



## City of Seneca Gardens Neighborhood Yard Sale - June 5, 2021!



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## Recollections From Past SG Board Members & Volunteers

Over the years, Seneca Gardens has benefited from many volunteers who generously gave their time and talents to make our city a beautiful place to live. We reached out to some and asked them to share their experiences and recollections.

Melissa Howell, past-commissioner, shared fond memories of living in the city and serving on the board. "I served two separate terms as a commissioner. One, when we first moved here in the 80's and again in 2000's.

"I truly enjoyed knowing that by helping Seneca Gardens through leadership, our city maintained high property values and saw many next generations come back to live here. One of my terms was highlighted by the fact that all four commissioners were female! We got a tremendous amount accomplished, including the speed bumps. We drove over to Lexington to try them out, since there were none in Louisville at the time. We hated them, but they worked!"



Past-Commissioner Melissa Howell

Karen Shaughnessy, also a past-commissioner, was quick to share her experience in Seneca Gardens. "I have lived in Seneca Gardens for 33 years. In the early 1990's, I served on the city board as a commissioner. I have always felt that Seneca Gardens is a wonderful neighborhood for everyone. My family members, especially our Golden Retrievers, have always enjoyed walking the neighborhood and meeting our neighbors. When I served on the board, I coordinated the sidewalk improvement project. Our sidewalks are important, because walking throughout our city of Seneca Gardens is a great way to connect all of our residents, even our four legged residents.

*If you have a story or favorite memory you would like to share, please reach out to us and let us know. And thanks to Melissa and Karen for sharing their memories of Seneca Gardens.*

### SG Neighborhood Yard Sale - June 5!

Mark your calendars for the City of Seneca Gardens Neighborhood Yard Sale - Saturday June 5, from 8 am - 2 pm. Please wear a mask and keep socially distanced.

### Sign up for REACH Alert

Don't forget to sign-up for REACH Alert by going to reachalert.com and creating an account. This will keep you up-to-date on important notifications.

## Please Permit Me... The Solar Edition...or...Here Comes the Sun...

Spring has arrived in Seneca Gardens, flowers are blooming, trees are budding, our collective psyche seems to improve with every moment of warming sunshine. Our neighbors are hard at work planting and pruning, prepping for Derby or just the satisfaction of seeing beautiful things after a seemingly long and dreary winter—just as the days get longer more and more sunshine appears to help us enjoy the day.

As we update our homes or new families move in and want to have more control over the cost of operating the house, many families are looking to solar energy to take some of the sting out of the utility costs of operating our beautiful but not so efficient homes. As an option, many homeowners are looking to solar collectors or solar panels to meet their desire for lower costs and/or protecting the environment.

Solar collectors have become more cost effective and efficient, the future is bright for renewable energy with new technology and materials improving rapidly. Even in Louisville and Jefferson County, which experiences only 195 days of sunshine per year (according to bestplaces.net), solar panels have made great advances as an option to lower utility costs.



If you have a solar project in mind, a Seneca Gardens permit is required. The ordinance relating to solar panels may be found in section 150.200 of Seneca Gardens Ordinances, under Land Use.

In Seneca Gardens, solar panels can be roof-mounted as long as they cannot be seen from the public street in front of the house, or they may be pole mounted, which are subject to height and area restrictions. Any ancillary equipment should be inside or shielded from view. If your project wants to use new methods or materials that may not be mentioned directly in the ordinance, please reach out to the City Engineer or a Commissioner to inquire about how Seneca Gardens might be able to accommodate the new technology.

The permit process is outlined at [cityofsenecagardens.com](http://cityofsenecagardens.com). Once on the home page, look under the City Information tab. A drop-down menu is available with both a permit application and ordinances. You may want to peruse the other ordinances to determine what the requirements might be for your project.

Ted Niemann, P.E.  
Seneca Gardens | City Engineer

## A Word from our City Arborist, Mike Hayman

We came close to having the perfect magnolia spring this year until one freeze interrupted that perfection. Our flowering magnolias are always at risk of freezes. Some years, we lose the early flowering forms, but get the late ones. This year, we enjoyed the early flowering forms but lost the late bloomers. Once in a while, we get them all, early and late. We grow them, despite the occasional freezes, because they are so spectacular when they bloom.



Neighborhood Arboretum, we have added yellow, white, purple, and red. Some of the star magnolias have 50 petals. Most of our new ones are single trunk tree form, instead of multiple trunk shrub form.

Roy Klehm, from Chicago, has been the source for most of our new forms. Roy was a fourth generation nurseryman with access to the diverse magnolias developed by members of the Magnolia Society International. Another source has been Hidden Hollow Nursery, in Belvidere, TN, where Harald and Alex Neubauer sent us the most promising varieties.

Like other collections in our Neighborhood Arboretum, our sources are national and sometimes even international. (see more photos on page 4)

The old-fashioned pink tulip magnolias are beautiful, but during the the 30 years of building our

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## A Word from Mayor Brown

I'm not sure why this year's "Springtime in Seneca Gardens appears to me to be, as Muhammad Ali would say, "The Greatest of All Time". Part of it, of course, is our arborist, Michael Hayman's tireless work and enthusiasm in making our city nationally known for our tree diversity. I also believe the great majority of our residents appreciate Michael's passion, which in turn, makes us want to be a contributor to our city's overall beauty.

Let's keep up our wonderful display of "Pride of Ownership".

Here is a short list of things we, "ALL CAN DO", to keep our city beautiful year-round.

1. Cutting grass and weeding in a timely manner
2. Removal of limbs and other natural debris on a timely basis
3. Check our trees for decay. If decay is discovered, contact Michael Hayman at 502-649-2958
4. Remind ourselves and visitors that parking vehicles on any grass is prohibited by ordinance
5. If we plan to be away from home and yard for an extended period of time make arrangements to have our grass, weeds and debris dealt with in a timely manner

Thanks to all for your hard work!! Enjoy the remaining springtime beauty and upcoming summer.

\*\*\*ALSO\*\*\*

On behalf Seneca Gardens I extended a "big thank you" to Chief Michael Lamey and the other Strathmoor Village Police Department Officers for their help with controlling the traffic chaos surrounding Thunder Over Louisville at Bowman Field. We hope everyone was able to enjoy the air and fireworks show from your own backyards this year!

David Brown

## A Word from Echotech on Recycling

We've had residents inquire about proper recycling practices, so we reached out to Echotech. Recycling centers prefer items not to be bagged, but will accept them in clear plastic bags so that they can see the materials. When it comes to boxes, if you break them down it allows you more capacity and makes it simpler for pickup, but it's not mandatory.

All items below may be recycled:

- Plastic containers
- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspaperws and inserts
- Brochures and pamphlets
- Envelopes
- Folders
- All types of paper
- Receipts
- Posters
- Sticky notes
- Soft covered books
- Cereal boxes
- Frozen food boxes



Let's keep recyclables out of the landfill!



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

# Updates and Tips from YOUR Strathmoor Police Department

Some of you have met our K9 Officer that started this past October, but for those who haven't, let's tell you about him and his partner K9 Dash. K9 Dash is a 7-year-old Giant Schnauzer, imported from Germany when he was just a pup. He trained to be a police K9 immediately, and when he turned 1, he



*Officer K9Dash, on the job in Seneca Gardens*

graduated Police K9 training and began riding with his partner, Officer Clark. They have been partners for the last 6 years. K9 Dash also lives with Officer Clark and his family when they are off duty. Besides being trained in the basics of obedience and obstacle courses, he is a dual-service police K9. That means he's trained to locate narcotics as well as track lost persons, search buildings for suspects in burglaries and protect his partner from harm or injury.

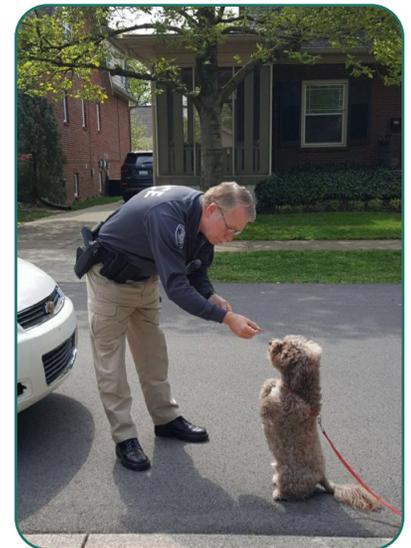
Before coming to Strathmoor Village, he was responsible for hundreds of arrests. He was also awarded a Life Saving Award for tracking down a woman who left home on foot with the intent of harming herself. Dash has been featured on numerous television and other news media outlets.

To purchase a K9 with the type of training Dash has would be around \$20k, but you guys get him for free. His partner, Officer Clark, has been in K9 for over 30 years and is a nationally recognized expert. You can follow them both on Instagram at @policek9dash. Also, Officer Clark and K9 Dash have books on Amazon - *My Police K9 Partners & Our True Stories* and a children's series, *Dash's Dream Comes True*.

## Crime Prevention TIPS

There's an old proverb that says an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Use these tips as your ounce of prevention against crime.

1. Never leave items in your car such as your purse, computer, gun, etc. And always lock your car.
2. Leave outside lights on at night. It only costs pennies, and criminals hate being in the light.
3. Watch out for each other. If you see something that does not look right, call the police to check it out.
4. The following is the method of operation for daytime burglaries of homes: A person knocks on your front door. You answer and the stranger asks a question like, "Do you know where Mr Smith lives?" Since you're home, the stranger leaves. If the stranger knocks on the door and there is no answer or you're not home, the stranger goes around back and kicks in the back door. Criminals like this are in and out of your home, on average, in under 4 minutes. *If someone comes to your door asking these type questions, call the police when they leave and, if possible, get a description of them and their vehicle.*
5. The following crime also happens regularly in the Louisville area and usually targets elderly residents: Two people come to your door offering to do yard work, etc. They then ask if they can use your restroom or phone. If you let them in, one will keep you busy asking questions while the other is stealing items which are usually jewelry, wallets or purses.
6. If you every have any questions, please give us a call we are here for you! Thanks, and be safe!!

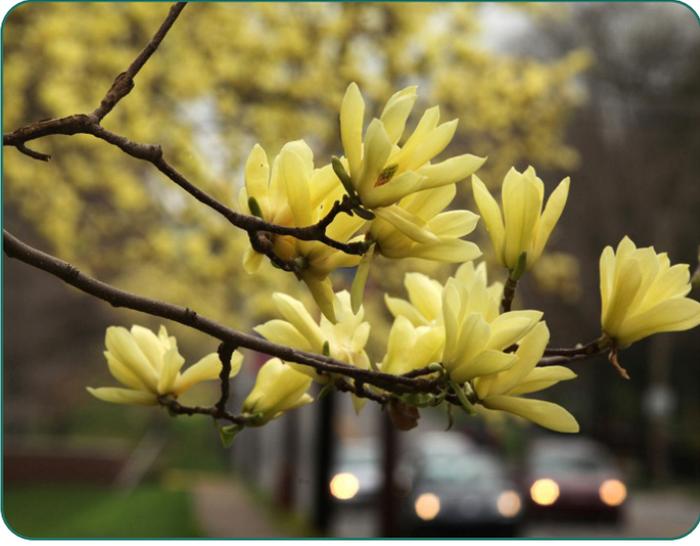


*Officer Clark making friends with a neighborhood canine*

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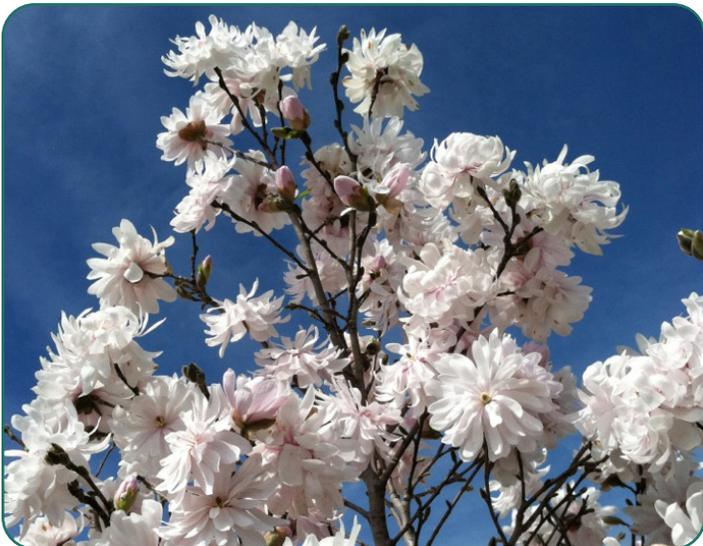
More of our beautiful flowering magnolias, continued from page 2.



*Butterflies magnolia, bred by Phil Savage in Detroit*



*Rose Marie magnolia, bred by Dennis Ledvina, Green Bay, WI*



*Lyles' Legacy star magnolia, from Maine*