Seneca Newsletter

 August 2015

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**City Right-of-Ways**

The City of Seneca is asking all residents to clear their personal property off of the city right-of-ways. This is the space along our streets and alleys, including water and sewer service access, which must stay clear for emergency and maintenance needs. Please make an effort to have these areas clear by August 31. After that day, we will send notifications of any remaining violations and further action will be at property owners’ cost. If you have any questions please contact city hall. Thank you for your cooperation.

Utility Rates

 At the very end of July, the City had its annual audit performed. Although our results were very good, it brought some issues to light we will be working on in the following months:

* We will be striving to make sense of all accounts, account numbers and types of service. You may see a change in your account number. If your service type changes at all, you will receive a letter of explanation with your statement.
* The city has been operating on a “pre-billing” cycle – meaning you receive your statement at the beginning of the month for *the current month* which is due by the end of that same month*.* The City’s goal is to be reading meters by the end of next year, therefore, we will be moving to a “post-billing” cycle. This simply means you will be receiving your statement near the beginning of the month for the *previous month’s service.* The due date will be printed on your statement.
* We will be starting the post-billing cycle with the September statements. **You will not receive a statement in August if your account is current!** You will receive your statement in September for August’s utility and dump services.
* Lastly, with the new availability utility rates for water and sewer, you will see the new rates applied to your statement in September for August’s services.

Volunteer Fire Dept.

We would like to thank everybody who showed up to the fire department meeting in June. The meeting was productive and showed a renewed interest in rebuilding our volunteer department. On August 19th, we will hold the next meeting. All volunteers will sign waivers and be issued equipment for coming training events. We will also spend some time working on fire hall improvements discussed at the last meeting. Listen for the fire alarm…it will be sounded 5 minutes before 6:00pm!

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| upcoming events |
| 08/03 | **Golf Committee Meeting** |
| 08/11 | **Monthly City Council Meeting @6pm** |
| 08/19 | **Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting @6pm** |