#### SENECA

# SPOTLIGHT



Thank you,
Seneca, for your
continued
support
of our very own
Jazz on the Alley!

Providing outdoor family fun at no cost to the Seneca community for 12 years!

Voted "Best of the Best" 2022 Best Live Music!

Winner of 2019 SC Municipal Association's State Event Award!





## Hore from the City of Seneca!





#### Jennifer Heller

# EMPLOYEE

# Spotlight

Jennifer is a 911 Dispatcher for the City of Seneca Police Department. Laura has worked in that position for 11 years now.

She loves all things British, and enjoys cooking, baking, traveling, doing crafts, and growing plants.

Jennifer jokingly says she loves telling people that in her job, she gets to "tell police where to go!"

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



#### Diversity & Leadership Training Underway for City of Seneca Staff

Seneca's yearlong program for diversity and leadership training began in August with city council members and department directors. Dream Builders Communication, Inc., is conducting the sessions, centered on professional development focusing on leadership development, department training and professional development in areas of equity, inclusion, belonging and diversity. There will be 12 sessions lead by two team members.

Left: Dr. Kenston J Griffin and Dr. Lorenzo Johnson, Jr., Dream Builders Communication, shown with Seneca city administrator Scott Moulder.



# Events coming up in



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MAIN STREET - NORTON THOMPSON PARK 12 TO 8 PM





# MORE EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

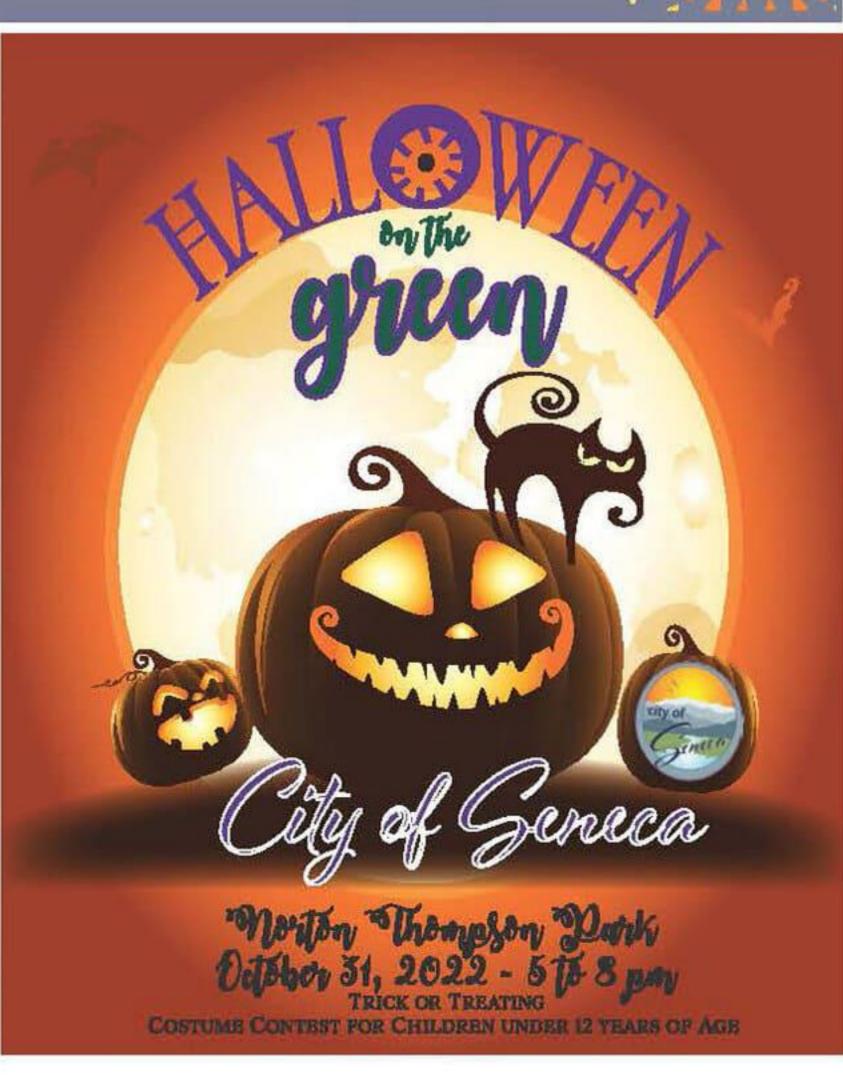
MAGICAL MUSICAL HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW STARTS NOVEMBER 18TH

WINTER NIGHTS SENECA CITY MUSEUMS NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18

SENECA CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING NOVEMBER 28TH

A JAZZY CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 15TH

DOWN GINGERBREAD LANE ENTRIES OPEN DECEMBER IOTH



# Happenings in the City

#### Seneca Police Department in the News



Three Seneca police officers were recognized at a recent city council meeting for their efforts to save a man who was trying to take his own life last month.

Shown left are Staff Sgt. Michael
Durham and officers Casey Elrod
and Tim McCall with city council
members Denise Rozman, Al Gaines,
Ronnie O'Kelley, Joel Ward, Scott Durham,
and Dana Moore, Mayor Dan Alexander,
and chief of police Casey Bowling. They
each received plaques recognizing
their actions.

## First Day of School a Special Day for Students and Seneca PD Officers

Officers of the Seneca Police Department were on hand at Northside Elementary School to welcome students back on their first day of school for the 2022 school year. Chief Casey Bowling said the program is designed to open communication and promote understanding between kids and police officers.





## Welcome, New Hembers!

# Oconee Community Theatre Gold Touch Movement

Scenes from
SENECA OFF THE CLOCK
hosted by
UPSTATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
August 16, 2022









Seneca Business Development Center www.sbdsc.org

(864) 885-2715

### Involve & Innovate! SBDSC

## 'A great program' FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES happy to be open, and part of SBDSC

Oconee County's newest hotel on Lake Keowee has been — literally —years in the making. Located at 800 U.S. Highway 123 Bypass in Seneca, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott opened last October after more than three years of work.

The new hotel – which is a top member of the Seneca Business Development Support Center (SBDSC) — is under the management of Accente Group, which operates five hotels in the Upstate.

President and CEO Raj Patel said he wouldn't compromise when it came to designing the 102-room hotel under the prestigious Marriott brand when building it right against the lake.

"When you walk in, you get the feel of an aura and a lake community feel," he said of the hotel's atmosphere.

"That separates this property from every property within the next 15-20 miles ... Customer service is our number one focus for Accente Group and our hotels. We're excelling in that at Fairfield Inn & Suites."

Accente Group director of sales, Denise Rogers, said the central location of the hotel in Seneca and Oconee is a key asset for the leisure and corporate traveler. A state-of-the-art gym, lakeside deck and outdoor pool are fantastic amenities to use if you're looking to relieve work-related stress or lounge outside in the sun. Complimentary hot breakfast is also provided.

"This one is really probably a step above any of the amenities for anything at our properties," Rogers said.

Companies are welcome to book the new meeting space that spans 1,300 square feet and can seat about 90 people, according to Patel. There are also more plans for the Fairfield Inn & Suites to expand its footprint in adding a 5,000 square foot retail pad and adjacent event center with full water access. Those plans coming to fruition will also depend on word getting out about the new hotel which was a prominent reason Fairfield Inn & Suites joined the SBDSC.

"Organizations like the SBDSC are very instrumental in being able to get out and meet the people that you need in the community and build those relationships in an informal setting," Rogers said. "When we first joined, one of the challenges that we were having was we were under construction for so long, and then there was the pandemic. It was another thing getting the word out. Now, it's 'we're actually open and we're ready for business." Patel called the SBDSC a "great program." He was complimentary of the city of Seneca and city administrator Scott Moulder for helping the project across the finish line.

"I took the best package they had and at the same time, I wanted to say 'thank you' to them for what they have done for us," Patel said, "and, use everything we can get from this program to also benefit us at the same time. For those wanting the best view of the lake, be sure to request Room 401. It's hard to beat two spacious views looking across Lake Keowee. To book a room, call (864) 873-9411 or go online to marriott.com.



