

SPOTLIGHT

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dear Heavenly Father,
We come before you with hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving. You are the source of all blessings, and we are truly blessed to be able to live our lives in your light. Your mercy and grace surround us, reminding us of your endless love and goodness. Thank you for the countless gifts you bestow upon us each day. We are thankful for the food on our tables, the roof over our heads, and the love of our family and friends. You provide for our needs, both seen and unseen, and for that, we are truly thankful. Help us, O Lord, to never take your blessings for granted. May we use the abundance you've given us not just for our own joy, but to share with others and to spread the good news of your love. You are the embodiment of goodness in all that we do. As we move forward in life, may we remember that God is good, and your love and grace are always with us.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude, we offer this prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



*Thanksgiving blessings to you and your family
From Mayor Dan Alexander
& Seneca City Council*

*Guests coming in
for Thanksgiving?*

*Magical Musical
Holiday Light Show
Lights come on
November 17th
at 5:30 pm.*

*November 27th
Tree Lighting on the
Green 5 pm
The Magic of Christmas
Parade 6:30 pm*

*Want to be in the
parade this year?
Reserve your spot
in The Magic of
Christmas parade by
registering online at
www.senecascevents.com
or www.seneca.sc.us*





DOWN GINGERBREAD LANE

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION



City of Seneca, South Carolina

2023

This year's theme is

Winter WONDERLAND

THE **MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS** PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF SENECA

announces the *Third Annual*

"Down Gingerbread Lane"

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

- * No charge to enter
- * Cash prizes
- * Entry categories for all ages! **New PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD!**
- * Enter as a team or as an individual
- * Entries open December 1, 2023
- * Entries must be submitted to Seneca City Hall by December 12, 2023
- * Winners will be announced at "A Jazzy Christmas" on December 14th
- * Entries will be on display at Seneca City Hall through the Holiday Season
- * Pick up your entry form and competition rules guide at **Seneca City Hall**

or online at seneca.sc.us or Facebook Seneca SC Events

SANTA SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER



Santa has agreed to spend some of his weekend time with us at Norton Thompson Park during December. Here is his schedule:

December 1 & 2
December 8 & 9
December 15 & 16
AND
December 20

6:00 PM
TO 8:30 PM

The Spirit of Seneca & the Pride of Seneca will run on these same dates 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Plus Free Hot Chocolate & S'Mores (S'Mores are \$5 for box of 2)



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO MAKE PLANS FOR



RACE FOR THE GREEN 2024

Half Marathon, 5K & Kids Fun Run

March 16, 2024 - Shaver Rec Complex, Seneca SC

Finishers Medal, Racing Shirt, Bag, Seat Towels, Frosted Flexi Cup

Registration is now open at www.runsignup.com

Register early for best prices!

Early Bird Prices are the Best! **\$\$**

Upcoming Events at the City of Seneca's Department of Arts, History, and Culture



City of Seneca's Department of Arts, History, and Culture



UPCOMING EVENTS

03

October
5-7 PM

On the Porch

Lunney Museum

Drop by and enjoy light food, live music, and beverages at our monthly outdoor museum "happy hour" on the Historic Lunney Museum front porch. **Free event.**

03

November
11 AM
1:30 PM

Tea at the Lunney

Lunney Museum

Our most popular year-round event! Monthly themed workshops teach you about teas from around the world. November: Dessert Tea Cupping Workshop. **Free event. Must be Pre-Registered to attend.**

04

November
11 AM

BookEnds

Lunney Museum

A fun-filled, interactive cultural storytelling event for grade levels K-6. **Free event. Must be Pre-Registered to attend.** Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

18

November
11 AM

Photo Workshop

Lunney Museum

Learn to shoot in manual mode! This introductory photography event teaches you how to use your DSLR camera. **Free event. Must be Pre-Registered to attend.**

09

November
5 PM

A Winter's Night

Seneca City Museums Back Lawn

Join the Seneca City Museums for an evening under the stars with live music. Enjoy food and cash bar provided by 313 Cafe of Seneca, SC. Space is limited. Tickets are required for this event and can be reserved online only. To learn more, visit artshistoryculture.org. Tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be available at the event. **Free event. Must be Pre-Registered to attend.**

02

December
2 PM

A Lunney Christmas

Lunney Museum

Celebrate the season at the Lunney Museum. The event begins at 2 PM with events for children until 4 PM. At 5 PM the evening festivities begin! With music, food, and drinks until 8 PM. **Free event.** Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

12-
15

December
6:30 PM

Candlelight Tours

Lunney Museum

Experience the beauty of the Lunney Museum fully decorated for the holiday season by candlelight on December 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th beginning at 6:30 pm.. **Free event. Must be Pre-Registered to attend.**

Some events require registration. To register, visit artshistoryculture.org



Thank you!



Dr. Theodore Martin & Austin O'Kelley

*for your commitment to the
students of Seneca High School
through your assistance with*



The Fifth Quarter
2023



Leaves, Leaves, Leaves!
It's that time of year again!



**If you live within
Seneca City Limits**

The City of Seneca does leaf
pick up, but there are
a few things to remember!

*Keep leaf piles separate from brush piles.

*Keep leaf piles on your own property near
the edge of your property (near curb) BUT

**Do not put leaf piles in the street.*

*Under no circumstances should you
block lanes of traffic with leaves.

Questions? Call Public Works at
864-885-2750



Seneca Light & Water saluted during Public Power Week



Seneca Light & Water Electric Department

Shown from left to right: Travis Phelps, Charles Cobb, Jordon Haley, Bill Willis, Zach McKenzie, David Crenshaw, Herman Smith, Robert Lance, Jason Woodring, Ricky Hawkins, James Price. Not pictured: John Deady, Marty Reid

The first week of October was an opportunity to celebrate Seneca Light & Water, along with 2,000 other community-powered, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans.

Bob Faires, utility director for Seneca Light & Water, knows how important community and keeping residents safe are to the employees of SL&W.

“This year, we are focusing on how Seneca is building for the future to ensure reliable, affordable, sustainable, and customer-focused service to our community for many years to come,” he said. “That means we are working hand-in-hand with customers and community leaders to make sure our utility reflects the long-term goals and needs of members of our community.”

Scott Moulder, city administrator for the City of Seneca, agrees that providing safe, reliable utility service to our community is mission #1.

“Since we operate right here in Seneca and serve our friends and neighbors, we care a great deal about things like customer service, helping folks save energy and money, providing reliable service, and keeping the community safe.

We are proud of the work we do in these areas.”

Seneca Light & Water is currently one of the largest municipal electric utilities in South Carolina.

CONGRATULATIONS, SENECA LIGHT & WATER, FOR A GREAT YEAR OF CUSTOMER-BASED SERVICE!



More from the City of Seneca!

CITY OF SENECA PRESENTS

The MAGIC of CHRISTMAS

A celebration of the Spirit and Magic of Christmas.

NOVEMBER 17-DECEMBER 31

THE MAGICAL MUSICAL HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

November 17 – December 31 • Nightly 5:30-10 pm

The magic continues with more lights, new photo ops, and yes, visits from Santa Claus Friday and Saturday nights beginning Dec. 1!

LIGHTING OF THE GREEN CEREMONY

November 27 • Starts at 5 pm • Norton Thompson Park

Join Mayor Alexander and Seneca City Council as Seneca's tallest Christmas Tree Comes Alive!

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS PARADE

November 27 • 6:30 pm

A JAZZY CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 14 • 5:30-7:30 pm

Ram Cat Alley joins the holiday celebration with seasonal music by Jamie Wright plus shopping and dining in historic downtown Seneca.

SANTA, S'MORES & HOT CHOCOLATE ON THE GREEN

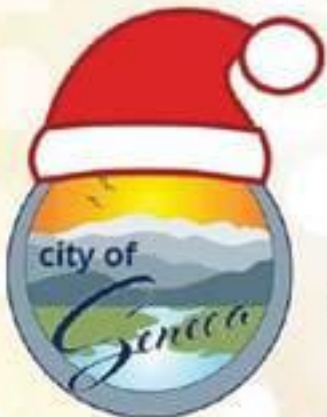
Gather the family around the firepit downtown Seneca and roast s'mores (\$5) while you drink free steaming hot chocolate. A schedule for Santa visits & rides on the Spirit of Seneca and the Pride of Seneca may be found on senecascevents.com or FB Seneca SC Events.

DOWN GINGERBREAD LANE

A gingerbread house competition for children and adults. This year's theme – Winter Wonderland! Entries open December 1. Winners will be announced December 14.

A LUNNEY CHRISTMAS & LUNNEY BY CANDLELIGHT

Step into yesteryear & experience the Lunney House exquisitely decorated for the Holidays! Dates and info available at artshistoryculture.org/events.



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MAYOR DAN ALEXANDER & THE CITY OF SENECA PRESENT

JAZZ ON THE ALLEY FEATURING THE JAMIE WRIGHT EXPERIENCE

A Jazzy CHRISTMAS

Thursday, Dec. 14 • 5:30-7:30 pm

Ram Cat Alley • Downtown Seneca

Photo Booth!



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Don't Forget to Pre-Register for Seneca's Christmas Parade to be held on Monday, November, 27th @ 6:30 pm.

All entries must pre-register. Register in person at City Hall or online at www.senecascevents.com or www.seneca.sc.us
Entries capped at 150!