



**Rumor has it that Santa may be visiting Seneca Gardens on Sunday, December 19th around 2:00pm to 4:00pm!**

## Hazardous Tree Removal Subsidy

Seneca Gardens encourages homeowners to remove hazardous trees in the right-of-way by subsidizing the removal. Seneca Gardens will pay 30% of the cost of removing those hazards up to a limit of \$1000. If the trunk of the hazard tree is in the homeowner's private property (not in the right-of-way) but still

threatens the sidewalks or streets, Seneca Gardens will also subsidize the cost up to 15% of the removal cost, up to a limit of \$1000.

Our city is unique in paying a part of this cost as most other cities in Jefferson County do not provide this benefit to residents.

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## Seneca Gardens Monthly Meeting Resident/Guest Protocol

by Mayor David Brown

Please keep in mind as you read this article that residents and/or guests are always welcome to attend any monthly meeting. All meetings have a pre-determined agenda; and are designed to last no longer than one and a half hours.

The board and I are concerned about the safety of all attending. We are also concerned about our ability to maintain the meeting's efficiency.

Please note, that over the last several months there have been non-resident incidents that warrants the inclusion of firm parliamentary procedures as it pertains to attending residents and guests.

The following is my summary of the Kentucky League of Cities, *City Official's Legal Handbook*; as it pertains to citizens and guests attending a Seneca Gardens' monthly meeting.

- All residents and/or guests that wish to speak on a particular topic at any board meeting must notify a board member prior to the meeting.
- Prior to the meeting the resident's/guest's topic of discussion will be discussed by board members.
- If the board decides resident/guest's topic warrants further discussion and if meeting's designed time frame allows, the resident/guest will receive advance notice as to date and time the board can accommodate the discussion time. (Handbook suggested time frame 3 to 5 minutes.)

Also, to help meet our meetings designed time frame, please remember you can always reach out to any board member via email. The Seneca Gardens website contains the appropriate and timely contact information for each board member.

Thanks for your understanding as to what the board is trying to accomplish for a safer and better City of Seneca Gardens.

## Ordinance Refresher

All of the City of Seneca Gardens' ordinances are published on our website. We try to share about topics that come up and recent resident inquiries to the board.

If you are thinking about a project that you may need to utilize a dumpster or storage facility, check out the Building Permits ordinance under section 150.024 Responsibilities of Permit Applicant.

Temporary storage facilities and dumpsters may be utilized only if a permit has been granted therefor, and at no time may a temporary storage facility be located other than on an impervious surface. Such facilities at no time are permissible in the right of way or verge of a property. Such facilities at no time may be utilized for more than 30 calendar days.

## Gardens Gathering '21, A Good Time Was Had By All

by Patty Anderson

A good time was had by all at our Gardens Gathering! It was wonderful to see so many friends and family enjoying the perfect afternoon. Many thanks to Franny and Steve Guenther for providing the venue and being such gracious hosts. Also, thanks to all who worked the event. We could not have done it without the help of our teens, the Cummins girls, the Keith children, Annie Napier, and Caroline Row.

This year we were lucky to have live bluegrass music by Kentucky Wild Horse. They were engaging the crowd, even encouraging some onto the dance floor. We look forward to next year's gathering, when Seneca Gardens will be 100 years old!



## Safety Updates Are Sent Through The REACH Alert

REACH Alert is a notification service that allows us to immediately share important info with residents. This includes safety updates, waterline breaks/boil water advisories, road closures/delays due to construction or accidents, AMBER/Silver alerts, police actions, and civic events.

To receive updates from Seneca Gardens, residents must REGISTER for REACH Alert. You can decide if you prefer notifications via text message, voice call, or email. Each household may register up to 4 phone numbers and 4 email addresses.

### HOW TO REGISTER FOR REACH ALERT

1. Go to [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) and click on MY ACCOUNT
2. Select CREATE ACCOUNT
3. Follow the prompts and enter your preferred contact information (*Network Name - type "Seneca Gardens"*)
4. Select RESIDENT
5. Enter your address to select it when it appears in the drop-down list

## Some Entrepreneurial Spirit

We had some warm temperatures in early October and some of our residents took advantage of it! On October 10, Charlotte and Brandon set up a lemonade stand on Meadow Road that had a steady flow of customers. They had fresh squeezed lemonade and limeade to offer residents on this 86 degree day. The two provided phenomenal service, including garnishing the drinks with sliced lemons and limes for a special touch.



## A Word from our City Arborist, Mike Hayman

When you need tree trimming or removal, your first consideration is probably money. But it should not be. It should be safety.

Ask that a Certified Arborist be on site when the work is done. Some companies have certified arborists, but not necessarily on site for your work.

Tree work is one of the most dangerous occupations, right up there with fire fighting. Workers in the tree can damage themselves, people below, or your property and then sue you for their mistakes.

In addition to safety, you want tree people who know how to trim a tree in the least damaging way. Bad pruning, like topping, can destroy your otherwise healthy tree. Any company willing to top a tree should be banished from Seneca Gardens. It is the equivalent to blood letting in medicine.

Your first line of defense is to hire an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture. That action ensures that your arborist has been exposed to the correct ways to trim and remove trees and do it safely.



An arborist company from Texas, called "Certified Arborists", twice left flyers in Seneca Gardens implying that their workers were certified, but the certification number used by the woman soliciting work was someone else's. A representative of the same company sold a job to an elderly woman in Indian Hills saying she had fungus on her dogwoods, but it was actually harmless lichen.

Beyond using Certified Arborists, your tree company should have liability insurance and workman's comp.

At that point you can shop price.



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