

SENECA SPOTLIGHT

RACE FOR THE GREEN SETS NEW RECORDS

With well over 600 runners signing up to compete, Seneca's 2022 "Race for the Green" set an event record for the number of registrations. A beautiful blustery day, perfect for mid-March, gave runners ideal weather for shedding winter blues, testing endurance and celebrating the arrival of spring. This year, a Kid's Fun Run was added to the popular 5K and Half-Marathon, giving budding runners a chance to join in the fun.



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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



A guardian ad litem is a lawyer or non-lawyer appointed in court proceedings by the court to represent the "best interests" of the child or children involved in that particular case.

Guardian Ad Litem is a state-funded volunteer program for child advocacy in SC that began in 1984 primarily through the efforts of its first director, Cass Elliott McCarter. Since then the program has grown exponentially. The Guardian Ad Litem program reached an important milestone in 2010 when the program assured every child with an abuse or neglect case in SC Family Court would be appointed a volunteer Guardian Ad Litem to be their advocate.

What do volunteer Guardian Ad Litem volunteers do? They protect the best interest of children throughout the judicial process. They advocate for abused or neglected children so these children can know a better life. The GAL volunteer gets to know all aspects of the child's life: family, teachers, therapists, social workers, doctors, and others. After gathering as much information as possible, the Guardian volunteer makes a recommendation to the court to help the court make an informed decision concerning the child's future. They remain on a case until the child finds a safe, permanent home. Guardians are the bridge between the child and the court.

Guardian Ad Litem volunteers come from all walks of life! If you would like more information about the program or about becoming a volunteer, call the Oconee County Guardian Ad Litem office at 864-638-2267.

EVERY THURSDAY THROUGH OCTOBER 7-9 PM • RAM CAT ALLEY
Featuring: Americas Touring Musicians

 April 7 Funk Factory 5	 April 14 Nathan Angelo
 April 21 The Odyssey Band	 April 28 The Jamie Wright Band Motown Review

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 May 5 Leisha J	 May 12 Keysa & The Allstars
 May 19 Kami Ocean & The Rhythm	 May 26 Funk Factory 5 PLUS ... LASER SHOW at 9:15 pm Norton-Thompson Park!

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

to benefit
Seneca Police Department UNIT 19

APRIL 21, 2022
Registration Starts at 11 am
Tee Off at 12 Noon
Captain's Choice - Shotgun Start
\$500 Per Team - 4 Per Team
\$125 Individual
MAXIMUM OF 20 TEAMS

Call 864-885-2718 for info

Cruzin' ON MAIN
DOWNTOWN SENECA, SC
1st Saturday 4:00 - 8:00



A BRAND NEW WAY TO KEEP UP WITH EVENTS IN SENECA!!



NEW WEB SITE JUST FOR EVENTS!

WWW.SENECASCEVENTS.COM

- FIND OUT ABOUT EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF SENECA!

OR

- FIND OUT ABOUT OTHER EVENTS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY!
- AND, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SENECA AREA - PLEASE SEND US YOUR EVENT FLYER AND WE WILL INCLUDE IT IN OUR BRAND NEW "COMMUNITY EVENTS" SECTION.

Please note: The Community Events page is not intended for commercial use and requests will be reviewed to make sure your EVENT is a good fit for our web site.

Don't miss out on this valuable tool to let the community know about your event!



Save the Bees!

HOT WEATHER BRINGS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND MOSQUITOES!

Upcoming 2022 Spray Dates: May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12, August 26, September 9, September 23

- Spraying occurs in the evenings beginning around 8:30 pm
- We don't spray if it's raining
- If people are close to the area we are spraying, we are required to turn the machine off until we have moved past them.

IF YOU HAVE BEES WITHIN CITY LIMITS:

Call Public Works at 864-885-2750 or email publicworks@seneca.sc.us

SENECA LIGHT & WATER EMPLOYEE BRIAN (WOODY) WOODARD RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS

March 2022 marked the end of a long career for Woody as he retired from his job as a supervisor with Seneca Light & Water. A retirement luncheon was held for him on his last day where a packed room of co-workers wished him well as he starts a new chapter. Happy retirement, Woody, and we will miss you!



Celebrating Seneca's Bus System



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK
May 16 - 20

*Celebrate
the
Bus with us!*



Did you know?

The City of Seneca was the FIRST city in the nation to develop a 100% electric bus service in 2014, and we've been all-electric ever since. We are proud to offer this zero-emission public transit FARE FREE to our citizens!

With 4 Seneca area routes to serve you, we invite you to take a free ride on our bus!



For information on routes & schedules, use the QR Code shown here, visit www.catbus.com or call 864-654-CATS!

We invite you to come check out your
Zero Emission
Seneca Transit Bus
at these upcoming Seneca events!

Cruzin' on Main Saturday, May 7th Downtown Seneca

*A great opportunity to see what makes it work!
Take a look under the "hood" of our Zero Emission Bus!*

Jazz on the Alley Thursday, May 19th Ram Cat Alley

We will have a special STORY TIME on the bus especially for children!



Welcome, New Members!

**CASABLANCA DESIGNS/AVIAN BRIDAL
SENECA WOMEN'S CLUB
ADVANCED PROSTHETICS
LAKE LIFE REALTY
PUBLIX**



*Scenes from the
SENECA OFF THE CLOCK
hosted by
The Boathouse of Seneca
March 22, 2022*



**520 W N 1st Street
Seneca, South Carolina
(864) 864-973-2628**



SERVING THE CUSTOMER THE RIGHT WAY

Oftentimes, when a citizen visits city hall, there may be a problem to work through, or perhaps a complicated procedure with which they need help or guidance. The City of Seneca recently held customer service training for those staff members who interact frequently with our customers -- you, the citizens of Seneca. The training focused on how we can service our citizens better by meeting our customers' needs, our telephone skills when interactions are not in person, how to building lasting relationships with our citizens, and how to communicate more effectively with our customers. All city staff who participated in the training successfully completed and received certifications for Exceptional Customer Service Skills. We hope our new skills will make your visits to city hall a little less stressful and a lot more pleasant!

EMPLOYEE *Spotlight*

BJ is a captain with the City of Seneca police department, and has been with the City for 16 years. Currently BJ supervises the road patrol division. In 2019 he received the Blue Ridge Electric Co-op "Officer of the Year" award. BJ enjoys serving the community he grew up in. He and his wife Lisa have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. BJ also enjoys spending time with family, maintaining a flawless lawn and watching college football.



BJ McClure

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