

SPOTLIGHT

*City announces plans for new
“Storybook Trail Park” for children*

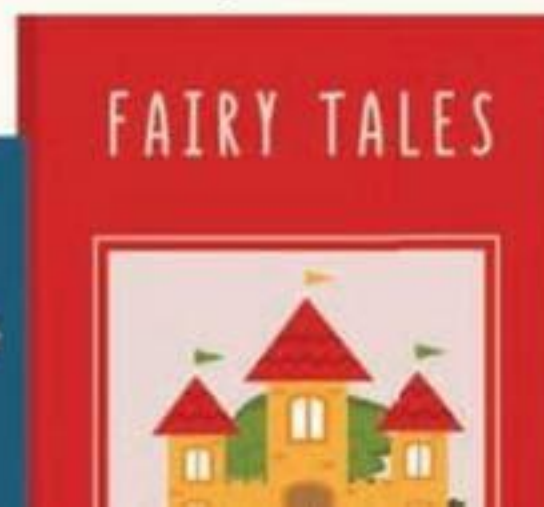
The City of Seneca plans to create a new “Storybook Trail Park” to be located adjacent to the Seneca branch of the Oconee County Public Library on East South 2nd Street in downtown Seneca.

The ADA accessible park will be open for children of all levels and will include pollinator plants to create a natural habitat for butterflies, moths, and other common species of lepidoptera insect order. The City has enlisted the help of Morgan Sisk, a Clemson University junior majoring in landscape architecture, to assist with the park’s design.

Children and their adult guardians will be able to follow along pathways lined with pages from storybooks to read. While at the park, children will have opportunities to create chalk artwork, learn about the lives and importance of butterflies and other pollinators, practice simple math skills, and to enjoy the beauty of art and nature throughout the park. The muraled fence from the former Monarch Park will be incorporated into the park’s design. The fence was created as a scout project by a former Boy Scout, students from Seneca Middle School and the Hamilton Career Center, Seneca United Way volunteers, and the Blue Ridge Art Center. The park’s proximity to the library will provide an opportunity for children to visit with an accompanying adult to further learn and explore their interest by utilizing the many offerings available to them through the county’s public library.

The Storybook Trail Park will be a City of Seneca project in partnership with Oconee County Public library and the Blue Ridge Arts Center, and upon completion, will be the City’s first STEAM project (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math). The park represents the City’s department of Arts, History, and Culture’s first projects undertaken to support the goal of incorporating art and education into some of the City’s undeveloped and underdeveloped green spaces and providing enjoyable outdoor experiences for children, youth, and families.

Phase one development of the Storybook Trail Park is scheduled to begin sometime later this year.



News & Updates



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The City of Seneca is pleased to announce a new way to apply for commercial and residential building and trades permits!

Coming sometime in September, you'll be able to complete your application online at the city website (www.seneca.sc.us).

Once the link is active, you can simply look for the link to **Citizen Serve** on our website and you'll be able to complete your permit application right there online, in the comfort of your home or office.

In the meantime, you can email us with your questions: tchapman@seneca.sc.us

UPDATES ON CITY PROJECTS

Harper's Plaza - work will begin in August on the renovation of the former Harper's Five & Dime store. Plans include a city park and retail spaces that will be available to sell to interested businesses.

Kimbrell's - A \$10 million grant for a project was announced last month, an effort that was spearheaded by State House Rep. Bill Sandifer. The grant will allow the City to transform the building into a new visual and performing arts center with 714 seats. Grant funds should be available sometime in October and will be added to a previous state grant of \$2.5 million.

Amphitheater Grant - The City is awaiting word on the Appalachian Regional Commission's decision on a \$500,000 grant request submitted earlier this spring which would be used to build an outdoor amphitheater on City property. That decision is expected late this summer.

New Roof for Gignilliat Center - will allow remodeling of several areas to begin, including the new City Archives.

Shaver Walking Track - work will begin in late July or early August to start cutting in the new base of the Shaver Recreation Complex Walking track after the decision was made by the City to expand the size of Shaver's ballfields. The walking track will still be 1.1 or 1.2 miles.

Seneca Dog Park - The City received word on August 1st that Seneca has been named a finalist in the Pet Safe grant contest which would bring the park a \$25,000 grant if Seneca is one of the top finishers in the contest. The City is asking for help in this phase of the grant contest as the number of online votes will determine whether or not the dog park is awarded the grant.

Anyone in the United States can vote daily for Seneca on the PetSafe website:

www.barkforyourpark.com

VOTE FOR SENECA, SC daily!!!! Voting runs from August 1 - August 31.

Seneca is a Finalist!



Seneca has been selected as a finalist in the Pet Safe "Bark for your Park" Grant Contest!

And, now we need your help more than ever!

There are THIRTY other communities in the United States who are finalists in the grant contest and the **NINE** finalists with the highest number of votes will be awarded a grant.

Our goal is to be at the top of that list!

Here's how to help!

Beginning **August 1st - 31st**, please vote for Seneca **ONCE PER DAY** online at the Pet Safe web site

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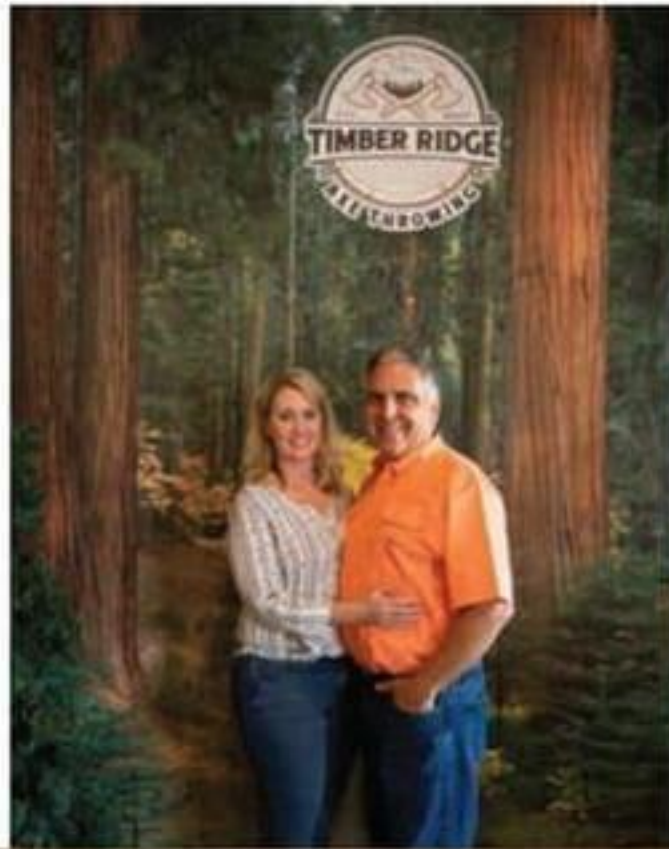
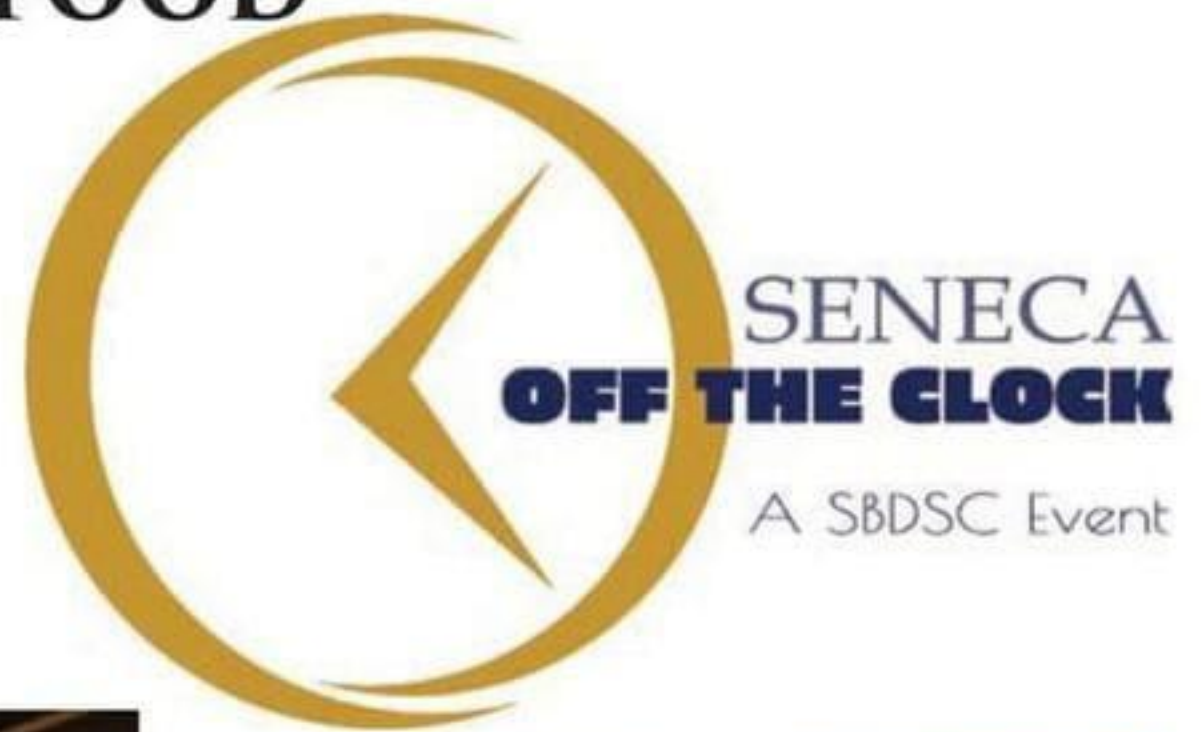
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EMILY'S ESPECIALLY FOR YOU gives back to charities

Emily's, Especially for You, in Seneca has provided women's apparel and accessories for more than 38 years while also recognizing the importance of giving back to the local community.

Owner Barbara Moore said the business her father-in-law started years ago has supported area non-profits like Safe Harbor, Ripple of One, Grace's Closet, and recently collected 900 shoes for Collin's Children's Home. For more than 10 years, Emily's has hosted an annual handbag trade-in for customers to come in and donate handbags for gift cards, with the items going to domestic violence victims.

"For me, it's personal because I believe that you should give back," Moore said. "When we had COVID and were closed for two weeks, I would still come up to work and I had customers call and buy gift certificates, or come or call just to see how I was doing.....it's just part of being a good steward, taking care of your community that takes care of you."

That support also extends out to the Seneca Business Development Support Center (SBDSC), which allows members unique promotional and networking opportunities, business services and special events.

"I just thought it was a good thing to do," Moore said. "As a part of our community, the more people you can get to shop in your community, the better. I try to get as much local as I can. They offered a way to make it feasible and easier for small businesses to do bigger things, if that makes sense." Moore said supporting the SBDSC was another way to "give back and do good for the community." The newly formed organization looks to further the prosperity of existing businesses and industries, attract new investment, and help create an environment conducive to launching successful businesses.

Moore attributed the success of Emily's to loyal customers staying with the small business through global economic ups and downs. Emily's has shorts, jeans, jewelry, dress pants, formal wear, casual tops, shoes and handbags, cocktail attire, and much more. Whether it's "Galentine's Day, the start of spring or the Christmas season, Emily's carries fashionable designs for all occasions. "It's just the people in the area and the customers that come in," Moore said of what's kept Emily's going strong. "We're really more people geared, we are a clothing store, but we truly believe in that personal touch and that personal service, and becoming a part of the Emily's family, which you don't find in big places."



Emily's, Especially for You, is in Dogwood Plaza at 263 Market Street. The store can be reached at (864) 882-0500 and is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. New clothing lines and jewelry are posted regularly to Emily's Facebook page. Moore is also open to working by appointment for customers who might need more personalized attention. "I never mind doing that," she said.