

SENECA SPOTLIGHT

CITY OF SENECA WELCOMES NEW POLICE CHIEF



Chief Bowling brings more than 22 years' experience in law enforcement to his new job. A native of Oconee County, Bowling served as Interim Police Chief after the retirement of Chief John Covington in November of 2020.

Chief Bowling has already established goals for the police department: to create a culture of serving; to create leaders within the department; and, to increase community support and acceptance with a backbone of transparency and integrity.



New Seneca Police Chief Casey Bowling was sworn in on January 12, 2021, by Judge Danny Singleton at Seneca City Hall. Looking on are Chief Bowling's wife Brenda & daughter Annabelle



Seneca City Council welcomed Chief Casey Bowling to his new position after a brief ceremony

Welcome, Chief Bowling!

DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION Task Force



The Seneca Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force was created to serve as a “think tank” to bridge communication between our ethnic Minority communities and our greater community; and, to promote a better understanding and appreciation of our similarities and differences. As a part of that purpose, the task force will submit proposals and recommendations to city leaders for consideration that will proactively develop initiatives for all communities; look at accountability measures that are intentionally inclusive of our marginalized communities; and, will positively affect short and long term equitable improvements and sustainability for the quality of life for the entire Seneca community. Although the task force is well aware that addressing many of the systemic issues in our city will require more than events and cultural celebrations, the task force has recommended communication to be the key to understanding and has proposed three city-wide events that will include a Juneteenth Celebration, a Youth Day Celebration, and a Hispanic Heritage Month. Moving forward, other areas the task force will be working on will include business development for minorities; diversity in employment and recruitment within the City; recreational opportunities for all age groups; and, more arts and culture opportunities (in partnership with the Seneca City Museums).

The task force’s first report to Seneca City Council will be available in its entirety on the city web site (www.seneca.sc.us) after February 9th when the meeting documents are approved by City Council and posted.

Above: task force members Karla Gomez (left) and Ivy Ellerby (right) with city administrator Scott Moulder serving as adviser to the group

CITY HONORS EDWARDS & BRIGHT

Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander presented proclamations to Jonathan Edwards, left, and Jeff Bright, right, during a recent Council meeting. Edwards was recognized for his work providing drone footage for city events. Jeff Bright was recognized for his work providing drone footage of the aftermath of the EF3 tornado that struck Seneca on April 13, 2020, and also for his support of City events through drone footage, still photos, feature videos, and social media broadcasts. Thank you both for your support and contributions to the City’s mission!!



Teamwork at its best!



Above - Seneca Police Chief Casey Bowling and City Administrator Scott Moulder on "MLK Day of Service" in Seneca



Above - Seneca PD's Community & Professional Development Coordinator Chuck Hunter and Family on "MLK Day of Service" in Seneca



Above - BJ McClure, Seneca Police Department



Randy Molloseau (Buildings & Projects)
Eric Schuler (City Beautification)



Margarita Ibanez, Seneca PD



Mike Teramano, Seneca PD
John Williams, Seneca PD



It takes the whole team. Members of the City's police department, public works, recreation department, administration, and buildings & projects department all work hard to make the Magical Musical Holiday Light Show a reality.



TreesUpstate's Energy Saving Tree Giveaway



Upcoming Giveaway Events

Five locations to choose from:

- Greer, SC**
• January 29-30, 2021
- Greenville, SC**
• February 26-27, 2021
- Spartanburg, SC**
• March 19-20, 2021
- Seneca, SC**
• April 9-10, 2021
- Clemson, SC**
• April 9-10, 2021

ONLINE PRE-RESERVATION IS NOW OPEN



RESERVE YOUR TREES TODAY
More information can be found at:
www.treesupstate.org/FreeTrees

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Energy-Saving Trees is a registered trademark of the Arbor Day Foundation. This program is administered locally by TreesUpstate and presented by Duke Energy.

TreesUpstate is committed to ensuring that we take the necessary precautions to make our Energy Saving Trees Giveaway events as safe as possible for our participants. TreesUpstate is following all CDC and SCDHEC guidelines and recommendations at all of our events.

Thanks for giving your best



City of Seneca employees are the heart  and backbone of City services

None has been more dedicated than Donna Bradley both to the City of Seneca and to her duties as payroll specialist. For many years, Donna has worked tirelessly to make sure employees were paid accurately and on time. And, she has handled the City's United Way program. It's a big job!

After 25 years, Donna decided other adventures were beckoning and said goodbye to the 8 to 5 world. It was a sad day indeed for the City and for staff that worked closely with Donna all those years.

City administrator Scott Moulder is shown at right thanking Donna for 25 wonderful years. We wish you only the best, Donna, as you begin this next chapter in your life!



Christie Covington

EMPLOYEE *Spotlight*

Christie has been the administrative assistant for Seneca Light & Water since 2013.

She is a lifelong resident of Oconee County.

Christie loves spending time with her husband, John, retired City of Seneca police chief, and their three sons and seven grandchildren.

Her favorite activity is working outdoors.

Thank you, Christie, for your support, dedication and hard work!

New in Seneca



SENECA'S BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT LOOKS BRIGHT



CHECK OUT THESE NEW BUSINESSES IN SENECA

Moe's Southwest Grill
Dear Rosie Boutique
Palmetto 44 Boutique
QuikTrip
Subway (relocation)
G's Pizza House
Rows & Roses Yarn & Fiber
Market South Boutique
The Diva Dog

**COMING SOON: PUBLIX, PAPA JULIO'S, CROWN & CREST,
THE NEST AIRBNB, BIRDS OF A FEATHER, THE MEXICAN**



Coming up in



CITY OF SENECA

RACE FOR THE GREEN

5K & HALF-MARATHON
March 13, 2021
SENECA, SC

5K \$25 **HALF MARATHON \$50**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 13, 2021**

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
go-greenevents.com

PRE-RACE PRIZES

Sterling Silver Emerald & Diamond 18" Necklace
Sponsored by *Brentley's Jewellers*

CASH DROP!
Sponsored by *Julian Davis Allstate Agency*

Cash Prizes to Top 3 Finishers in Each Race!

Follow us on Facebook: [Race For The Green @ Seneca Carolina](https://www.facebook.com/RaceForTheGreenSeneca)

More info at www.seneca.sc.us

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What's coming up in **SENECA** in 2021?



THE RACE FOR THE GREEN

March 13 - Shaver Recreation Complex
7:30 am to Noon

JAZZ ON THE ALLEY

Thursdays starting April 1, 7:00 to 9:00
Ram Cat Alley

CRUZIN' ON MAIN

First Saturday of every month - April - October
Norton-Thompson Park

4TH of JULY CELEBRATION

July 4th
Gignilliat Field

JEEP FEST

September 11
Norton-Thompson Park

BREW N' QUE

Sponsored by The Journal/City of Seneca
September 5
Gignilliat Field

9TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY VIRTUAL LUNCHEON
BERTHA LEE STRICKLAND CULTURAL MUSEUM

This year as we continue to observe safety protocol during the pandemic, Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum's 9th Annual Black History Month Celebration will go virtual! **Beginning February 12, 2021**, and for the remainder of the entire month of February, you can be a part of the 9th Annual Black History Month Celebration and show your support of the museum's Fifth Anniversary Milestone! Our virtual celebration will feature this year's Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Rhondra Robinson Thomas**, Clemson University Calhoun Lemon Professor of Literature and author of *Call My Name: Documenting the Black Experience in an American University Community*. The online celebration will feature entertainment, rediscovered stories of Oconee County's African American community, interviews, give-a-ways, and much more. And, anyone can access the month-long celebration at their convenience via Wi-Fi on their computer or tablet, and also via cell phone. The online event will be free and open to the public.

Owned and operated by the City of Seneca, Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum opened on February 12, 2016, with its premier exhibit, *The Waymakers*, and has grown to become recognized across the United States as a tourism destination focusing on the local African American and related cultural histories of the people and places in Oconee County. Together with the Lunney Museum, these Seneca City Museums continue to break barriers and set benchmarks for small, metropolitan museums.

We invite you to visit our digital museums at: senecacitymuseums.org to learn more about our forgotten, dynamic history and to stay informed about our Seneca City Museums' 2021 celebrations and events.

Stay tuned!

Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum

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