

GARDEN NEWS

City of Seneca Gardens

Summer 2009

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Mayor's Comments

Insurance Premium Tax – HB 524 Update

HB 524 represents a joint effort by the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky Association of Counties, insurance companies and the Kentucky Office of Insurance to amend old and outdated insurance premium tax regulations and create new administrative procedures to govern issues related to underpayment and overpayment of insurance premium taxes. Among other provisions, the new legislation requires most insurance companies to use a risk location system or program verified by the Office of Insurance to assure greater accuracy in collection and administration of the tax. The new legislation also imposes new and strengthened penalties against insurance companies that fail to comply with the law, creates an advisory council and requires insurance companies to inform policyholders of tax rates and jurisdictions.

HB 524 also requires insurance companies to include notice of the amount of the insurance premium tax charged and the name of the taxing jurisdiction to which the tax is paid on all renewal certificates or billing statements.

So, please check all insurance policies each and every renewal. If it does not show the City of Seneca Gardens as tax recipient, please contact your agent/agency immediately.

Thanks for your continued help! - *David Brown*

Message from Our Arborist

As many of you know, Seneca Gardens subsidizes new trees planted in our front yards. During the last 20 years, the city subsidized about 1000 trees. The first trees we planted in 1988 are now beginning replace the canopy which was lost in a downburst storm in 1987.

Seneca Gardens will pay half the cost of a tree up to \$150 per house per year. To get the subsidy, trees must be pre-approved by me, the city arborist.

The requirement for pre-approval is there for three reasons. First, Seneca Gardens will not subsidize invasive or problematic trees. Second, I am not restrictive on what you want to plant, but I will give you advice that can be useful. Third, I manage a limited budget and when I run out of money, the subsidy is gone for that year.

Our tree program has been tremendously effective and successful. The success can be measured not in the number of trees planted, but more in the diversity of trees which are sited for the long run, beyond our lives, for 100 years or more. - *Michael Hayman*

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-04
CITY OF SENECA GARDENS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SENECA GARDENS, KENTUCKY
RELATING TO AD VALORUM PROPERTY TAXES FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 2009 FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION PURPOSE OF THE
CITY

WHEREAS, in order to provide fiscal responsibility for its financial affairs, the City of Seneca Gardens, Kentucky (the "City") strives to maintain a proposed plan for raising and spending money for specified programs, functions, activities and objectives during each fiscal year (the "Budget");

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed its current Budget for the fiscal year ending 2009 and finds that the City is operating within its Budget and additionally finds the City's current expenditures will not require raising the property tax rate for the calendar year 2009 and thus, the City desires to maintain the current property tax rate;

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and found that maintaining the same tax rate for the calendar year ending 2009 is necessary and proper and in the best interests of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City further desires to comply with Chapter 91A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS") by enacting an Ordinance for the calendar year 2009 in compliance with the KRS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SENECA GARDENS, KENTUCKY, that:

SECTION 1: January 1, 2009 is hereby set as the assessment date for all real property subject to city taxation within the boundaries of the City of Seneca Gardens, Kentucky.

SECTION 2: The tax rate for the calendar year 2009 shall be \$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, 2010
Face Due Date:	March 15, 2010
Penalty and Interest:	10% of face amount if not paid by Face Due Date plus
Date plus	1.5% per month

SECTION 3: The City Clerk or designee is directed to obtain a true copy of the Jefferson County assessment of property within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca Gardens and make out tax bills therefrom and mail same no later than January 15, 2010.

SECTION 4: The City Treasurer shall receive all remittances and account to the City. Collection of all delinquent taxes shall be made in the manner described by law.

SECTION 5: The proceeds of such taxes are to be used for the general operating expenses of the City.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and approval of the Commission of the City and upon publication.

FIRST READING the 20th day of April, 2009

SECOND READING the 18th day of May, 2009.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND EFFECTIVE the 18th day of May, 2009

Parking

Seneca Gardens and Metro Louisville only allow vehicles to be parked in the same spot of the right-of-way for a maximum of 24 hours. Seneca Gardens, due to all streets lanes being narrow and having one lane marked as "NO PARKING FIRE LANE," requests that vehicles be parked in a driveway, whenever possible, especially at night. Louisville Metro Police strongly urges residents to always park vehicles in driveway whenever away from their residence for a 24 hour period or longer. (This action can prevent thieves from pulling their vehicle to side or rear of home to load up stolen items from your home. Please inform family, friends, guests, and service personnel.)

- All vehicles that are parked in the public right of way must be parked:
 - With the flow of traffic
 - With all four tires on the pavement
 - In a manner that doesn't block the sidewalk
- Vehicles parked on private property:
 - Must be parked only within a 20 feet wide paved driveway that connects to a garage area that is at the front of a house, or the side of the house, or driveway which continues to a garage at the rear of the house.
 - Parking Pads or an adjacent paved parking area are allowed only by a variance or license. Temporary Parking is only allowed:
 - to turn around a vehicle to enable for safe, head first entrance to right of way
 - to pickup and to drop off passengers and packages or for service provider accessibility
- Off-Terrain and Water vehicles of any kind are not allowed to be parked in the grassy area of one's property.

Display of Address Numbers

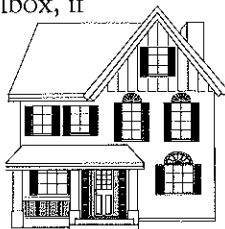
All street address numbers for new and older single-family and multi-family dwellings shall comply with the following requirements, except as explicitly set forth herein. Numbers always must be clearly visible to vehicles traveling in either direction on the nearest fronting road, in addition to all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

Form:

- Standard Arabic numerals (numbers shall not be written out);
- In a color distinguishable from its background;
- At least four inches in height, unless:
 - Street numbers posted prior to the effective date that were in compliance with previous ordinance requirements as to numeral height and placement will be considered to remain in compliance, until they are removed for any reason, including routine maintenance or replacement.

Placement:

- Free and clear of any obstructions hindering clear visibility;
- Placed on the front of the dwelling. Numbers which are painted only on the road curb do not comply with this requirement;
- If dwelling sits back 100 feet or more from the nearest fronting road, or is not clearly visible to vehicles traveling in either direction on the nearest fronting road, the numbers shall be a minimum of three inches in height and permanently affixed to a mailbox, if there is one located on the fronting road.



ORDINANCE NO. 2009-05

CITY OF SENECA GARDENS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SENECA GARDENS, KENTUCKY RELATING TO THE USE OF TAX REVENUES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION PURPOSE OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

Income

1. Property Tax Receipts	\$153,000
2. Interest Income	\$1,000
3. Municipal Aid Road Income	\$12,000
4. Tax Insurance Premiums	\$24,000
5. Cable Franchise Fee	\$4,000
6. Miscellaneous	\$750
7. FEMA Reimbursement	\$8,500
8. Greenspace Foundation Interest	\$2,000

Total Income \$205,250

Expenditures

9. Utilities and Waste Management	\$85,000
10. Public Safety	\$76,750
11. Communication	\$5,400
12. Environment	\$10,700
13. Administration	\$27,400

Total Expenditures \$205,250

First Reading April 20, 2009

Second Reading and Passage May 18, 2009



Meadow Road Paving and Other Street Issues

Seneca Gardens was responsible for paving needs as a result of the MSD's work on Meadow Rd. Three bids to pave Meadow Rd. from the intersection of Trevillian Way to Woodbourne Ave were obtained. Flynn Brothers' bid was selected and I'm pleased to report paving is supposed to begin within the next two weeks.

Flynn Bothers has also agreed to repair the pot hole at Trevillian Way and Valetta without charge.



Seneca Gardens City Officials

Mayor

David Brown

2547 Dell Rd. 452-2069

Commissioners

Casey Clements

2404 Seneca Valley Rd. 456-4252

Melissa Howell

2550 Seneca Dr. 451-7416

Greg Singlust

2405 Valletta Rd. 454-7472

Joe Steffen

2545 Dell Rd. 458-1119

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Mike Hayman

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Carolyn Hood

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Attorney

Schuyler Olt

..... 262-2802

Architect

Tim Winters

..... 893-7665

Engineer

Bill Mosier

2611 Meadow Rd. 485-1660

City Clerk

Barbara Wieting

2524 Broadmeade Rd. 458-9869

Life Threatening Emergency 911

Louisville Police

Douglas Blvd. 574-7636



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Yard Signs

- No sign or decoration, other than a traffic sign, an official Seneca Gardens sign or an upcoming City sponsored event may be placed in the Public Right of Way. Real Estate signs, political signs, charity event announcements, missing animal signs and yard sale signs may only be placed within a home's private property lines (behind the sidewalk).
- Construction or Service provider signs may only be posted on private property during the performance of work at site. Following completion of the work, signs must be removed immediately.
- Real Estate signs may only be placed on property that is for sale, lease, or rent.

Home and Traffic Protection

Louisville Metro Police are being paid by Seneca Gardens to provide additional security and to enforce the traffic laws. Studies show that 50% of the cars that are running the stop signs and that are speeding are residents of Seneca Gardens and the immediate area. Drivers must come to a complete stop, as in the tires are no longer rolling, behind the painted white stop bar, adjacent to the Stop Sign.



The speed limit on our streets is 25 MPH, under optimum conditions. Non-optimum conditions would be rain, snow, darkness, dusk, dawn, bike riders, runners, and people getting in or out of vehicles. Please put on your car lights for the appropriate lighting conditions and check your brake and turn signal lights to make sure they are operative.

Good Neighbors....

Please, sweep grass and yard cuttings off of sidewalk. Trim trees, bushes, and other vegetation from blocking sidewalk passage.

