructions hindering clear visibility;
 - (b) Placed at, on, or about the front of the dwelling; ...

If dwelling sits back 100 feet or more from the nearest fronting road, the numbers may be a minimum of three inches in and permanently affixed to the mailbox, or, if there is no mailbox available on the fronting road, to a freestanding sign that is:

- a. Located no closer than 6 feet, and no more than 12 feet from the driveway; and
- b. At least 18 inches in height.



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(B) Prior to the issuance of any citations for violation of this ordinance, an enforcement officer shall deliver a written warning, either in person or by first class mail, which shall describe the violation and direct the correction of such violation within ten business days of the written notice. Thereafter, if subsequent inspection reveals the violation has not been corrected, then the enforcement officer shall issue a citation for the violation.
(1994 Jeff. Code, § 97.15) (Jeff. Ord. 41-1996, adopted and effective 11-12-1996)

Trailer License Plates

All trailers of any size must have a license plate. The trailers must have working brake and signal lights. Please inform people who perform services for you that this law has been in effect in Jefferson County beginning in the year 2007. Violators in Seneca Gardens will be ticketed.

Police Reports

It is imperative that everyone make a police report following any illegal action to their person or to their property. These reports help the police in making manpower allocation decisions for Seneca Gardens.

Seneca Gardens follows the same rules and regulations as Louisville Metro, unless specifically stated on our website: www.cityofsenecagardens.com

Security Update

I am most impressed with the positive response and support that I have received from this community since the last newsletter. There has been quite a bit of activity in Seneca Gardens since early July. We have endured a plague of car break-ins and minor vandalism. Since the arrest of two suspects in the car break-ins, the problem has ceased. We must remember, however, that vigilance is a shield that must never be lowered. There are plenty of criminals out there who would happily take over where the last two left off.

Remember these tips to lessen the odds of your car becoming a statistic. Please lock your cars and do not leave the keys in the ignition or anywhere inside your car. Nice, expensive goodies inside your vehicles make the temptation even greater. Don't leave laptop computers, purses, briefcases, golf clubs or iPods in your car. Whether you have an license to carry a concealed weapon or not, leaving a firearm in your car is not only idiotic but down right dangerous, if not deadly. House keys, work keys and garage door openers are not good things to leave either. If you have one, parking your car in the garage is the best option. If not, parking in the driveway with motion

lights or spotlights close by is far better than parking on the street. Following these simple precautions and some basic common sense can prevent quite a few of these crimes.

Now that the kids are back in school, remember that they aren't always concentrating on studies, tests or moving cars. Early mornings and late afternoons are prime time for kids getting on and off buses and carpools. Please watch for them!! As we get closer to fall and (EGAD!) winter, the days get shorter and less daylight shines. By late October and November, some students will be coming and going in the dark. Drive slowly and defensively. Parents might want to pick up some reflective tape, LED lights or a flashlight to make their child more noticeable to motor traffic.

With October fast approaching, so is Halloween. It falls in the middle of the week this year on a Wednesday. My handy Farmers Almanac tells me that sunset is at 6:45. After discussing this with Mayor Brown, the hours for Trick-or-Treating will be recognized from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. Residents not wishing to participate in the festivities are asked to leave their front porch lights off. Parents are asked to respect those houses with their lights off and continue on to the next. If you don't have to drive

during those hours, please stay home. If you do have to drive, please be extremely careful and drive slowly since many small children may be running about with exhausted parents following somewhere behind. The night's collected booty should be carefully inspected before allowing children to consume it. Most hospitals and the Sheriff's Office have scanners/x-ray equipment that can detect metal objects and fragments contained within. It's free and might save a child from a bad injury.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your efforts, understanding and support. Speed limits are still 25 MPH. Stop signs still mean stop and not tap the brake. Parking in fire lanes or blocking the sidewalks may result in a courtesy notice or a citation. My mission is still to make our fine city safe, secure and as enjoyable as possible. Please don't take the execution of my duties as anything personal. I remain understanding, compassionate and fair. As always, I will listen to what you have to say. If there is a local problem I need to know about or you need resolved, don't hesitate to contact me. Feel free to drop me an e-mail, call me or stop me while I'm patrol.

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* Phone number was printed incorrectly in recent directory.

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**One Man's Trash is...
Well, Another Man's Trash**
Melissa M. Howell, Commissioner

A quick reminder of what you can and cannot put out for the RUMPKE folks. For questions about items not listed below, please call Rumpke at 568.3800 and ask for Michael Sweeten.

Garbage Restrictions

- No Tires
- No Liquids – Kerosene, Motor Oil, Cleaning Fluids
- No Auto/Marine Batteries
- No Refrigerants (freon)
- No Yard Waste/Trash Mix
- No Construction Debris
- No Scrap Metal
- No Rolls of Carpet – Must be Cut Into Bundles 2' x 2'
- No Medical Waste, i.e. Exposed Syringes, Etc.
- No Hazardous Waste, i.e. Acids, Etc.

Yard Waste Restrictions

- No Large Amounts of Dirt or Rock
- Limbs Only 3" in Diameter or Less
- Loose Items Should Be Bundled No Longer Than 4 Feet