

Seneca Gardens Block Watch

The Seneca Gardens Block Watch exists to help keep our small city safe. We encourage neighbors to be aware of what is ordinary on their street and contact the police and / or block watch if anything seems “just not right”. For more information, check out the block watch page on our city website: cityofsenecagardens.com.

The block watch committee helps by welcoming new neighbors and encouraging our residents to report any suspicious activity to police and our block watch so we can alert neighbors.

The block watch communicates with Seneca Gardens residents via email. If you would like to be added to our list, please email Jill Maurey at jwmaurey@gmail.com.

Tips for helping keep our city safe:

Be aware of what is normal at you neighbors’ homes. Knowing what cars should be there and what people

continued

are normally around is a good thing and not being a nosy neighbor!

- If you see a car, van or truck moving slowly, especially after dark without lights you may want to contact police.
- It is good to let your neighbors know when you are going to be away - they will know that activity around your house is not expected.
- Trust your intuition. The police are happier to check out a situation that you don’t feel good about - rather than respond to a crime already committed.

Write down or take a photo of any suspicious vehicles.

Contact numbers: For a crime in progress, call 911

Strathmoor Police: (we contract with this department for extra protection) 502-432-8900

Metro Police: Report a suspicious person or vehicle: 502-574-7111 and press 5 DURING the message to be routed to dispatch.

Call a block watch member (see list on website) or email Jill Maurey so we can send out a city wide email alert.



Planning On Being Out Of Town?

Are you planning on being out of town on a vacation or business trip? Good news the City of Seneca Gardens has contracted with the City of Strathmoor Village for police coverage. Feel free to contact them to check on your home while you’re away. It’s always better to be safe than sorry.

Chief Joe Renzi - Strathmoor Village Police Department - 502.432-8900 and you can email at strathmoorvillagepolice@gmail.com

New to Seneca Gardens? Welcome to our neighborhood! We would love to meet you!
**Please contact Welcome Committee Chair
Patty Anderson - pba8550@gmail.com**

Trees and Limbs?

Did you know Seneca Gardens subsidizes removal of hazardous trees and limbs in the right of way over sidewalks and streets. SG will pay 30% of the cost of removal up to a \$500 limit. If the tree is out of the right of way but half hangs over the right of way, SG pays half the subsidy, i. e. 15%.

Seneca Gardens subsidizes tree planting in front yards. SG will pay half of the cost of the tree and planting up to a limit of \$150. Tree selection must be pre-approved by the arborist to avoid invasive species or planting in inappropriate sites such as a large tree under electric wires.

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You will be pleased to know we are moving forward, slow but sure, on Seneca Gardens' Long Range Safety, Maintenance and Beautification Plans.

Safety

The speed humps, stop sign bars, and direction makers have been partially completed. The rest will be completed as soon as we get better weather for such an application. Long range plan is to have visible stone placed in area we now painting. Using stone will add beauty and eliminate the need to paint the humps, stop bars and direction markers every three to four years.

Eagle Sign & Design will be adding a new sign and will replace the majority of the urban service district's sign posts that surround our city. The new sign will be a "Children at Play" sign at the main entrance off Pee Wee Reese Road. The poles we will be using to replace the urban service districts sign posts will come from our sign consideration efforts (See Maintenance). Also, LG&E will be adding new lamp post where Valletta, Meadow and Broadmeade intersects with Taylorsville Road.

Maintenance

LG&E has given the go ahead to place Seneca Gardens street signs on their new lamp posts on Taylorsville, as well as, on the majority of the other lamp posts throughout our city. Adding the street signs to selected lamp posts will eliminate maintenance expense on the old unneeded sign posts. The removed street posts will be used for the urban service district post replacement effort (See Safety). Eagle Sign & Design is also scheduled to straighten and repair all the crooked and/or damaged poles and signs throughout the city.

As you've probably noticed, we are close to finishing all the "City of Seneca Gardens" entry signs. There were ten. I think you will agree, our mason, Charles Kelley, does excellent work. Having these signs done in stone and hard aluminum, as opposed to old signs' fiber board, will help minimize future maintenance cost. Please recall the old signs simply said, "Seneca Gardens". The new signs state, "City of Seneca Gardens". Board feels adding "City of" will alert realtors, solicitors and new residents that they are within an incorporated city and not within an urban service district neighborhood.

Beautification

Last but not least is the long range beautification effort. The City's "common areas" will have a number of inexpensive improvements. For example, the board is working on hiring a landscape architect to address the islands at the front and rear of Woodcreek, as well as, the island at the end of Seneca. The Park Place Adoption area will have extensive clearing done by a Olmsted Park Conservatory crew. The long range plan also shows seasonal banners added to selected lamp posts throughout the City. Seneca Gardens will contract with a company that provides installation, seasonal changeover, maintenance and storage.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any suggestions on how you think "City of Seneca Gardens" can improve our city's safety, maintenance and beautification efforts.

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To Build or Not to Build

Several homeowners in the City of Seneca Gardens have added onto their homes, built garages and sun porches and completed various other projects adding value to their homes over the past few years. In case you are considering a similar project, this article highlights the City's building permit process.

City Ordinances 150.020 through 150.026 cover the guidelines for building permits and building projects in the City of Seneca Gardens. The purposes of these ordinances are to maintain the aesthetics of the City and to keep a traditional, consistent look and feel to the City. This allows us to set our City apart from other neighborhoods in the Louisville area. Each building project requested by a resident must be reviewed by the City Architect. The appointed City Architect is Jason Hoppe of JH Designs. The following items are required when requesting a building permit:

- Certificate of Compliance Application (found on the City website)
- Photos of all sides of the house
- 2 copies of architectural drawings prepared by a professional draftsman/architect
- Plat of Survey to scale

There is also a permit fee of \$500 collected for each building permit. When the project is complete, the homeowner is responsible for submitting final pictures for review by the City Architect. After the City Architect's review and approval, the resident receives \$350 back from their initial deposit for the permit.

Please note the City Ordinances state that after a building permit is approved, the permit will become invalid unless the work authorized begins within 6 months of the permit approval. The work should also be completed within 120 days from the start of construction. If additional time is needed, this must be requested in advance and approved by the board.

Andrea Diebold is the Commissioner responsible for overseeing this process. Please contact her directly if you have any questions at diebold26@yahoo.com or 502-338-8970. Residents should always reference the appropriate City Ordinances for specific details and information.



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2015–2016 Recycling Calendar

Your recycling will be collected during the highlighted weeks. For more information about curbside recycling, please call Rumpke at **1-800-678-6753** or visit www.rumpke.com.

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Please Recycle:



If one of the following holidays falls on a weekday on or before your collection day, service will be delayed one day during that week: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If the actual holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, service will not be affected. Visit www.rumpke.com for complete holiday schedule.

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Did You Know This About Seneca Gardens?

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Did you know this about Bowman Field?

In 1774 John Floyd received a military grant of land in Jefferson County. After Floyd was killed by Indians, his widow married a member of the Breckinridge family, also prominent in the county's early history. A portion of this land passed to a descendent, Mary Elizabeth Caldwell. On one of her many European travels, she met and eventually married a member of European royalty. Their son, Count Waldeman Conrad Von Zedtwitz, became heir to some of this property at the death of his parents before World War I. When war was declared by the U. S., the government seized all properties in this country owned by enemy countries or their subjects. Accordingly, the Count's land in Jefferson County was confiscated and placed in the care of the U. S. alien property custodian.

Bowman Field dates its origin to 1918, when it is believed the first aircraft touched down on a cow pasture in what was part of the old Von Zedtwitz estate. In 1919, a local freight transfer operator, Abram H. Bowman, subleased 50 acres of the land. The following year he formed a commercial flying business with pilot Robert H. Gast. In 1921 Bowman and W. Sidney Park formed the Bowman

Aero Company, one of the first firms in the U. S. to specialize in aerial photography. In 1923, Bowman and Park persuaded the Army Air Corps to lease the property as an airfield. Soon thereafter, an Air Corps reserve unit with 12 aircraft was placed at that location. Already known informally as Bowman Field, the facility was formally dedicated as such in 1923.



A year later, the Yellow Air Taxi Service Company opened Louisville's first air passenger service at Bowman Field. In 1927, in the wake of the enthusiasm generated by Charles A. Lindbergh's nonstop

flight to Paris, Louisville voters approved the purchase of Bowman Field as a municipal airport. In June, 1928 the Board of Park Commissioners purchased 540.7 acres of the Von Zedtwitz estate for \$757,269.

Airline service began a year later when Continental Airways (later American Airlines) began mail service between Louisville and Nashville. Eastern Airlines began service to and from Louisville in 1934. Before long, Bowman Field was handling 13,000 passengers annually on eight scheduled daily flights.

The Bowman Field purchase was much more land than was necessary for the airport. The excess land was developed as Seneca Park.

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Tech (And Tips)

by Jill Maurey of Generations Tech
iPhone, iPad and Mac tutoring for the 50+ generation

Hello! Thanks for reading my column. I'm Jill Maurey, the owner and founder of Generations Tech and a proud resident of Seneca Gardens. In this new, regular column for the Quarterly Garden News, I'll share some tech ideas and useful and fun tips for the iPhone and iPad. There is so much these little devices can do and it is a world of fun. Enjoy!

Do you remember when you were little what it felt like to finally do a cartwheel... or learn to swim... or hit your first pitch or finally figured out how to drive a stick shift? Working with my clients I see some of that same glee, sense of accomplishment and sheer joy! I love working with people who did not grow up with tech.

The challenge for those of us who did not grow up with tech is a mental one. Its really a psychology thing. Thinking of it as exploration and possibility helps. Accepting the frustration without allowing it to take over is important. And like learning to cartwheel or drive or speak a second language, practice really makes a difference.

I meet many people who say they use their technology for one or two things and are quite content and not interested in learning more. With so much to enjoy in the world, I totally get that. I love to hike, to swim, to read, to play with my dog, to travel, to be with friends... but I also LOVE how my technology enhances what I love as well.

So, since its summer and a great time for taking photos, here are some iPhone camera and photo tips I hope you enjoy!

Iphone Tech Tips: (next column)

1) First, did you know that there is a little camera icon right on your lock screen? When you first turn your phone on, before you swipe to unlock, there is a little camera on the bottom right. Just tap and hold then slide up and your camera opens.

2) Use your camera for more than just photos. When I am out and about Louisville, I take photos of posters I see that I want to remember, a recipe a friend shows me, a business card on a bulletin board, a dress in the window of a shop, - anything I want to remember! Then I can email that photo to myself or someone I want to share the info with by just tapping on the share icon (looks like a box with an arrow coming out of it).

3) When you are taking a photo, if the light is too low, you can adjust it before you even take the photo. Tap on the screen at the focal point of the photo and a box will appear with a little sun next to it. Now stroke the screen upwards or down to make the screen brighter or darker. Then take the photo.

4) When iOS 9 comes out, there are some cool new photos features including the camera automatically putting all your selfies and screen shots into their own albums. Now that will be handy!! iOS 9 will be released sometime this fall.

5) Once last random tip that works in Photos and other apps as well:

Scroll to Top: The status bar at the top where the time is located can be used to instantly jump to the top of a list or a page. For example, if you are looking at your Photos, tap the status bar and you'll instantly be taken up to the top of the page instead of having to manually scroll all the way back. This works inside many other apps like mail, notes, contacts and Facebook.

Have fun!

Jill

Generations Tech

Standing Out in A Crowd of Neighborhoods...

Over the years, residents in the City of Seneca Gardens have modified their home/property to better fit their life style or todays standard of living. These modifications have ranged from additions onto their homes, replacing or expanding their garage, to simple aesthetic additions such as a new door with decorative trim surrounding it. All of these modifications have helped to add value to the home as well as to the City of Seneca Gardens. If you are thinking of doing some sort of work that will affect the exterior of your home, this article will highlight the City's building permit process.

The recently revised "Building and Housing Regulations" section of the City Ordinance (150.001-150.999) covers the general requirements when you submit for a permit, as well as sets the standards of what is permitted and what is not within the city limits. The purpose of these standards are to maintain the traditional details and general aesthetics that make the City of Seneca Gardens such a desirable place to live and separate it from other neighborhoods within the Louisville Metro area.

As mentioned above, any alteration to the exterior of the home must be reviewed by the City Architect before granting a permit. The appointed City Architect is Jason Hoppe of JH Designs. While every project is different, the following is a general list of items that are required when requesting a building permit;

- Certificate of Compliance Application (found on the City website)
- Photos of all sides of the home that will be affected
- (2) copies of architectural drawings prepared by a professional draftsman/Architect
- Plat of Survey to scale

In addition to the above items, a permit fee of \$500 shall be submitted with each application. When the project is completed, the resident is responsible for submitting final pictures of the project for review by the City Architect. This is to ensure that what was built, is consistent to the drawings that were approved. Upon review and approval by the City Architect, the resident will receive \$350 back from their permit fee.

Once a permit has been approved, a resident must begin work within 6 months of the approval date, or the permit will become invalid. Per the Ordinance, the work shall also be completed within 120 days from the start of construction. If additional time is required, a formal request shall be submitted in advance, so that it may be reviewed and approved by the elected board. The same applies to any and all changes made during the construction process, whether it be adding or removing a window to changing the exterior material of an addition. This will ensure that these changes are approved and consistent with the Ordinance, and maintaining the standards of the City.

As always, if there are any concerns or questions about what might be required for your project or if your project requires a permit, you can contact the Building Commissioner, Andrea Diebold directly. Andrea can be reached at (502) 338-8970 or via email diebold26@yahoo.com. Residents should always reference the appropriate ordinance section when inquiring about specific details and information.