

# SENECA

# SPOTLIGHT

*"Autumn* is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." Albert Camus

The City of Seneca is now well-known for its celebration of the Christmas season, and we unabashedly enjoy all the sights, sounds, smells, and laughter that come with the special times and moments we've come to associate with Christmas.

But, let's not forget the special moments that fall brings to our lives: the vibrant colors of the leaves that softly morph into muted browns, crisp mornings filled with early walks with the family dog and a favorite mug of coffee; and, most of all, the family-centered holidays that bring us all back together after a hectic summer. It's a time of reflection and cherished memories even if your family is not close at hand.

A recent poll indicated that fall wins the top spot in Americans' list of favorite seasons, so don't forget to slow down, enjoy the pumpkin latte, the fall foliage that comes a little late in Seneca, the spooky costumes and, don't forget to savor the turkey and pecan pie. In just a short while, we'll be caught up in the whirlwind activities that abound during the Christmas season, so make it a goal to truly appreciate all the goodness and beauty that comes with autumn!

## COMING UP IN OCTOBER!



TRICK OR TREATING  
COSTUME CONTEST FOR CHILDREN UNDER  
12 YEARS OF AGE

LAST 2023  
MONTH FOR

*jazz*  
ON THE ALLEY



PLAN NOW  
TO ATTEND

## HALLOWEEN ON THE GREEN

*Norton Thompson Park*  
October 31, 2023 - 5 to 8 pm





# It's happening in Seneca!



## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

RETAIL • RESTAURANTS • INVESTORS

# HARPERS PLAZA



Seneca, South Carolina, has evolved into a coveted gem within the heart of the upstate region. For the last several years, the leadership of our city has shaped a visionary redevelopment plan that will not only bring revitalization of economic growth, restoration of historic buildings, but also a rich and vibrant life into the downtown district. This vision will create, community, culture and prosperity for the entire city. Much has already been accomplished but now the centerpiece, Harpers Plaza, is about to come to fruition.

The City of Seneca has laid the groundwork by purchasing, renovating and constructing over 17,000 square feet of downtown buildings. These structures will be lovingly nurtured back to life. The new Harpers Plaza can accommodate a restaurant, retail stores, living space for apartments, and many options for other businesses. The newly updated space will be delivered as exterior shells only, allowing the business or investors to finish the interior to suit their specific needs. All interior upfits and finish work will be at the expense of the businesses. The buildings/shells have an outdoor public gathering place that is beautifully landscaped to enjoy community life with friends and family.

The invitation and opportunity await entrepreneurs, investors and business owners to be part of writing the next exciting chapter for Seneca.



Please contact the following for information on how to submit proposals and business plans on or before 11/3/23 to:

**MIKE HILL, BIC**  
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mikehill@bobhillrealty.com

**RON TAFFER, REALTOR**  
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ron@bobhillrealty.com



*Thank you, David Campbell,  
for another fantastic donation to  
Seneca's "Fifth Quarter" event  
for Seneca High School students!*



*David Campbell stopped by recently with an assorted donation of sweets and crunchies for Seneca High School students to enjoy during the Friday night "Fifth Quarter," an after-game gathering at Shaver Recreation Complex for Seneca HS students. This is the second donation from Mr. Campbell, and on behalf of Seneca HS students, "THANK YOU!"*



## Church Group Volunteers Needed for Downtown Holiday Events!

We absolutely love having our local churches join us downtown Seneca during the *weekend* Christmas events to help out with free hot chocolate distribution, s'mores, and handing out tickets to the popular "Spirit of Seneca."

If your group would like to be a part of this fantastic community event, please call City of Seneca Administration at 864-888-0880.

***Hurry, dates are limited and go quickly!***



## New Seneca Truck 2 arrives at its new home at the City of Seneca Fire House



The City of Seneca is the proud new owner of a custom-designed 75-foot Pierce Ladder truck. Seneca Truck 2 has a 2000 GPM pump and a compliment of ground ladders and rescue equipment. The new fire truck will run every day as one of SFD's companies and will bring new response and suppression opportunities. SFD Chief Richie Caudill was one of the team that designed the truck from the ground up at the Pierce company headquarters in Wisconsin, and said that the new truck will respond to specific calls due to its size.

Welcome home, Seneca Truck 2!

## Sharing Library open for business, thanks to the Red Hat Society!



Seneca City Council members Scott Durham, Joel Ward, and Ernest Riley were on hand recently to greet members of the local chapter of the Red Hat Society (Red Hatters of Seneca) as they officially opened their "Sharing Library" on the grounds of the municipal complex at City Hall.

The Sharing Library is open to anyone who would like a book to read. The Library operates on the "take a book or leave a book" philosophy.





# Coming up in Seneca!



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.

23

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](http://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](http://artshistoryculture.org)



# What's next in Seneca!



CITY OF SENECA PRESENTS

## The MAGIC of CHRISTMAS

*A celebration of the Spirit & Magic of Christmas!*

### November 17-December 31

**The Magical Musical Holiday Light Show**  
Nightly 5:30 pm to 10 pm • November 17-December 31 • Downtown Seneca

**Lighting of the Green Ceremony**  
November 27 • Starts at 5 pm Norton Thompson Park

**"The Magic of Christmas" Parade**  
November 27 • 6:30 pm

**A Jazzy Christmas • Ram Cat Alley**  
Thursday, December 14 - 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Santa, S'mores & Hot Chocolate on the Green**  
**Free Rides on the Spirit of Seneca & the Pride of Seneca**  
Weekends at Norton Thompson Park • Schedules to be announced

**Down Gingerbread Lane**  
Gingerbread House Competition • Entries Open December 1 • Winners announced December 14

**A Lunney Christmas**  
2 pm to 4 pm Day Event - 5 pm to 8 pm - Evening Event

**Lunney By Candlelight**  
December 12 - 15 • Tours begin at 6:30 pm  
Free Event but pre-registration required  
Step into yesteryear & experience the historic Lunney House by candlelight!

*Check back as new information becomes available!*

[www.senecascevents.com](http://www.senecascevents.com)  
FB Seneca SC Events



## SENECA CHRISTMAS PARADE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Seneca's "Magic of Christmas" parade will be held on the evening of November 27th & will start at 6:30 pm. Pre-registration is required and this year we're debuting an OPTIONAL judging competition for parade entries. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 2 winners in each of the 2 categories: **Best Entry honoring Parade Theme (The Magic of Christmas)** and **Best Entry honoring the True Reason for Christmas (Religious Theme)**.

All changes for 2023, as well as parade guidelines and online parade registration, can be found at [seneca.sc.us](http://seneca.sc.us) or [senecascevents.com](http://senecascevents.com) OR you can pick up an application at Seneca City Hall or Shaver Recreation Complex. **There is no charge to enter the parade.**



Enter early - parade will be limited to 150 entries. Deadline to enter is November 17th @ 4 pm.



Entries Open December 1st! Winners Announced Dec 14th!

No charge to enter! Cash prizes! Categories for everyone!

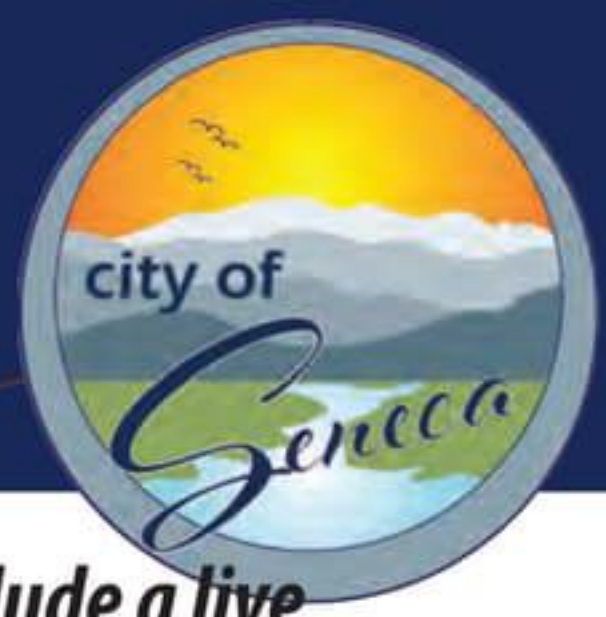
**New category this year: People's Choice Award**

Houses on display in Seneca City Hall through December 31st!

This year's theme -

*Winter Wonderland* ❄️





## ***City of Seneca makes plans to include a live nativity scene at downtown Christmas lights show ..... but we need your help!***

The City of Seneca has long wished to include a live nativity scene in the Magical Musical Holiday Lights Show, and announced recently that work has already begun on an original manger set and backdrop. But City Administrator Scott Moulder shared that the City is looking for church partners that may want to be a part of the celebration and staff the nativity scene.

***If your church is interested in partnering with the City to be a part of a community effort to add a live nativity scene to the downtown Christmas celebration, please call City Administration at 864-888-0880.***

## **Late Breaking News!**

At the Oconee County Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon held on September 25, 2023, Seneca fire and police departments named their top officer, firefighter, and telecommunicator of the year. Join us in congratulating all three of them!

### **DYLAN LONG NAMED SENECA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**



Above photo, left to right: Seneca FD: Lt. Casey Rochester, Chief Richie Caudill, Firefighter Dylan Long and Captain Gabe Haney

### **CORPORAL CASEY ELROD NAMED SENECA OFFICER OF THE YEAR DISPATCHER HALEY ELLER NAMED TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR**



Photo to right: Seneca PD Officer Casey Elrod, Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander, and Seneca PD Dispatcher Haley Eller