During World War II, the need for new shipyard facilities coincided with some unique geological characteristics at Seneca’s location on the Illinois River, characteristics favorable for building what would become known as the “shipyard on the prairie.” So, in 1942, the new Seneca shipyard launched (with the traditional bottle of champagne) its first LST, one of the Landing Ship Tanks (LST) that would carry troops into battle. The LSTs left Seneca, sailed down the Illinois to the Mississippi, and then entered the Gulf of Mexico. The ships took troops and supplies to Iwo Jima, Dutch New Guinea, southern Italy, and the Normandy coast. The shipyard built 157 LSTs, launching the last one in June 1945. At the shipyard’s peak, 11,000 people worked there, living in Seneca and nearby towns in temporary housing.

Seneca has a variety of amenities to offer when considering visiting or relocating here. The Village is approximately one hour from downtown Chicago or both Chicago O’Hare and Midway airports. The Seneca I80 interchange, exit 105 was updated recently to accommodate transportation needs. Interstate 80 is a few minutes from Seneca, and Seneca is approximately 32 miles from Interstate 39 and 21 miles from the I55 interchange.

Visit www.senecail.org for more details on any of these events.
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<th><strong>Local Food Guide</strong></th>
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| **Andrew’s on the Riverfront**  
Enjoy scenic riverfront views and al fresco dining on the outdoor deck above Spring Brook Marina.  
Sunday brunch starts May 1st.  
**DINE IN**  
**LUNCH**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**BAR**  
**RIVERFRONT**  
**DINNER**  
623 W. River Drive  
Phone: 815.357.1800  
www.Andrewsriverfront.homestead.com |
| **Burrito Bill’s**  
Located on south Main Street in River Plaza, Burrito Bill’s has Mexican & American food, pizza and more!  
**DINE IN**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**DELIVERY**  
Located at River Plaza  
425 S. Main St.  
Phone: 815.357.1900  
Access through Hidden Cove Marina. |
| **Boondock’s Food & Spirits**  
Come by car or by boat to experience al fresco dining on the screened in porch overlooking the Illinois River at this island inspired restaurant, bar & tiki bar.  
**DINE IN**  
**LUNCH**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**TIKI BAR**  
**RIVERFRONT**  
**DINNER**  
1 E. Dupont Road  
Phone: 815.357.1100  
www.bondocks.us |
| **H2O Bar & Grill**  
Located in the restored river towboat Katie Hooper on the Illinois River. Access this eatery through Hidden Cove Marina.  
**DINE IN**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**BAR**  
**RIVERFRONT**  
Access through Hidden Cove Marina  
217 River Drive  
Phone: 815.357.8990 |
| **Fat Daddy’z Bar & Grill**  
Our paved lot makes it a perfect stop for bike runs. Daily drink and food specials & live entertainment on weekends. Outdoor bar and seating available in rear.  
**DINE IN**  
**LUNCH**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**BAR**  
**MUSIC**  
176 W. Jackson Street  
Phone: 815.357.8700  
www.fatdaddyz.net |
| **Morgan’s Chicago Style Eatery**  
Chicago Style Hotdogs, Italian Beef, Sausage, daily specials and Ice Cream.  
**DINE IN**  
**LUNCH**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**ICE CREAM**  
**SEATING**  
199 Main Street  
Phone: 815.357.6880 |
| **Buddy’s BBQ**  
Brisket, Pulled Pork, Whole Chicken & more with Buddy’s special homemade BBQ sauce. Carry-out only.  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**LUNCH**  
**DINNER**  
370 N. Main Street  
Phone: 815.861.8822 |
| **Fergy’s Bar & Grill**  
Fergy’s is located in the historic downtown with daily lunch and dinner specials. Live entertainment.  
**DINE IN**  
**BREAKFAST LUNCH**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**BAR**  
**DINNER**  
272 N. Main Street  
Phone: 815.357.8809 |
| **Seneca Family Restaurant**  
Located in the historic downtown serving breakfast all day and daily lunch specials. Night hours on weekends.  
**DINE IN**  
**LUNCH**  
**CARRY-OUT**  
**SPECIALS**  
**DINNER**  
270 North Main Street  
Phone: 815.357.6561 |
| **Casey’s General Store**  
222 N. Main St.  
Phone: 815-357-1300  
Located in Bellettini Foods Grocery Store.  
**Seneca Subway**  
Located in the BP station  
114 W. Jackson Street  
Phone: 815.357.8050 |
| **Bellettini’s Deli**  
Located in Bellettini Foods Grocery Store.  
271 S. Main Street  
Phone: 815.357.6734 |