



Spring 2006

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Mayor's Comments

David L. Brown, Interim Mayor

Greetings! I am sure most residents know Jim MacDonald, former mayor, moved out of Seneca Gardens last summer. What you might not know is whenever the mayor relocates their residence outside city limits an ordinance requires acting commissioners to appoint a fellow commissioner as interim mayor. I'm pleased to announce, I gladly accepted the position as of July 2005. The interim term will end November 2006.

My appointment left an open seat on the board of commissioners. Another city ordinance requires the remaining commissioners to seek and elect an interim commissioner. I am pleased to announce the election of Greg Singlust. Greg's interim term will also end November 2006.

For your information a commissioner's term is two years and the Mayor's is four. All positions will be a part of this November's ballot. Be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

As interim mayor of Seneca Gardens I will continue the tradition of using the newsletter to pass on residents' comments and suggestions for improving our wonderful city. Send your responses, additional comments or suggestions to P.O. Box 5217 or send via the city's email address: info@cityofsenecagardens.com



Mayor's Note Worthy



INFORMATION

Old Records

We are trying to collect all past records of Seneca Gardens. I like to take this opportunity to thank the people that already provided copies of old Seneca Gardens newsletters, photographs, and old Courier Journal/Louisville Times articles. Please let us know if you have any Seneca Gardens information you think should be made part of the "City's Archives".

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Parking

I've received several complaints regarding *street parking*. Hopefully all of our residents know Seneca Gardens has an ordinance that prohibits vehicles from being parked in the same place for longer than a 24 hour period. I would like to point out a few of the many reasons for having this ordinance. First, to provide safe exiting from driveways, second, provide ample to/from passing lanes, and, of course, overall enhancement to our city's charm. Obviously it is more difficult to see oncoming traffic and to see small children if vehicles are parked on the street as opposed to driveways. Please be considerate. Park all vehicles in appropriate driveways.

Municipal Tax Collection

Currently one of the benefits of living in a sixth class city is the right to collect Municipal Taxes [5% of Premium] which are charged on all insurance policies [Auto, Homeowners, Renters, Valuable Items, Boat, and Umbrella].

Unfortunately, at this time, insurance companies are not required to send itemized statements with their tax payments. All cities, sixth class or otherwise, have

no way of determining whether they are receiving the full amount collected on behalf of their city. The problem is not whether the insurance companies are dispersing 100% of amount collected [State Audit Assure]. the problem is determining whether or not the City of Louisville is receiving part of Seneca Garden's tax revenues.

A rough estimate indicates we should be collecting somewhere around \$40,000. Last year we only received approximately \$20,000.

What can we do at this time? Call and write your current insurance agent(s) and insurance company(ies) and tell them to change both your mailing address and policy address to Seneca Gardens, KY 40205. In the past we suggested changing the policy address only. This approach helped; however, as mentioned we remain well short of our estimated revenue projections. If you continue to use the 40205 zip code you insurance mail will not be delayed or returned to the sender. Having Seneca Gardens listed in both the mailing and policy sections will help the insurance company tax processors recognize Seneca Gardens as the tax recipient. The sooner we call and write our agents and insurance companies the sooner we will

start receiving our appropriate amount.

Volunteers

I'm pleased to announce Karen Bisig has graciously agreed to serve as *Seneca Garden's Welcome Wagon* Chairperson. Karen has many great ideas for this program but would like any and all suggestions and comments from residents that have enjoyed Welcome Wagon encounters.

We are also looking for volunteers to re-organize Seneca Garden's *Block Watch* program. Please contact me if you are interested.

Sidewalk Project

We are drawing near to a conclusion of this ongoing project. Recent audit of the billing process revealed some residents have not paid their portion or were not billed for their portion of the repair cost. I would appreciate all questions and concerns regarding the next billing process be directed to me.

Once again, If you have any suggestions or comments about improving life in Seneca Gardens please don't hesitate to share them. Send by letter to our P.O. Box 5217 or email: info@cityofsenecagardens.com





Michael Hayman is looking for volunteers to work with him and Metro Parks to improve our entrance at Trevilian and Pee Wee Reese. Last year we had one short work day at that site. This year Hayman would like to organize six short work days from spring through fall.

Phone: 459-1130

Email:

mhayman@iglou.com

Every 4 hours a child in the U.S. is hit by a driver backing up in a driveway or parking lot.

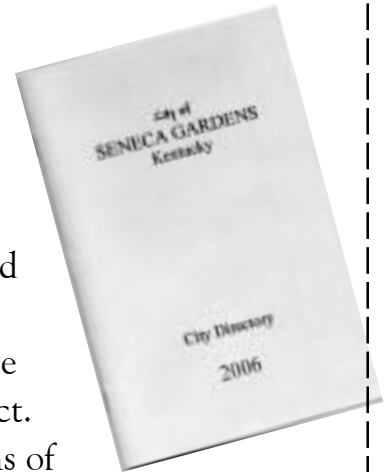
Please, be careful when backing out of your driveway.

Drive slowly and watch for children.



Updated Seneca Gardens Directory Spring 2006

We will again publish an up-dated Seneca Gardens Directory for the non-commercial use of our residents. The last edition was published in the Spring of 2004. If you were listed in the previous directory, please check that your information is correct. If not, please complete those portions of this form that need to be updated. If you are new to the city, please complete the the information on this form so you can be included in the 2006 directory.



Mail or hand deliver to Karen Bisig, 2410 Valetta Road, Louisville, KY 40205 by Friday March 3, 2006.

Names(s):

(many residents include names of both adults in the household)

Address:

Phone:



Seneca Gardens City Officials

Mayor

• *David Brown*
2547 Dell Rd. 452-2069

Commissioners

• *Ann Seibert*
2402 Seneca Valley Rd. . 454-3708
• *Joe Steffen*
2545 Dell Rd. 458-1119
• *Mark Barnes*
2544 Dell Rd. 472-6007
• *Greg Singlust*
2405 Valletta Rd. 894-0770

Arborist

• *Mike Hayman*
2548 Seneca Dr. 459-1130

Treasurer

• *Drew Chambers*
..... 394-0633

Attorney

• *Miles Apple, Esq.*
2534 Broadmeade Rd. .. 459-9010

Architect

• *Tim Winters*
505 Macon Ave. 893-2665

Engineer

• *Bill Mosier*
2611 Meadow Rd. 485-1660

City Clerk

• *Barbara Wieting*
2524 Broadmeade Rd. .. 458-9869

Life Threatening Emergency ...911

Louisville Police 574-7111

1st District Police
Headquarters 574-7636

Rumke
Garbage Collection 568-3800

City Commission meetings are third
Monday of each month at 7pm
(enter at rear entrance.)

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Seneca Gardens' arborist, Michael Hayman, will give a 20 minute slide presentation about the Seneca Gardens Neighborhood Arboretum Sunday, 3:00pm on March 5, at Keneseth Israel Synagogue, 2531 Taylorsville Road. Seneca Gardens residents are invited to see this overview of our tree planting program which appears to be unique in the United States.

Former Seneca Gardens Mayor Jim MacDonald initiated this program after a storm destroyed 100 mature oaks and maples in 1987. About 1,000 diverse, arboretum-quality trees have been planted in visible sites since that storm.

Hayman will give an overview of the planting program, show photos of Seneca Gardens in bloom, and introduce you to the many national sources of trees which are planted in your community.

After the slide show, there will be an informal brainstorming session with representatives of other neighborhoods who have started or want to start similar programs

