

February/March 2019

SENECA

Seneca, SC  
www.seneca.sc.us

# SPOTLIGHT

*From sleepy to swingin,'  
Jazz is returning to Ram Cat!*

Jazz on the Alley is coming  
back in a big, big way!

Make your way to  
Ram Cat Alley on

**APRIL 4TH**

for

**THE ODYSSEY BAND!**

It's cool, it's  
colossal, it's  
Seneca's award winning



**EVERY THURSDAY  
BEGINNING APRIL 4TH  
6:30 PM**

It's not often you'll see  
busy Ram Cat Alley this quiet.  
At 7:20 am when Robin Metler  
snapped this stunning photo  
on her way to work, she captured  
a rare moment of beauty and  
quiet. Thanks, Robin!

*Jazz* in the City

# Happenings in the City

## **BERTHA LEE STRICKLAND CULTURAL MUSEUM 521 All-Stars: A Championship Story of Baseball and Community**

February 9th - May 2019

The Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural Museum is extremely pleased to bring *The 521 All-Stars* exhibit to Seneca. Based on the 1998 book *The 521 All-Stars: A Championship Story of Baseball and Community*, this exhibit depicts the game in its purest form: scrap metal base lines, rotten wood bleachers, teams made up of brothers, fathers and sons, and most importantly, fellowship within the community.

Until Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947, major league baseball was the pastime for white players and fans. Segregated and separated, black players were forced to form leagues of their own.

In 1996, author Frye Gaillard was driving north on Route 521 in Sumter County when he discovered a homemade ballpark and stopped to take pictures of the players. He and his partner, photographer Bryon Baldwin, spent the next season and a half watching and studying the Gamecock baseball league of Rembert, SC. The teams are comprised only of African-Americans.

The exhibit will be featured at the Museum through May. For more information: [www.blscm.org](http://www.blscm.org) or 864.710.9994.

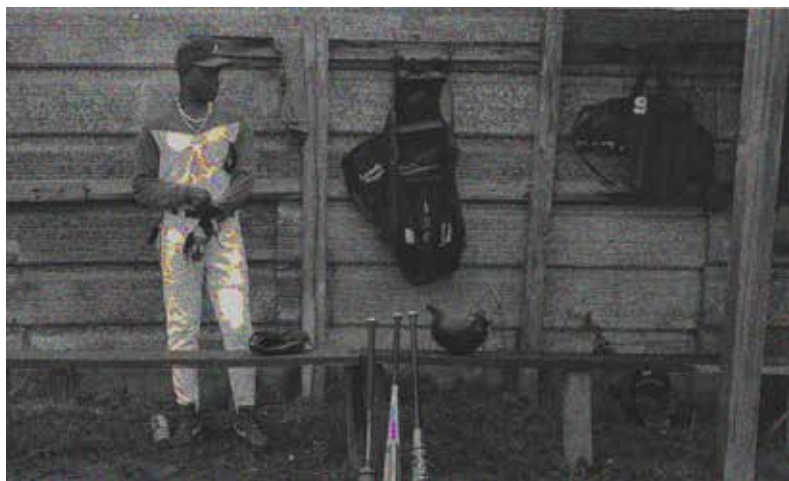


Exhibit provided through partnership with the SC State Museum and funds provided by Hospitality Accommodations Tax.



### **REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SPORTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 22**

Registration for spring sports will run through February 22nd for the following sports and age groups: t-ball (ages 4-6), softball (ages 7-15), baseball (ages 7-15), and flag football (ages 7-12).

There is no online registration, registrants must visit Shaver Recreation Complex to register.

For hours of registration and other information, please call 864-885-2709.





# Happenings in the City

City of **SENECA**

**RUN FOR THE GREEN**  
Saturday, March 16, 2019

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! 5K ONLY \$25**

All Entrants Receive This Awesome Shirt, Runners Race Sleeve & Goody Bag

Opening Ceremony Prize Emerald Pendant  
Provided by Bradley's Jewelers

**5K** [ONLY 3.1 MILES] Starts at 8AM  
Start Training Now And Go From The Couch To The Finish Line!

**HALF MARATHON** [13.1 MILES] Starts at 8:15AM

FINISHERS MEDAL (half marathon only) CASH PRIZES (both races)

Post-Race Party! DJ "SupaMan"

Dress Your Best for the Pre-Race Party!

Seneca SC Events: More details at [www.seneca.sc.us](http://www.seneca.sc.us)

Follow us on Facebook : 313: CAFE

**jazz ON THE ALLEY**  
featuring America's Touring Musicians

**IT'S BACK!**

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a night of music under the stars

**EVERY THURSDAY 6:30PM**  
**RAM CAT ALLEY**

**The Odyssey Band**  
April 4

**Jaime Wright**  
April 11

**Nathan Angelo**  
April 18

**JAZZ FEST Seneca Jazz Fest Weekend**

**The Odyssey Band** Thursday April 25  
**Funk Factory 5** Friday April 26  
**The Jake Bartley Band** Saturday April 27

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# Happenings in the City



*The All-New, Downtown*

## SENECA FEST 2019

MAY 23-25

**3** nights

**2** stages

**6** bands

- Moving to downtown Seneca
- More music - more entertainment - more shopping
- Expanded Festival Area - from Ram Cat Alley to Walnut Street
- Bounce House for kids!

## Aircraft for Animals Fly-in

Oconee County Regional Airport

Saturday - May 11, 2019

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**FREE  
ADMISSION!**

Vintage Aircraft/Antique & Hot Rod Cars/Food/Fun

Airplane Rides, Oconee Sheriff K9 Demo & More

**Golf Ball  
DROP**

Win up to \$1,000 bucks! Get Your Ball Today for a \$20 Donation



## BLUE RIDGE ARTS CENTER'S 3RD NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

ON VIEW: MARCH 15-APRIL 25



# News in the City



## CITY ADDS NEW FIRE ENGINE TO FLEET

The City of Seneca recently replaced a 24-year old fire engine this month with a Pierce Arrow XT fire engine, marking the first new fire engine purchase for the department since 2006 when the City purchased a new engine and a new ladder truck. The new engine has room in the cab for six people, and features a 1,500 gallon-a-minute pump with a 750 gallon water tank, plus room for the equipment needed to have on hand for firefighting.

Seneca City Council approved the purchase of the \$477,923 fire engine in December.

The Seneca Fire Department responded to approximately 2,000 calls in 2018 and had nearly 200 calls for service in January of this year.



# Coming Up in the City

## PET

### CATEGORIES

1. LOOK ALIKES
2. CUTEST PUPPY EVAH
3. PURRFECT CATS
4. WORKING LIKE A BIG DAWG
5. FUNNY FARM ANIMALS

## PHOTO

CONTEST STARTS  
FEB 6, 2019  
CONTEST ENDS  
FEB 20, 2019

## CONTEST

GRAND PRIZE WINNER ANNOUNCED  
FEB 23, 2019 @  
THE FARM CENTER  
ROPING EVENT 3PM

1. SUBMIT PHOTO ENTRY FEE \$5.00 (PER PHOTO) @  
WWW.FARMOCONEE.ORG (SCROLL TO  
BOTTOM OF PAGE TO ORANGE "DONATE" BUTTON,
2. SUBMIT PHOTO TO FARMOCONEE@GMAIL.COM  
WITH PET CATEGORY
3. GET PEOPLE TO LIKE YOUR PHOTO ON FACEBOOK!  
CHECK OUT FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO!



## Sip 'N Stroll

Art Festival & Wine Tasting 2019

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Ram  
Cat  
Alley

Downtown,  
Seneca

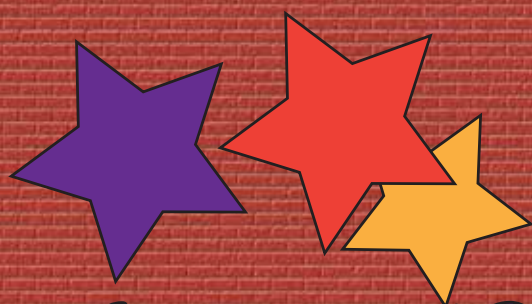
By the way, 2019

Sip 'n Stroll Seneca is an Art Festival and Wine Tasting event scheduled for March 30, 2019 from 11am-5pm on Ram Cat Alley in downtown Seneca.

It features an arts and crafts show and wine tasting tent with live entertainment. The cost for the Wine Tasting is \$10 for four tasting and will begin at noon.

Interested artists apply at

<https://www.downtownseneca.com/sip-n-stroll.html>



# Jazz Fest 2019

3 days of Jazz  
April 25th thru 27th

DOWNTOWN SENECA  
RAM CAT ALLEY



April 25  
**The Odyssey Band**

April 26  
**Funk Factory 5**

April 27  
**The Jake  
Barkley Band**



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