

The Seneca Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Get to know a neighbor: Jill Maurey

We live in such a wonderful little city, and yet many of us only know a few folks who happen to live on our same street. This regular feature is meant to create connections, to put faces to names and create the kind of context that will hopefully spark conversations, and then friendships. Each issue, we'll feature a resident and tell you something about that person's life and interests. If you'd like to be featured, or know someone who would, reach out to Andrea Edelen at andrea-pedelen@icloud.com. Thanks.

This month, we feature Jill Maurey, BlockWatch Committee Chair, and your neighbor on Seneca Drive.

How long have you lived in Seneca Gardens?

We bought our house on Seneca Drive in May, 2010. When we moved in, we found that the previous owners had left a video of our house being built in 1931, starting with the excavation by mule, and workers in button down oxford shirts. And there were no trees in sight!

What are your work or hobby interests?

I've been a teacher, a social worker and a realtor, but now I offer private in-home and group tech coaching (mostly iPhone, iPad, Mac) for the 50+ generation. I love getting outdoors and walking in our beautiful neighborhood and the nearby Olmsted parks. I walk 15 - 20 miles a week on a good week. I also swim at Lakeside in the summer - the quarry there is my surrogate ocean. I am learning watercolor painting mostly by watching YouTube videos. I've become very active politically this past year as well.

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From the desk of Mayor Brown

As I've mentioned in past newsletters, I serve as secretary of the Jefferson County League of Cities (JCLC) board, which provides many services to Seneca Gardens and 79 other "home rule" cities within the county. I recently received a letter from Jeffersonsontown's Mayor, Bill Dieruf, underscoring the value of our "home rule" status, which is always at risk of being legislated out of existence at the state level. Here are some excerpts (the full version is available on the city website).

"We've stood strong and unified in the most recent attack on our Home Rule status by lobbying both House & Senate members to support HB246. This bill [allowed] a member of JCLC to serve and it maintained our right to collect waste and recycling according to what is most economical and beneficial to the individual needs of your own City. We have worked with you and your City leaders to create unified franchise agreements and focused on revisions and renewals of contracts with companies such as Google, Charter, AT&T and LG&E. The JCLC leadership hopes that this unified effort will benefit each city while saving them revenue.

"In addition to the above benefits, your JCLC membership provides additional value by providing:

- Connectivity to representatives of Google, Charter, AT&T, LG&E and MSD.
- Peer support on issues of annexation, ordinances and environmental policies.
- Strong working relationships with Kentucky League of Cities, JCPS representatives as well as both House & Senate members."

As you can see, the \$100 we spend in annual dues to this organization are well worth the investment.

If you have changes to your contact information, as it appears on the mailing label, notify us at info@senecagardens.com

Save the date: Seneca Gardens Annual Gathering is October 15

Our annual Fall Gathering is fast approaching. On October 15th, all neighbors, along with family members, are invited to join us for a picnic dinner, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. This **FREE** fun filled event will include a jump house for the kiddos and our signature horse drawn carriage rides!

In conjunction with the picnic, we will also have our annual children's Halloween Costume Contest. This year, we'd like to do something new and seat neigh-

bors from each street together. Be sure to sign in and get your color-coded nametag, along with your table assignment. Bring your own beverage, along with a dessert to share.

The Fall Gathering will be located at the Plantation House, 2501 Denham Road. **Volunteers are needed** to make this event successful. Please consider helping out by contacting Andrea Edelen at andrapedelen@icloud.com.

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Increased Patrols Heighten Neighborhood Safety

Seneca Gardens has partnered with our longtime friends at the Strathmoor Police department to increase law enforcement visibility.

Strathmoor police cruisers patrol our city over 80 hours per week, with emphasis on the typical times of break-ins. After noticing an increase in unfamiliar traffic, we also upped patrols on Sunday evenings, before garbage pickups.

Did you know that you can request patrol visits while you're away? Officers walk around your property, periodically, and be the presence you need while away. Be sure to schedule this before your next out of town trip via the Strathmoor Police office at 432-8900.

Finally, there is a free private online network that links you to your Highlands/Douglas neighbors. This service allows neighbors to post various interests or topics, local events, classifieds, suspicious activity/safety concerns and even missing pets. There are already 5,856 posts on this site from the Highlands/Douglas area. Give it a look at

A reminder about trash pickups

Our city contracts with Rumpke for garbage and yard waste collection. Garbage collection is every Monday, with backyard pickups for your convenience. In the case of designated holidays, when garbage isn't collected on Monday, pickup will occur on the following business day.

Your recycling containers should be placed at the edge of the street, and collection happens on the second and fourth weeks of the month. In case you lose track of the schedule, visit the city website and click on City Services, then Garbage and Recycling.

Our beloved pets

In Seneca Gardens, there's a saying - "I may not know your name, but I certainly know your doggie's." We love our pets, and here are some happy...and sad pet milestones.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- The Kalodimos, on Meadow, on the addition of Tillie
- The Spies, on Valletta, who welcome Zoe to their home
- Maureen and David, on Dell, who welcome Bella
- The Traces, on Meadow, who welcome Cubbie

CONDOLENCES TO...

- Fran and George, on Dell, who lost their beloved Annie
- Andrea and Tom, on Valletta, on the passing of Casper
- Jim and Karen, on Valletta, on the passing of King
- Pam and Kevin, on Broadmeade, who lost Jane

Can we include something about your four-legged BFF? Please submit your information to Andrea Edelen at andreapedelen@icloud.com or post on our Facebook page.

www.nextdoor.com/join and select Highlands/Douglas. It is 100% free and private.



Chief Renzi, from the Strathmoor Police

If you are concerned with safety, become a member of our Block Watch community. The more we are ALL involved and aware of our surroundings, the safer our city will be. For information on the Block Watch, please visit our website at www.cityofsenecagardens.com. Click on City Services, then Block Watch.

Milestone Moments

Each issue, we recognize the special achievements, anniversaries and milestones of our neighbors.

- Congratulations to Holly Zoeller on her prestigious awards and scholarships! Awarded to only 10 students at UofL or Centre College, Holly won the research-based Brown Fellow scholarship, among many other honors. Congrats, Holly.
- Welcome also to baby Henry Alexander Messier.
- Congratulations to the Glaser's on a wedding anniversary. Here's to many more.
- Contratulations to Dylan Shea for being named the poster child for the nonprofit Angels In Disguise. From the photo sent by his mother Ali, we can see why they chose such a handsome young man.



Do you have a special anniversary, graduation, award or a new (human or pet) addition to the family? Please let us know so we can share the news with your neighbors and celebrate together. Send your submissions to Andrea Edelen at andreapedelen@icloud.com

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Jill and her husband Tom, at Waterfront Park

Please tell us a little about your family.

Tom and I have been married for almost 38 years and live with our 7 year old rescue dog, Jack. Our son Sam, 31, has lived in Shanghai, China the past nine years. He owns a nightclub called Elevator and DJs there as well. Our daughter Claire, 28, is a former professional ballet dancer who is now a professional bread baker and amateur rock climber who lives in Driggs, Idaho. I have no idea how I got kids with such interesting lives, but I do wish they lived closer to us.

What do you like most about Seneca Gardens?

When we first drove through, it reminded me of the little town in New Jersey where I grew up - primarily because of the beautiful mature trees. I love that we have our own city arborist, Mike Hayman, and often ask him to do interpretive tree walks. My neighbors have become wonderful friends, which is one of things I love most about living here. We also love the highlands and its local restaurant and brewery scene. Every Saturday, we ride our bikes to the Douglass Loop farmers market, where we stock up on produce for the week.



Jill and her 7 year old rescue dog, Jack

Would you like to contribute to this newsletter? Send your story ideas, pet photos or any other contributions to Andrea Edelen at andreapedelen@icloud.com.

Let's review some ordinances

Detailed information about our ordinances is located on our website at www.cityofsenecagardens.com. The following have been commented on in recent weeks:

- Street Parking Ordinance. Please be mindful of your neighbors. Street parking is only allowed for a 24-hour period. In order to keep our streets clear and provide a path for both lanes, we ask that you move all vehicles within this timeframe. Any vehicles left over a 48-hour period will be given a warning, and then a ticket for noncompliance. This pertains to all owners and renters in the city. We thank you for your understanding of this matter.
- Night Time Noise. We do have an ordinance during the evening hours. We would like to remind those of you with pets that stay out for long periods of the day and into the evening to be mindful of your neighbors (not to mention your pet's safety). Although you may be accustomed to blocking out the noise from barking, it may affect others who work night shift or have little ones. Thanks for being courteous in this matter.

If you have any questions on ordinances, please visit the city website or contact a Seneca Gardens board member. We appreciate your help in keeping our city safe, happy and enjoyable for all.

New to Our City

Please help us in welcoming our new neighbors!

- The Brookses, who moved onto Meadow
- The Chalsons, who moved onto Dell
- The Downeys, who moved onto Seneca Valley
- The Farleys, who moved onto Meadow
- The Glasses, who moved onto Meadow
- The Gleasons, who moved onto Broadmeade
- The Kindigs, who moved onto Valletta
- The Murrers, who moved onto Denham
- The Riveras, who moved onto Woodcreek
- The Taylors, who moved onto Meadow
- The Timchecks, who moved onto Valletta
- The Ulinskis & Taylors, who moved onto Meadow

Did we miss you? Let us know, so we can welcome you properly in the next issue AND include you in the next newsletter. Contact our Welcome Committee Chair, Patty Anderson, at pba8550@gmail.com.

Thanks to neighbors Debby Kaufman, with Real Estate Unlimited, and Pam Higgs Martin, of Kevin Martin Realtors, for compiling this information for us.



Be sure to like our "city of Seneca Gardens" Facebook page and keep up with what's going on.