



Santa Claus Is Coming To...Seneca Gardens

You better watch out,
You better not cry,
You better not pout,
I'm telling you why...

That's right. Santa is coming to Seneca Gardens on Sunday, December 11, from 2 to 4 pm. He will be at Little Library on the corner of Meadow Road and Trevilian Way. Stop by and have your photo taken with Santa, and when you do, please bring a book or a toy to drop off for the **Salvation Army**, who will be accepting donations. We hope to see you there.



Meet Santa Claus
December 11, 2022
from 2pm until 4pm
at **The Little Library**
(Meadow Rd. & Trevilian)
Salvation Army Donations:
Toys & Books

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Meet Your Neighbors - Jackie Gulbe

Our residents make up who we are in the City of Seneca Gardens, and we love to share their stories. We asked resident Jackie Gulbe, on Trevilian, to share her thoughts on living in our city, and here's what she had to say. Thanks Jackie!

My husband Walter and I live in the house I grew up in. My parents bought our house in 1965 when I was 1-1/2 years old. My father was scouting for a house and really liked the setting and the location. It was a great place to grow up as a child. I am still in touch with my core childhood friends. I have great fun watching the Nelson and Kolter children doing many of the same things I did when I was little. Things like playing in the creek, building forts in what some call Tranquility Park (as kids, we called it the mountains) and just having fun outside. We have a great neighborhood, and we have some terrific neighbors!

Our dogs Mozie & Gunner are both rescue dogs. Mozie (Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix) and Gunner (a Lab mix) are both going on 14. If you walk by, especially if you are walking your dog, they will often greet you from our living room window. I worked in animal welfare for over 20 years, and it is a cause near and dear to my heart.

I love to garden, and we both love the outdoors, especially the water. Walter is a newbie sailboat

owner and I teach Water Aerobics at both public and private pools.

We like to go out a couple of times a week. Some of our favorite spots are The Bambi Bar for a Bambi burger, La Suerta for healthy Mexican (they also



Gunner and Mozie

have a great breakfast), Sapporo for Sushi, Diorio's and Bearno's for pizza and, for something different, Queen of Sheba.

We also love to cook at home especially since we recently upgraded our original 1949 kitchen!

.....WINTER WEATHER UPDATE.....

If you have a sidewalk in front of your home, you are responsible for keeping the walkway free and clear of snow and ice, to the extent feasible under the weather conditions in a reasonable time period.

It's encouraged to check on your neighbors and help out those who can't get out and about in the weather conditions.

See our website for the "Removal of Ice and Snow" ordinance 91.43.

A Word from our City Arborist, Mike Hayman

We have been building our Seneca Gardens neighborhood arboretum for more than 30 years. Today's plantings will mature decades from now.

An example is the entrance to Seneca Gardens from Seneca Park. In the fall, the ginkgo (below) and sweet birch turn yellow, the burning bushes brilliant red, the red sunset maples red orange, the Wright Brothers sugar maple orange, all in the same view. That planned view took decades to mature.

Trees take a long time to mature, but then they can live for 100 years.

In the past, Seneca Gardens planted a bur oak in Seneca Park at Trevilian and Pee Wee Reese to honor long time treasurer Albert Feunfer. As often happens in Seneca Gardens, Al still has family in Seneca Gardens on Seneca Drive.



Help Wanted!

We love to read stories about our beautiful city and the people who live here, and we want to tell as many of them as we can.

If you like to write and would be interested in submitting stories to our newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us at the Seneca Gardens Facebook page to get involved.

The more contributions we receive from you, makes it easier to share all the good things happening in our city. Don't worry whether your story is good enough or the genre is what we're looking for.



When Mayor Jim MacDonald retired after decades of service to our city, we planted a bur oak in Seneca Park at Denham and Pee Wee Reese. Both trees are doing well and I expect them to live for hundreds of years.

Continuing in that tradition, we have planted an overcup oak to honor long-serving Mayor David Brown (see above). The oak has been planted in Park Place, a small piece of Seneca Park whose care Seneca Gardens has adopted.



Dolly Francis Cummins, The Regal Guardian of Seneca Gardens

by Resident Writer Ayden Claire Kolter

Seneca Gardens is made up of many wonderful people and their many canine companions. Our lucky canines have a wonderful place to live and so many friends to meet and greet.

At the entrance to our wonderful neighborhood stands a lovely brick house with an energetic two-year-old chocolate/English labrador named Dolly, who often sits on the hill as a regal presence, welcoming all to Seneca Gardens. The Cummins family adopted Dolly, giving our welcoming beacon the full name Dolly Francis Cummins. They adopted Dolly almost 2 years ago, when she was 4-weeks old. She was just a little chocolate chip! She brings a lot of fun and noise to the neighborhood, and lots of love and affection to the Cummins home, according to her family. They say Seneca Gardens is great for dogs because it is hilly, which makes for good exercise for both dogs and their families.

On a recent afternoon, I interviewed Kat, the youngest daughter of the Cummins household. She shared many interesting features about Dolly, most notably that Dolly is fun, but very unpredictable. Dolly enjoys playing with her squeaky moose, comically called Moosey. Moosey has already had his ear torn off and has gone on multiple trips from Dolly's teeth to the highest point of the room, then back to Dolly to be cuddled. Dolly also loves to play fetch with Moosey and Hide and Seek with her family. Dolly is said to be both "very fast and scrappy" and quite the jumper, able to jump all the way down the staircase!

Dolly, like many puppies, has had many comical adventures, and Kat was nice enough to share one with me. A pumpkin that was once sitting on



Dolly (left), our regal guardian

their porch came to rest behind the fire hydrant in front of their house. Dolly, unfamiliar with the orange orb, attacked it and sent it rolling across the street. She then stared at it for over an hour, because she couldn't retrieve it. While the entire Cummins Family adores Dolly, Mrs. Cummins, Kat's mom, definitely favors Dolly as her favorite family member (Kat's words, not mine!). Dolly loves to visit the nearby field and go on long walks with Mrs. Cummins. Certainly, like many Seneca Gardens furry friends, she has good and bad days. Her good days seem to occur when she has been walked A LOT!

We are looking forward to Dolly being our regal guardian at the intersection of Seneca Valley Road and Trevilian Way for many years to come. Make sure to greet her, as she will you, when you enter our neighborhood!

Stay tuned for my next article about another one of our barking besties here in Seneca Gardens!

Ayden Claire Kolter is one of our contributing writers

Helpful Reminders...

Please take a moment to read this list of helpful reminders. These are actions that, when taken, add up to a beautiful city marked by courtesy and civility.

Thanks for your help with this.

1. Please make sure you place signs out of the right-of-way
2. Vehicles may not be parked on the grass
3. We ask that trash, recycling, yard waste and junk not be placed at the curb until Monday, for Tuesday collection.

Celebrating 100 Years at the Gardens Gathering

It was great to see so many residents at the Gardens Gathering! The weather was on-point, and music by AJ Clements made the atmosphere as we celebrated our 100 year anniversary. Our new logo was also displayed at the street corner of Valletta and Trevilian.

We also honored long time Mayor David Brown for more than 20-years of service to our city. The SG Board presented him with a certificate for a tree planting to recognize his dedicated service to Seneca Gardens. The tree has been planted at the Park Place entrance of the city, near Pee Wee Reese.

Thanks to our volunteers and door prize donors for making this event a success. Congratulations to our Halloween costume and door prize winners!

Petals Gift Card
Donated by Jeff Wallitsch and Nique Freese
Winner - Jeff Rosum

The Lemon Tree - Haute Shore Bag
Donated by the Brooks Family
Winner - McGuire Family

Playthings Toy Shoppe Gift Card
Donated by the Noe Family
Winner - Jen Miller

Two bottles of wine
Donated by Morris Deli and Liquor Store
Winner - Carolyn Moses



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