

Seneca Community Newsletter

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Future Local Events to attend –

See below in newsletter for more detailed information!

Sat. July 18, 5pm – 8pm – Marseilles Fireman Cruise Night

Aug 2, 8am -12noon - St Patrick Parish - Breakfast in the Park

Aug 3 – Aug 6 – Four Star Boys & Girls Basketball Camp

Sat. Aug 8 – 2nd Annual Mom to Mom Sale @ First United Methodist Church 8am – 4pm

Sat. Sept 5 - Music in the Park-Proceeds benefit the Seneca Food Pantry_ - Guitars & Cadillac's Band noon-4pm Allen's Night Lift 4:30 – 8:30pm.For info contact Frank Hall at krystelsgifts@sbcglobal.net

Sun. Sept 6 – Woodsmoke Ranch Car Show

Sun. October 11 - 2nd Annual Fall Fest & Golf Cart Parade Crotty Park

Did you miss a Newsletter? Go to the Village Web site www.senecail.org and you can click on a link to retrieve it there. There were some technical difficulties last month and a few have mentioned they did not receive June's Newsletter... so if you are ever missing it, just know you can go on line and read the newsletter from anywhere!

Ray Clark Memorial Swimming Pool

Pool Hours are as follows:

7 Days/week – General Swim – Noon – 7PM
Monday – Friday – Adult Swim – 7AM – 9PM

Visit the Seneca Website or call the pool office for more information about birthday parties, swim lessons and season passes.

General Swim

2 & under.... Free

3 - 17..... \$2.00

18+..... \$3.00

Adult Swim...\$2.00
(Early Bird)

Swimming Lessons

Sign up at the Pool

Season Passes
Now Available

Private Parties

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

815-357-8016

visit www.senecail.org
for more information

**Seneca Planning
Commission**

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Market Delegate

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Youth Delegate
Intergovernmental
Agreement Delegate
Fall Festival Chair

John McVicker

Main St Delegate

Lisa Berger

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Newly Appointed
Member

Village Reminders

When a new person signs up for water service the Village Hall gives them a new resident folder which includes various utility information as well as a coupon to receive the "Welcome bag" that is put together by the Seneca Business Association and is full of coupons, give-away items, and more goodies than you can image. Simply take your coupon to Country Financial to receive your Welcome Bag!

Just another reminder that any building projects need prior building application for permit issuance. Any questions on building projects, contact Vince Pacetti at (815) 357-1850. This includes the installation of swimming pools, decks, or any other additions or construction projects.

Any contractor working within Village limits need to first register with the Village Clerk. This is a simple process which includes filling out a form (online or at Village Hall) and surety bond as well as proof of liability insurance. Please contact Village Hall if you have any questions, or get on line at www.senecail.org for more information.

The Village Clerk, Therese is looking for Seneca related memorabilia to use for the display cabinet. This information will be scanned and returned, if possible and can be loaned to the locked display cabinet.

The Seneca Historical Guild is forming

Patti Smith of the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the new Seneca Historical Guild which will meet for the first time on September 21, 2009. This group will work together to compile information and historical photos in preparation for Seneca Sesquicentennial Celebration which falls in 2015. For more information please contact Village Clerk Therese Russell at (815) 357-8771



Farmer's Market Continues in Seneca

Jean Robinson has been working on the Farmers Market for Seneca this summer and still has available spots for vendors of any homemade, home grown or hand- made items. If you would like to purchase booth space or if you have questions, please contact Jean at 815-357-8188.

The first Farmers Market took place on Saturday June 6, and will grow weekly with more vendors, so please stop by to see what's new each week!

Community Companion Volunteer Program

Brought to you by Our Savior's Lutheran Church

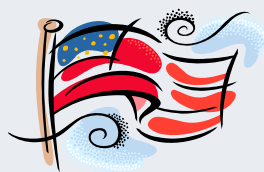
This program has trained volunteers to come into your home and stay with your loved one for up to three hours while you are attending to business, shopping or just taking a rest. If you are interested in this free ministry, please call the church office at 815-357-6128 for more information and to schedule an evaluation.

Seneca Park and Recreation Board

Meets 6:00pm
Monthly 2nd Thursday
(& 4th Thurs. in
summer months)
Location: Village Hall



**Seneca
Development
Organization
Advisory Board**
Michael Ellis
Frank Hall
Jeff Maierhofer
Mark Thurwanger
Randy Timmons



2nd Annual Mom to Mom Sale

On Saturday August 8th at the First United Methodist Church located on Lincoln Street. This is a time to clean out the closets and shop for back to school items for your kids. If you would like to participate and sign up or if you just need more information, please contact Lisa at 815-357-6402.

Four Star Basketball Camp Dates Set

Monday August 3rd through Thursday August 6th, Coach Robert Rexroade and other members of the 2006 Seneca Irish State Championship Team will be teaching various skills and techniques to local boys and girls at the Seneca High School. These sessions will focus on skills to make you a better basketball player. The emphasis of this camp will be the fundamentals and concepts of team play. Drills and game play will be used to reinforce these skills, from shooting, dribbling and passing this camp will have you ready to play.

Times:

Boys 5th & 6th Grade 8:00 am – 9:30 am
Boys 7th & 8th Grade 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Girls 5th & 6th Grade 12: 30 – 2:00 pm
Girls 7th & 8th Grade 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Cost:

5th & 6th Grade \$40.00
7th & 8th Grade \$50.00
Price includes t-shirt

For more information please contact Steve Haines Athletic Director at Seneca High School, at 815-357-5000. Registration will be available the first day of this basketball camp.

Flag Drop Box gets Face Lift

Jeff & Lenore Erickson from Erickson's Signs & Designs on Union Street recently donated the resurfacing and design work on the old blue flag drop box that sat behind Village Hall. This was unveiled at the July 7th Council Meeting and a welcome addition to the community. It was decided that the newly decorated box would be kept inside Village Hall until after Shipyard Days and is now back to its original location behind Village Hall.

If you have an American Flag that is ready to be retired, and want to make sure it is disposed of properly, simply drop the flag off in the new red, white, blue and gold drop box located at Village Hall and it will be taken care of with respect.

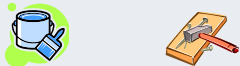
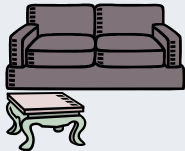
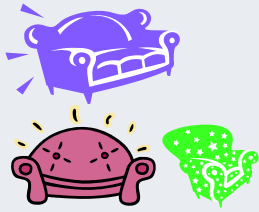
Village Burn Ordinance

It is unlawful to burn leaves, twigs or grasses unless raked into pile of a reasonable size and on the following days:

Between the dates of April 15 – November 15 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of 8am and 7pm.

Between the dates of November 16 to April 14 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of 9am – 4pm.

No leaves, twigs, grass or other material shall be burned on any street or alley within Village Limits. NO Fire shall be burned without a person in attendance to control the fire.



How to submit Info for the Next Newsletter

Send your information
by June 5, 09 by:
Fax 815-357-1653

Email:
lenoreerickson@sbcglobal.net

Drop off info at Village
Hall.

Please include: Name,
phone and or email,
along with event info,
dates, times, and any
other information that
would be useful to the
residents of the Seneca
Area.

Wanted: Furniture & Appliances

The collection has started, and we are pleased to say we have a couple couches, chairs, and some misc items that have been dropped off to start this Emergency Center. We are collecting items that can be used in case of an emergency here in Seneca, if a family has a fire, or flood and find themselves in need of a few things. We have the space and thought this would be a perfect way to use it. Anyone wishing to donate items should contact Jeff at 815-955-0968 or Lenore at 815-955-0613 or stop into Erickson's Signs & Designs for further information.

Items Accepted at this time include:

Furniture: Tables, Chairs, Beds, Dressers, Night Stands, Coffee Tables, Couches, Loveseats, Crib, Book Shelves, Rocking Chairs, anything of this nature.

Household Items: Dishes, Pots and Pans, Small Kitchen Appliances, Large Appliances, Cleansers, Linens, Towels, Blankets, Air Conditioners, Cabinets, and those type items.

House Repair Items: Paint and supplies, Misc lumber; 2x4's, Plywood, Drywall, Nails and screws, Insulation, Indoor and Entry way Doors, PVC piping, Plumbing items, Shelving, Windows, along those lines.

If you have something you would like to donate, and it's not listed, please call 815-955-0613 to see if it something that would be accepted. The list of acceptable items is adjustable, just keep in mind this is not a dumping place for unwanted unusable items. You can also call to schedule a pick up if you have no other way to get it to the drop off location.

Newsletter sign up ~ Submitting

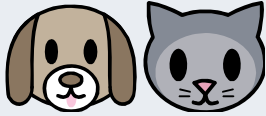
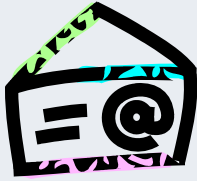
To sign up a new email address, just contact Therese at Village Hall, or send an email to lenoreerickson@sbcglobal.net with 'NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS' in the subject line.

To submit information you can send any community related event and all the info to the above email address with 'NEWSLETTER INFO' in the subject line. If you had an event and would like to share a photo and follow up information with the community, this would be the perfect place for that.

Did you miss a Newsletter? Go to the Village Web site and you can click a link to a past newsletter or if your email isn't working properly and you don't receive one by mid month, check it out on line at www.senecail.org

Thanks to the Sea Cadets!!

Commissioner Timmons thanked the Sea Cadets for all their work while in Seneca from tearing down the burnt house located on Main Street, the work done at the I&M Canal Access to the newly built Kiosk at the Boat Launch. Commissioner Timmons said the work and effort these young people put in were defiantly appreciated by everyone in the area and he said he hopes this program continues next year.



Seneca Website... www.senecail.org

The Village of Seneca has been adding and working on the website to make it user friendly and so the information is complete and accurate. If you are resident and want to check things out or if you are a Woodsmoke Ranch camper and would like to know what is going on in town, you are invited to visit Seneca online at any time.

Just Animals Shelter Information

Anyone wishing to help on fundraisers or if you have questions regarding upcoming fundraisers benefiting Just Animals Shelter, you can contact Kathy Higgins at 815-587-4715.

Thanks to all involved with Shipyard Days & Seneca Cruise Night!!

Special thanks to everyone that worked on the Shipyard Days Committee and the Cruise Night Committee it was another successful event! The rain started off the first night on a wet note, but things picked up Thursday. Everyone enjoyed the carnival rides, food vendors, live entertainment, and getting to see neighbors and community members out and about. The car & tractor show even had decent numbers after the hard rains Friday, and threat of more coming in, it surprised everyone the amount of cars that showed up... just goes to show what a great event it is, and that people really want to be a part of it! Saturday was full of events from the first Shipyard Days Craft show and Food Pantry 5K run to the Bean Bag Tournament that had many participants and even more people hanging out and watching while grabbing some food from the vendors and enjoying a warm sunny day.

Woodsmoke Ranch Car Show

The car show up at Woodsmoke usually takes place over the 4th of July weekend, but this year it will be Sunday Sept 6, over the Labor Day weekend. There will be first, second, and third place trophies in 23 classes and then four Best of Show Category Trophies. Cost to enter a vehicle is \$12.00 with cars starting to enter at 10 am, judging from 11-1 and trophies at 1:30. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Mike at 708-638-2555.



Seneca Park and Recreation Boards Fall Festival

The Seneca Park and Recreation Board and getting started with plans for the 2nd Annual Fall Festival at Crotty Park to be held on Sunday October 11th. If you made it out last year you saw there was lots of things to see and do... from delicious food, to craft vendors to Live Entertainment and of course the Golf Cart Parade! We are planning on adding even more to make it a bigger and better event. We will be having a Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Bake-Off, as well as a Fire Hot Baseball game between some well known area residents. We are also working on some other events and want to make sure you 'Save the Date' now, because you won't want to miss this.

The Fall Festival is geared to family entertainment that doesn't cost a lot for people to enjoy at Crotty Park. We want to see the community involved and participating in local events as this one, and we invite everyone out to enjoy the day!

Shop Local Benefits

Spend \$100 local and \$68 goes back to your community. Spend the same at a National Chain and your community only sees \$48 of that.

Local Businesses create higher paying jobs for your neighbors.

More taxes are invested in your local community.

Buying local means less packaging, less travel to find your goods.

Local retailers are your friends and neighbors.

More local businesses mean more choice, more diversity and a truly unique community.

Local businesses donate to charities that are local.



What does Seneca have to offer?

Over the past few months the Seneca Business Association has been focusing on a Shop Local Campaign, and I have heard people say that it seems silly, like what can we buy in Seneca other than Carhartt's and Milk?

Surprisingly you can find many local businesses that may be able to help you with a wide range of projects and needs. If you look around and get your hands on one of the SBA Brochures available at many local businesses you will have your hands on a very valuable piece of paper. Inside that little brochure are the names and phone numbers for every business in the area. I don't even know where to begin... because when I first saw all the number of businesses in our little town, I was shocked. Right now there are over 100 businesses listed in separate categories to make it even easier to find what you need.

The thing I found most amazing are the number of businesses that are from homes of area residents. Seneca may not look like a large business community by just driving Main Street, but add in all the other businesses not on Main Street and I think you'll be surprised too. Whether it's a contractor, catering or seamstress we have them here in Seneca. Not to mention the specialty items, like custom woodworking, painters, scrapbooking, Avon, Tupperware, Jewelry, computer services, apparel embellishments and catering in Seneca. What do you need? I bet you can find it here!

We are not asking you to do all your shopping here, but we would sure like to see people give it a shot. If you can find what you are looking for here, and don't need to drive out of town or pay for shipping to order an item, isn't that worth it?

If you have a business that is not listed in the Seneca Business Association brochure, contact Michael Ellis at Ace Hardware and he will make sure it is added to the next printing. The SBA meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 am, if you would like to join us we would love to have all business owners or an employee representing your business there. Our next meeting will be held at Crotty Park on Aug 12, with breakfast sponsored by Al's Body Shop and served at 7:15 am. This is a perfect opportunity to meet other area business owners and work together to make Seneca a strong community.

Seneca Community Players

Ever thought you would like to be a part of a group that can showcase your talents? There is a new group forming in Seneca that will be needing people with all talents to be members... from actors, singers, and musicians to set help, make up and administration.

This is a new idea and is open to people of all ages. Please keep your eyes open for more information on this in the August Newsletter.

New Hair Salon sponsoring a contest!

Derek Buckley the owner of The Hair Studio, located at the rear of 311 North Main Street has opened and is offering a drawing for a Free Hair Cut! Just email him at hairstudio61360@att.net to be entered into the drawing! If you stop by his business to enter, you get to enter twice. Drawing to be held July 31 and will be announced in our next newsletter.