

# The Seneca Gardens NEWSLETTER

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## From the desk of Mayor Brown...

### Seneca Gardens Updated Website

Check it out! Our city's new website—cityofsenecagardens.com—is up and running. Thanks to Brad Caldwell and the good people at Wingspan Integrated Marketing (wingspanreach.com) for a job well done.

SG's website now has a "search" engine. If you have any questions concerning any city ordinances you can now get the answers easily. If not, let us know. Simply go to MENU, scroll down to CONTACT, submit your question or suggestions, and we'll take it from there.

There is still work to be done, so let us know if you have suggestions on how to improve the site. Special thanks to commissioners Amie Schulten and Andrea Diebold for keeping this project on the "Must Do" list.

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

## Join the Seneca Gardens block watch

The Seneca Gardens Block Watch exists to help keep our small city safe, and updates residents via email when a crime has been attempted or committed in our city. If you would like to be added to our list, please email Jill Maurey at [jwmaurey@gmail.com](mailto:jwmaurey@gmail.com).

### Tips for helping keep our city safe:

1. Be aware of what is normal at you neighbors' homes without being a nosy neighbor: cars, people, etc.
2. If you see a vehicle moving slowly, especially after dark without lights, you may want to contact police.
3. It is good to let your neighbors know when you plan to

be away - so they can keep an eye out.

4. 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.
5. Note or take a photo of any suspicious vehicles.

### Contact numbers:

- For a crime in progress, call 911
- Strathmoor Police: 502-432-8900
- Metro Police: 502-574-7111 (press 5 DURING the message to be routed to dispatch)
- After authorities have been contacted, please email Jill Maurey, so we can send out a city wide email alert.

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## We'll Miss the Morris Boys

We should all appreciate the insights and hard work of Jim and John Morris, lifelong residents of Seneca Gardens (51 years apiece!).

Both served multiple terms as commissioners, but in recent months, first one and then the other stepped down to pursue new chapters of their lives. Jim decided it was time to downsize and moved to a very large St. Mathews condo (Go figure). John said, "I'm probably moving to the lake home," referring to his cabin at Nolin Lake (Go figure).

Jim and John's grandmother designed and built the house at 2501 Valetta in 1935. She paid \$10,500 for the land and house construction. John moved in in 1956. His daughter and son-in-law will move in shortly.

Not only did Jim and John serve many boards with the guidance of a corporate administrator and a hands-on family business owner (Morris' Deli)—they always enlightened us with many historical stories of Seneca Gardens' current and previous long tenured residents.

The Morris Boys will surely be missed—a GREAT family legacy for the Gardens.



Morris' Delis, on Taylorsville Road



The Morris home at 2501 Valetta

## Garden Gathering brings together young, old & in-between

Mother Nature was on our side this year for our annual Garden Gathering! We had a beautiful day and a fantastic turnout. The food from Morris's Deli was amazing as always, the band Relic spoiled us with their talented four-man band and the kids seemed to have a ball with the rock wall and bouncy house. And thank you all for loading up the dessert table with delicious treats! What a great way to hang with neighbors and close another fall season in SG.



The addition of the rock wall keeps the kiddos busy



Our horse & buggy rides are always a big hit!



We are spoiled to be entertained by Relic! Does someone have a connection to these guys?



The tables & chairs were a nice change this year, providing a more intimate environment.

Did you miss our last newsletter? Visit [www.cityofsenecagardens.com](http://www.cityofsenecagardens.com) and click on NEWS and INFO-NEWSLETTERS on the far right-hand side of the page.

## Mayor Brown receives the Peyton Hoge III Award for service

In November, our mayor, David Brown, was presented with the Peyton Hoge III Award by the Jefferson County League of Cities (JCLC). This award is given to an individual who gives extraordinary service, dedication and time to a Jefferson County Suburban City, the JCLC, and the greater Louisville community.

Mayor Brown was chosen for this award based on his many years spent as councilman and mayor of Seneca Gardens, working to improve our city entrance ways, identification designs, drainage issues, landscaping, and road improvements. He has also been a long time member of the JCLC, attending over 109 meetings addressing issues impacting the environment, and was the chair on the JCLC board to help correct distribution of insurance premium tax dollars. This committee worked with the KY State Dept of Insurance to help

correct zip codes to ensure insurance tax dollars went to the appropriate cities and not to the Louisville Metro Government.

So, if you happen to run into Mayor David Brown, please shake his hand or give him a bear hug and thank him for all he has done for Seneca Gardens.



Left to right: Maureen Brown, Schuyler Olt, Bonnie Jung, David Brown, Bill Dieruf, Julie Olt, Jack Will

## Before you build, make sure you have a permit

When it comes to building permits, residents often inquire about the in's and out's of the city's process for managing such requests. We hope this clears up any confusion you may have.

**Who?** Homeowners in the City of Seneca Gardens

**What is a permit?** A permit is an official approval issued by the city that allows you or a contractor to proceed with a construction or remodeling project.

**When is a permit required?** Anytime you plan a project that includes erecting, constructing, enlarging and altering a building on your property. This includes some alterations, repairs and the moving of a building. In general, if your project includes adding square footage to your home or changing the character of the structure, you probably need a permit.

**Where?** The City of Seneca Gardens is a sixth class city in Jefferson County positioned in close proximity

to many unique and special areas such as Bowman Field, Cherokee and Seneca Parks, The Highlands and other 5th and 6th class cities.

**Why?** The intention of creating an ordinance is to preserve the historic character and aesthetics of the city. In addition, we strive to set standards for our residents that will maintain and increase the property values within the city.

**How many?** Over the past five years, the city has approved approximately twenty building permit applications for projects ranging from new garage construction, home additions, tearing down additions and replacing a structure, fencing projects and more.

Check out the SG website for more details.



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

## **Water mitigation effort stalled, but water ways are cleaned of debris**

Our water mitigation efforts were nonexistent this past summer, since the heavy downpours have failed to show our engineers what is really happening when our neighborhood has standing water after a heavy rain. We're not wishing a flood on anyone; however, an informative update might have to wait until next spring.

In the meantime, we're trying to keep all of SG's waterways clean of debris and vegetation. The board and our engineer think the cleanout has certainly helped the effort to move the storm water properly.

The photographs below give you an idea of how much progress has been made. Thanks to Steve Bourgeois Lawn Care & Landscaping for this great work.

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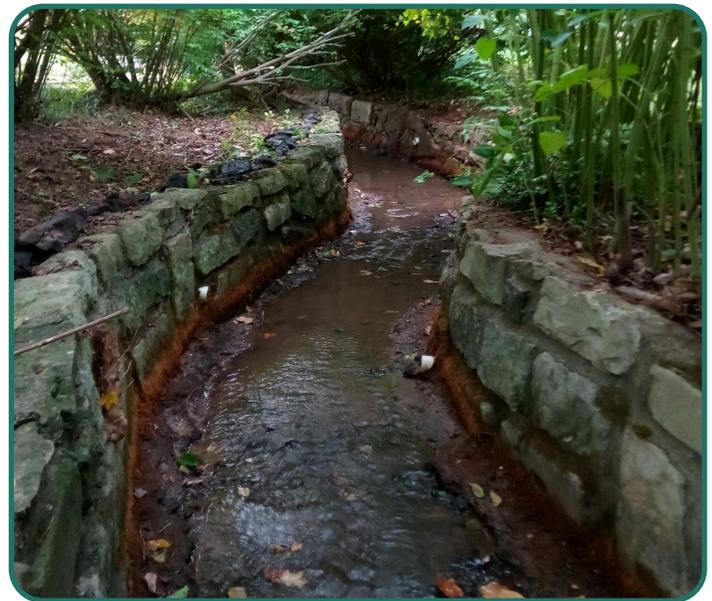
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### **New to Seneca Gardens? Get connected to important info**

Are you new to Seneca Gardens? Do you know a new resident? Contact Patty Anderson at [pba8550@gmail.com](mailto:pba8550@gmail.com). We want to welcome our new families and give them important information about our neighborhood.

# Some surprising tips on what can & can't be recycled

To ensure our recyclable items actually make it to the recycling center, please remember to follow the guidelines listed in the picture below *AND* throw your plastic and metal directly inside the green trash can. If you place it neatly inside a garbage bag, it will not be recycled.

## RECYCLE THESE

### PAPER



### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



### PLASTIC BOTTLES



### METAL CANS



non-hazardous, non-flammable material only

### CARTONS



**DON'T  
RECYCLE  
THESE:**

Clothing  
Batteries  
Plastic Bags  
Pots & Pans

Visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) for a complete list of what you can and can't recycle.

