



## Social distance dancing to pass away the summer

Annie Napier and Caroline Row enjoy the summer sun (6-feet apart) by getting together for some dancing.



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## When you can be around others after you've likely had COVID-19

Can you believe it's been 5-months since our world was turned upside-down by COVID-19? At first, it seemed like everything might only be closed for a couple of weeks, then we'd be back to normal right after Spring Break.

By now, many of us have either been in contact with friends and loved ones with the disease or have contracted it ourselves. This begs the question: when can I resume "normal" activities? The following article comes from the Center for Disease Control's website and explains when and how to re-enter "normal" every-day life.

If you have or think you might have COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. This helps stop the spread of COVID-19. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), get emergency medical care immediately.

When you can be around others (end home isolation) depends on different factors and situations. Find CDC's recommendations for your situation below.

### I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms

You can be with others after

- 3 days with no fever **and**
- Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **and**
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others when you have no fever, respiratory symptoms have improved, and you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

### I tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms

If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after:

- 10 days have passed since test

Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.



If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance above for "I think or know I had COVID, and I had symptoms."

### I have a weakened immune system (immunocompromised) due to a health condition or medication. When can I be around others?

People with conditions that weaken their immune system might need to stay home longer than 10 days. Talk to your healthcare provider for more information. If testing is available in your community, it may be recommended by your healthcare provider. You can be with others after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

If testing is not available in your area, your doctor should work with an infectious disease expert at your local health department to determine if you are likely to spread COVID-19 to others and need to stay home longer.

### For anyone who has been around a person with COVID-19

It is important to remember that anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days after exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness.

source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>

## Sign up for REACH Alert

Don't forget to sign-up for REACH Alert by going to [rechalert.com](https://rechalert.com) and creating an account. This will keep you up-to-date on important notifications.

## From the desk of Mayor Brown

### So, why the new waste management company?

I hope every household has taken the time to read the notice the board sent regarding the switch from Rumpke to Ecotech Waste Logistics (EWL). The notice provides the timetables of the changeover events. If you did not receive a notice, please call/text me at 502-664-7275 or email me at d.l.b.2547@gmail.com.



The change was primarily made to support EWL's efforts in helping "Home Rule Cities" maintain their right to control their waste management cost and to also save Seneca Gardens (SG) a little money. EWL representatives attended every 109 Board meeting, and this effort enabled EWL to win an influential seat on the 109 Board.

Why this effort is important to SG: Mayor Fischer set-up the 109 Board to oversee the takeover of home rule cities' right to bid-out waste management agreements (Please note, all services equal, Metro Louisville's 2017 approximate cost per household was approximately 33% higher than SG's cost per household). Mayor Fischer/Metro Louisville sued all 81 Home Rule Cities. The case went all the way to the KY Supreme Court. However, with help of EWL, Jefferson County League of Cities and financial contributions from the majority of Home Rule Municipalities, Mayor's Fischer's attempt was defeated. We hope you find your board's decision to switch to EWL understandable.

### So, where are we on the cul-de-sacs and Trevilian Way wall improvements?

As some readers might recall, the board hired Jodi Smiley of Environs to design, organize and gather bids for cul-de-sac upgrades and improvements. SG's cul-de-sac plans are completed, as is the bid process, and a final meeting with all winning contractors is being set up for the week of July 20th (The construction start date will be known after this meeting).

The Woodcreek cul-de-sac upgrade and improvements have been put on hold. The improvements called for the removal of a large tree found to be in a deteriorating condition. The residents near this cul-de-sac expressed their desire to keep the tree if possible. The upgrade and improvements will begin after the health of this tree can be more closely evaluated.

Trevilian Way wall stumps have been removed. We are now moving forward on getting a bid from SG's stone mason, Hubert Goodlett on repairing and improving the visual wall. Regarding the ground/rock/grass level, we are waiting on the results of a sound test from SG's Engineer, Ted Niemann. If possible, the revised plan calls for placement of large rectangle stones in a "stairstep" manner. It is believed the stairstep manner will greatly help to slow the deterioration of the already deteriorated asphalt. This narrow roadway will be made wider and the surrounding asphalt replaced.

## Doolittle & Oost families welcome new babies with drive-by shower

The Doolittle & Oost families weren't about to let COVID-19 stand in the way of welcoming a third generation of their joined-together family to the neighborhood. Rather than postpone the baby shower for Ellen Doolittle Oost, the family held a drive-by shower instead, at 2607 Meadow Road. Both sets of grandparents live in Seneca Gardens: Sara & David Doolittle and Cathy & Mike Oost.

Their bundles of joy were born on June 23, 2020 - Felix and Margo Oost. Congratulations!



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## SG remains a close-knit community, even while socially distancing

Accomplishments and milestones are customarily celebrated with family, friends, and neighbors. These festivities usually include an abundance of high fives, hand shakes and hugs. Sadly, the coronavirus pandemic has ushered in a "new normal" where even a handshake has become taboo. In the City of Seneca Gardens, we have managed to stay healthy-at-home and celebrate life events creatively.

Easter was celebrated in April with families safely gathering in outside spaces such as yards, driveways and patios. On several streets in our city, participants in Easter egg hunts were able to socially distance from one another while gathering plenty of holiday goodies.



A fire engine even joined in one of the parades on Meadow Road.

Many residents of Seneca Gardens celebrated birthdays in the spring. Drive-by parades for those aged 5 to 90 were abundant throughout our city. Vehicles lined the streets and honked horns, sported balloons and signs and spread birthday cheer as they passed the residence of the birthday honoree.

As summer approached, graduation signs appeared in front yards all across Seneca Gardens honoring the completion of studies from colleges, high schools and grade schools such as Bellarmine, Atherton, Assumption, Meredith Dunn, Trinity, St. Xavier, St. Agnes, St. Francis of Assisi, Seneca and many more. Graduating and moving on to that next chapter in life is a rite of passage for students, but also a treasured milestone for the family. This year's graduates had the particularly



Remember to clean up after your puppy dog and keep him or her on a leash while roaming the neighborhood. Thanks!

challenging task of completing coursework without the in-person support of the school community and social motivation of peers. Hats off to all of our graduates, parents and educators this year!

Spring and summer celebrations in Seneca Gardens looked very different this year, but you have creatively found ways to engage with family and friends in celebration of personal milestones and nationwide celebrations, like the 4th of July, where many socially distanced backyard celebrations took place.

How have you celebrated while social distancing this year? Please share pictures and stories we can post on our City of Seneca Gardens Facebook page. Stay safe!

## Seneca Gardens improvements

Keeping Seneca Gardens beautiful, as well as beautifully functioning takes a lot of work. Here is an update on some recent improvements to our neighborhood:

- Repainted speed humps
- MSD will repair two large holes in street
- LG&E is looking to replace light bulbs so that all our lights match
- A bid has been approved to begin work on the Seneca Valley Road cul-de-sac

## SG loses 200 year old "resident"



SG recently lost its longest tenured resident - a 200 year old hackberry tree that had to be removed after many attempts to save it.



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