



## Save The Date: City of Seneca Gardens Neighborhood Yard Sale

Traditionally, we host our citywide yard sale on the first Saturday of June, on the same day as the yard sales in several neighboring cities. It's great fun seeing neighbors outside and it feels great to unload and get rid of what you don't need!

This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 4, from 8 am to 2 pm. This leaves us all plenty of time to round up those unwanted items that could end up being someone else's treasure.



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## Mayor's Notes: MSD's Work and American Relief Funds

by Mayor David Brown

As the old saying goes, "Be careful of what you wish for." The current Meadow Road storm water mitigation project is a perfect example. It's a construction mess for sure, interrupting normal comings and goings. However, as one Meadow Road resident expressed to me, "I want to thank the board for investing in the water drainage issue on our block. It's messy now but will be a great investment in our future."

I couldn't have said it any better myself.

As mentioned in previous notifications, here are the additional MSD/SG water drainage improvements in the coming months:

1. Broadmeade Road (Same type as Meadow Rd.)
2. Trevilian Way (Ice Prevention/Stone Water Canals)
3. Dell Road (Stone Water Canals)
4. Seneca Valley Road (Stone Water Canals)

The good news is that the cost of most of these needed improvements will be shared by MSD, Seneca Gardens' \$182,000 American Relief Funds, plus, SG's State Road Fund reserve. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that, weather permitting, all these projects will be done on a timely basis.

Everyone can help by remembering ALL complaints should be directed to MSD. SG's Board is only one voice, whereas, numerous residents' voices are more powerful. Residents are the customers of MSD and pay taxes directly to MSD.

## Are You Having Utility Issues?

If you are experiencing troubles with any of your utilities, please contact the appropriate provider directly. For your convenience, here are the numbers:

- LG&E.....(502) 589-3500
- Louisville Water Company.....(502) 383-6610
- MSD.....(502) 540-6000



## Please Permit Me...

As we slowly leave behind the winter season and gladly welcome signs of spring some of our idle time these past few months may have been spent dreaming about renovating a kitchen, or adding a bit of space onto your house, or possibly updating the garage that may not be large enough to squeeze your car. All of those are wonderful things to dream about and could add value to your home and our community.

One of the things that makes our community unique is the City of Seneca Gardens has a set of ordinances that help guide us in the processes that will help us improve our own property and do so in way that our community property values are maintained or enhanced. Please keep in mind that a permit may be required for work done inside or outside of your property.



Ted Niemann, P.E.  
City Engineer

Most would agree that a permit is a good idea for outside work, adding a room, updating the siding, new or expanded garages, and other improvements only limited by our imaginations. If the work is inside a permit may be required if work requires equipment to move materials in, dumpsters placed on your drive or other actions that may impact the sidewalk or roadway. The permit is intended to help protect our community by allowing a review of plans, materials, locations, among other things. For most work within the City of Seneca Gardens both Louisville Metro and Seneca Gardens permits are required. By participating in the permitting process homeowners may help ensure improvements comply with both Louisville Metro and Seneca Gardens requirements. Compliance will help Seneca Gardens continue as a sought-after community and maintain the unique structures and infrastructure we all enjoy.

## A Word from our City Arborist, Mike Hayman

### Update on the Traffic Islands at Seneca Drive

Seneca Gardens renovated the traffic island at the end of Seneca Drive to solve a drainage problem and improve the appearance. After the limestone curbs were installed, some trucks continued to cut the corner and drive over the curbs instead of jockeying to make the turn.

The turn-around was designed 80 years ago. Since then, trucks are bigger but the street is not. The



question became, how can we dissuade trucks from damaging our new limestone curbs? I remembered two small boulders I acquired 30 years ago to protect a small ginkgo in the lirioppe bed at our Trevilian entrance. The ginkgo no longer needed the protection. I asked a friend with a small skidsteer to move those boulders to the newly renovated Seneca Drive traffic island.

The boulders have been moved. We will see if they dissuade the destructive truck behavior.

### Welcome Our New Residents

We are happy to welcome the following new residents to Seneca Gardens. Be sure to say hello and make them feel part of our family. If you know a new resident or are one, please contact Patty Anderson at: [pba8550@gmail.com](mailto:pba8550@gmail.com)

Jaclyn & Chris Journey  
2627 Valetta Road

Edith Bush  
2628 Valetta Road

## The Guardian of the Valley

by Resident Writer Ayden Claire Kolter

Most everyone has a pet in Seneca Gardens; let me tell you about a sweet cat, on Seneca Valley Road, Honeybuttons.

In November 2018, my siblings, Lily and Everett, excitedly drove with our mother to Seatonville to a friend's house to get our first cat. Once we arrived, our friend came out to greet us, and introduced us to our new cat. He was a thin, orange, barn cat. The cat had been rescued by our friend a couple of years



Honeybuttons paying a final visit

prior. He was still warming up to humans and he proved to be feisty when we placed him in the kennel. He meowed the whole way back home. Despite his rough-around-the-edges charm, we gave him a sweet-as-sugar name, Honeybuttons.

Once we got home, we spent the next two weeks "Re-homing" him to Seneca Valley, helping him learn Seneca Gardens was his new home. Honeybuttons would have to remain a barn cat in our garage because my dad is allergic to cats. We installed a cat door in the garage so he could get in and out. Over the next two years, Honeybuttons warmed up to us, but at heart, he was still a skittish cat.

In 2020, our family adopted a dog (read about him in my next article), Bruno. Well, Honeybuttons didn't like Bruno, not one bit. Bruno was an eager puppy and liked nothing better than to chase after Honeybuttons. A few months after adopting Bruno, Honeybuttons became scarce. He didn't seem to be coming in the garage to eat his food as frequently and we began to worry about him.

In February 2022, we spotted him across the street in a neighbor's yard. We called out to him and ran to pet him. Our neighbor's daughter drove up to us and asked us "Are you calling that cat?" My father answered "Yes ma'am, that is our cat." She gasped and revealed where Honeybuttons had been the past many months. Her mother, Mrs. Kay, lives across the

street from us. Honeybuttons had been spending a lot of time in her yard and, because he wasn't chipped, she didn't know he was our cat. Eventually Mrs. Kay invited him inside. He had been napping on her chairs and cuddling with her on the couch. Mrs. Kay had given him food, treats, water and even taken him to the vet to get updated shots! Mrs. Kay adopted him as her own and even gave him a name, Peaches, after the similar color peach jam she was eating one day! HA! Peaches was clearly very important to Mrs. Kay and had become a companion for her.

When we learned all of this, I had to go inside to control my tears, and so did my siblings. We knew he had adopted Mrs. Kay as much as Mrs. Kay had adopted him. We told Mrs. Kay and her daughter that she could keep him, and thanked her for taking such good care of Honeybuttons. Even though we knew it was right, it was still hard. Peaches, formerly known as Honeybuttons, was in a good home with people who loved him.

A few days later, Peaches showed up in our garage under his cat tower (see photo at left) and let me and my siblings pet him, a somewhat unusual behavior for him. I believe that he came over to tell us it was okay and to visit us. His visit made me feel better.



Honeybuttons, aka Peaches, with Mrs. Kay

Mrs. Kay said we are welcome to come and visit him whenever we want. While seeing Peaches move to a new home was hard, at the end of the day, helping a neighbor was great consolation and was truly most important. If you drive down Seneca Valley Road, look for the Guardian of our Valley, on Mrs. Kay's front porch. Don't forget to wave "Hello" as he lives his best life.

*This is Ayden Claire Kolter's second contribution as a Resident Writer.*

## Message From the Chief

First and foremost I want to thank the residents of Seneca Gardens. Since we started the campaign “if you see something say something” we have received quite a few tips as well as calls from the Seneca Garden residents.

It’s with your help that we can work together to keep our community safe and as pristine as it is. So please continue to call if you see something that doesn’t look right. Call and advise so we may investigate. Here’s our number - (502) 432-8900.

As always, crimes of opportunity are one of the biggest crimes throughout the Highlands and in our communities. Crimes of opportunity could be as simple as leaving a car door unlocked or leaving valuables in plain sight on the car seat.

What we would ask is to please make sure your car doors are locked. Also, if you have a porch light or a side light, please turn those on during the evenings. This helps our police officers see your front porch and your side driveways as we are driving down

the street. A lighted area is normally some place someone with ill intentions would not want to be.

The Strathmoor Police Department now has a working canine named Luna. When you see her out on patrol, please wave or say hello. She is going to be our community relations K9 with a police department.

In closing, I would like to thank the Mayor of Seneca Gardens and all of our Commissioners of Seneca Gardens and board members for all of the tireless hours they put in to make sure Seneca Gardens stays a pristine neighborhood and for all of the work they do hand in hand with the Strathmoor Police Department.

Chief Michael Lamey  
Strathmoor Police



*Chief Lamey and Luna*



*Be sure to say hello to Luna if you see her patrolling SG*



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

### Sign up for REACH Alert

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

## Regarding Upcoming Elections

### Expiring Terms

The elected positions in the City of Seneca Gardens will expire at the end of 2022. These positions are Mayor and four Commissioners. If you would like to put your name on the ballot for the November 2022 elections, please use the link below to file. The deadline to file is Tuesday, June 7th. <http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/candidatefiling-info/>

### Primary Election Day

Tuesday, May 17th is Primary Election Day. Our District 34 polling place remains the same: Immanuel United Church of Christ at 2300 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40205.

### Redistricting

Due to redistricting, we are electing a new state representative. Please visit the websites of the two candidates running to represent us in District 34. Jonathon Lowe [www.jonathanloweky.com](http://www.jonathanloweky.com) Sarah Stalker. [www.sarahforky.com](http://www.sarahforky.com)



## Signs of Spring, From Around Seneca Gardens...



*A Wisley Supreme Witchazel in March, at Valetta & Trevilian*



*A Sassafras tree blooms at Valetta and Dell in April*

## Oh, Deer!

It's likely you've witnessed a deer in the City of Seneca Gardens in the early morning hours, wandering over from the parks.

While they are peaceful creatures, we recommend only enjoying them as they are and please do NOT provide them food or snacks. It may seem like a kind and harmless gesture, but there are many unintended negative consequences that can come from feeding wildlife.

Thanks!

