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SENECA SPOTLIGHT

ON FEBRUARY 21ST, THE MAYOR, SENECA CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF HELD A STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF CURRENT CITY PROJECTS, AS WELL AS OUTLINING COUNCIL'S GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

BELOW IS AN ABBREVIATED REVIEW OF SOME OF THE CURRENT PROJECTS.

CITY PROJECT UPDATES

Seneca Center for the Arts - downtown Seneca - construction will begin Spring 2025 and will take 18-22 months to complete. A 700+ seat facility that will feature entertainment options for all ages and preferences.

State funds are being used for this project.

Seneca Amphitheater - downtown Seneca - construction will begin Spring 2025 and will accommodate approx. 2,000 in an outdoor environment. Entertainment will mesh seamlessly with new Seneca Center for the Arts.

Funds for this project are coming from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

Tim Howard Complex - former Seneca Middle School - demolition of certain sections of the building will begin early summer 2025. The process will transform the former school into a recreational facility which will become part of the City of Seneca recreational program for the surrounding community.

State funds are being used for this project.

Harpers Plaza - Seneca Social Co. has announced that plans are well underway to combine all three buildings into a family-oriented entertainment destination which will feature duckpin bowling, interactive gaming, a restaurant/speakeasy offering drinks on tap and craft cocktails, as well as an arcade alley. Development of the project is scheduled to start in late first quarter 2025. *More info: www.senecasocialco.com*

The children's playground at Harpers Plaza is now open and will be officially named and dedicated on April 12, 2025 at 11 am. The public is welcome to join us as we dedicate this already-popular park.

New Blue Ridge Field Playground - CDBG funding was acquired for playground equipment at Blue Ridge Field to better serve the children and families in the Perry Hill Community. The historic field has also been selected for the installation of the largest portion of the Seneca site Black Heritage Trail (funded by the Mellon Foundation Monuments Grant in partnership with Clemson University).

Oberlin Faith Cabin Library Restoration - Destined to become the City's third museum, the Oberlin Faith Cabin Library Restoration is in phase 2 of restoration. When completed, the interior will be climate controlled and designed to support a permanent exhibit of the history of Faith Cabin Libraries and the Seneca Junior College. The anticipated opening of the Oberlin Faith Cabin Library Museum is 2026. ***City Budget and ARPA Funds.***





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The City of Seneca's 13th annual Black History Luncheon held at the Family Life Institute in Seneca on February 14th was a celebration of many good things happening in our community, and many committed individuals working behind the scenes all the time to make those good things happen. We want to share photos and names of those individuals, most of whom will be very familiar to many of you. Congratulations and a profound "thank you" to each and every one of you!



*Patricia Webb (center)
Sylvia Jean Henderson (right)*



David Walker



Helen Rosemond-Saunders



*Mayor
Dan
Alexander*



Pearlie Lee



*Betty Ruth
Johnson*



Chief Casey Bowling

Award Recipients not present at Luncheon

*Mary Jones
Chief Richie Caudill
Cassie Moore*



Dr. Rhondla Thomas



Important Notice



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ARE YOU A WATER CUSTOMER OF OURS?

Seneca Light & Water is required by the SC Dept of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct certain tests on our water system to eliminate potential sources of contamination on our system. These inspections will include locating potential cross-connections and identifying service line materials up to the footer of all homes and buildings which are connected to our water system.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT YOU THE CUSTOMER?

Because of the time required to conduct these examinations, Seneca Light & Water has contracted with HydroCorp to complete surveys of all properties connected to our water system. HydroCorp will be handling the scheduling of all visits to homes and buildings, as well as the actual visit.

Notification letters will be sent out about 4 weeks prior to the date they will be in your area. If they are not able to get access to conduct the examination, they will send out a second letter requesting someone to schedule their visit. **Full access will be requested for business and commercial properties. For residences, we will only need access to the grounds outside the residence.**

HOW WILL YOU IDENTIFY THE HYDROCORP COMPANY WHEN THEY VISIT YOUR PROPERTY?



All inspectors will wear fluorescent-colored vests with the Seneca Light & Water logo on them.

The main inspector also has a magnet on his vehicle with the Seneca Light & Water logo. The logo is shown above.

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