

SENECA SPOTLIGHT

RECORD NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTER 2ND ANNUAL "ROGUE'S OUTING"

Golfers participate in fundraiser to support Seneca Police Department's K9 Fund

The second time around was even sweeter for the Seneca Police Department's fundraiser, "Rogue's Outing," created in 2021 to support the department's K9 program. This year, 25 teams signed up to participate in the golf tournament held at Seneca's Cross Creek Plantation Golf Club. Chief Casey Bowling said the fundraiser met its goals, even though the final tally is not in yet. Chief Bowling announced that due to the generosity and support of its sponsors, a second canine for the department has been ordered and will be arriving later this year. In addition to the cost of the canine officer, the K9 fund is used to maintain and upgrade equipment, as well as for training and care. A special dedicated vehicle for the officer as well as kennels and other equipment must be purchased. Also, a canine handler must be added to the force when a new dog comes on board.

A highlight of the event was the appearance of Rogue, the department's canine officer, with her handler, thrilling the onlookers with an exciting demonstration of her training and abilities. Seneca Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie O'Kelley, donned a protective suit to play the part of a fleeing suspect that was quickly apprehended by the canine officer.

Chief Bowling thanked the participants and all the sponsors, acknowledging their support and friendship is instrumental in the success of the K9 program. The golf tournament will return to Cross Creek Plantation in April of 2023.

**"ROGUE'S OUTING"
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*Thank you to ALL our
sponsors!*

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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!

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!

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!



TO BENEFIT SENECA'S HISTORIC BALLENGER HOUSE

Seneca Woman's Club Gala

Friday, June 24, 2022

6:30 pm to 9 pm

CROWN & CREST
114 N. WALNUT STREET
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SENECA

Music provided by EVAN DEHNER

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS
AND SENECA WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS!

BEER PROVIDED BY KEOWEE BREWING COMPANY

WINE PROVIDED BY MOORE'S WINE & WHISKEY

TICKETS \$30 PER PERSON

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE MARCH 31ST FROM CLUB MEMBERS AND ONLINE AT WWW.HISTORICBALLENGERHOUSE.ORG

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**EVERY THURSDAY
THROUGH OCTOBER
7-9 PM • RAM CAT ALLEY**

Featuring:
Americas Touring Musicians



May 5
Leisha J



May 12
Keysa & The Allstars



May 19
Kami Ocean & The Rhythm



May 26
Funk Factory 6

**PLUS ... LASER
SHOW**
at 9:15 pm
Norton-Thompson Park!

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CITY OF SENECA PRESENTS LASER SHOW extravaganza

Thursday, May 26 at Dusk
Norton-Thompson Park



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Jazz On
The Alley



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CITY OF SENECA

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JULY 4 | GIGNILLIAT FIELD

FREE

BRING YOUR
CHAIRS &
BLANKETS
STAY ALL
DAY!

FREE

LIVE ON STAGE!

THE BRITISH INVADERS 8pm

AWARD WINNING FIREWORKS AT DUSK!

FESTIVITIES START @ 2PM ON MONDAY, JULY 4

BOUNCE HOUSE

WATERSLIDE

LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

FREE FAMILY FUN!

FOOD & DRINK VENDORS!

2:00 PM
Magic Band

4:00 PM
Corey Stevenson

6:00 PM
Alamo

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News from



Congratulations to the City of Seneca Recreation Department 8U Girls All Star Team!



Congratulations to the City of Seneca Recreation Department 8U Girls All Star team for winning the 2022 SCAP Basketball tournament! They certainly represented our city well!

Thank you to Seneca Recreation Department, the coaches that volunteer, and the parents and guardians of all our Rec Department players for investing your time, gifts, and for supporting our players.

Team: (not listed in order) Miracle Bradley, Summer Butler, Na'Rayah Gaines, Ta'Riah Hampton, Harper Lyle, Kelsey Mitchell, Eliana Purvis, Rylee Scoggins, Miamor Smith, Skylar Washington, Carter Vincent, Carolina Vincent
Head Coach: Corey Washington
Assistant Coaches: Jamal Smith & Michael Lyle

Food - Vendors - Art - Music
Spoken Word - and much more!

2nd Annual

JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

June 18, 2022
11am-7pm

Norton Thompson Park
Main Street
Seneca, SC

Wednesday, June 15 6:00pm

The Chronicles of Adam: A Reenactment

Seneca River Family Life Institute, 298 S. Poplar St., Seneca SC

Friday, June 17, 6:00pm

Haute Couture Fashions by Haggan of Southern Jersey Inc

Crown & Crest Events Center, 114 North Walnut St., Seneca SC

Sponsored by the City of Seneca, SC

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO ATTEND



2nd Annual

Juneteenth FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 18
11am - 7pm

Where?
Norton Thompson Park
Main St., Seneca, SC

★ Crafts ★ Clothing ★ Art ★ Jewelry ★ Non Profits

CALL for VENDORS

Food Vendor Space is Limited

Contact:
artshistoryculture.com/juneteenth-2022
 Email: info@artshistoryculture.com
 or
 Visit: Seneca City Hall, 221 E. N. 1st St., Seneca, SC 29678



Anna Smith

EMPLOYEE *Spotlight*

Anna has been employed with the City since 2013 and has served as the City's Clerk of Court since 2016. She has been married to her husband Steve for 16 years, and they have one son, Zane, who is 13 years old.

Anna enjoys time with her family and friends, crafting; and, also outdoor activities such as camping, boating, and four-wheeling.



DrinkingWaterWeek22

There When You Need It

May 1-7, 2022

It takes a lot to deliver just about any high-quality product, and our drinking water is no exception. Your drinking water is there when you need it, and your water utility team at Seneca Light & Water is working hard around the clock to make that happen.

Please use the month of May to learn about the infrastructure used to ensure high-quality drinking water is always there when you need it!



Spotlight on **UPSTATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES** *goes a step above*

With decades of experience in the medical field, Henry Ramirez has seen a lot of change in his career. One thing that has been constant, though, is the quality of service and care offered by Ramirez's Upstate Medical Associates that has sat at 15575 Wells Highway in Seneca since 2008. The office is only a handful in the area that hasn't been bought out by a larger healthcare system. Ramirez, the practice owner and a physician's assistant himself, says that is a major plus in attracting new patients to his office.

"The biggest complaint I hear from the patients that migrated to us is that they had to schedule an appointment two weeks out or longer with their former doctors," he said. "We have to try to work them in as much as possible. One of the other complaints is about when a patient comes into the office, they say they have just one complaint. Well, they may have two or three complaints. And the provider or nurse -- whoever is seeing them -- will tell them to make another appointment for that. We try not to do that. Money is money and people's time is money. That's what really separates us from other networks."

Instead of selling out, Ramirez and his staff have maintained independence in seeing anyone 12 and up for a variety of needs. "We do a lot of industrial medicine work - pre-employment physicals, workers' compensation injuries," Ramirez said. "We also have a full lab here doing complete bloodwork, urinalysis and strep, flu and COVID testing that is all done in-house here."

Ramirez said he is flanked by a full staff of "premium" healthcare providers. That would include recent physician hire Dr. Jared Richardson, family nurse practitioners Nancy Smith and Ali Lawing, and physician's assistant Jessica Jones. What keeps him up and returning to the office each day remains his patients, Ramirez shared. "Taking care of people," Ramirez said when asked what he's enjoyed the most in his career. Outside of internal, family and occupational medicine, Upstate Medical Associates now offers a spread of cosmetic services including Botox, Juvederm, laser therapy, Obagi Skincare and Jane Iredale cosmetics.

Going outside the walls of his Seneca office, Ramirez said he aims to find worthy causes in the community to support -- which would include the Seneca Business Development Support Center (SBDSC). Ramirez said the SBDSC is striving to bring area entrepreneurs together to collaborate and work together. "You get to meet people who have small businesses that you didn't even know of because everyone is now buying on Amazon or Ebay," he said. "Interacting with the community is very important to me."



Upstate Medical Associates accepts walk-ins and is open Mon through Thurs 8 am - 12 pm and 1:45 pm - 4:45 pm. The office is also open on Fridays 8 am to 11:30 am and can be reached by calling 864-886-2000.



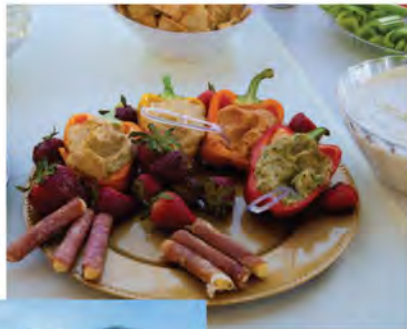
15575 Wells Highway in Seneca

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April 19, 2022



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