# SPOTLIGHT



# 12TH YEAR OF JAZZ! POPULAR DOWNTOWN EVENT RETURNS FOR NEW SEASON!

Does the return of Jazz on the Alley mean it's spring? Of, course!

Does it mean we are excited to see all our Jazz friends again? Of, course!

For 12 years, Jazz has lifted our spirits and satisfied our need to leave the dreary days of winter behind, put on our dancing shoes, and spend the evening outdoors with family and friends.

This year Jazz on the Alley officially returns on April 1st with a stunning lineup already arranged for the first two months; but, as an added bonus, the event staff has lined up an exciting "prequel" or "special edition" of Jazz on March 25th. We'll open the season for Jazz a week early with the ever-popular "Stone Echo."

We are looking forward to seeing old friends, making new friends, and moving forward with hope and optimism for 2021! Please join us on March 25th!







### News bits



### **BASF** makes donation for "Jaws of Life"



BASF donated nearly \$12,000 to the Seneca Fire Department to provide a new rescue tool for firefighters who need to free someone trapped in a vehicle after an accident or other rescues in small places. The donation will allow the department to purchase a new Genesis FORCE extrication tool.

The new equipment will have a battery pack, giving rescue personnel more flexibility when needed. Projections are that the equipment will be available for use by the end of March.

Mayor Dan Alexander, Chief Richie Caudill, and members of the Seneca Fire Department, welcome BASF employees Greg Reid, Susan Giardina and site director Elba Lizardi when they recently visited the fire department to present a check for \$11,983 for extrication equipment.

### **UPCOMING CHANGES & ADDITIONS TO CITY FESTIVALS**

Because of ongoing Covid-19 concerns, the Seneca Music Fest will not be held this year; instead, that event will be combined with the City's Independence celebration now slated for July 3rd at Gignilliat Field. Some of the entertainment scheduled for Seneca Music Fest will be shifted to July 3rd. The Independence celebration will feature The Tams, Eagle's Wing, Bad Creek, and other musical acts. Fireworks will still be an important part of the festivities.

This change in events and schedules will only apply for this year, and hopefully City festivals will return to their normal schedules in 2022. Another change is the announcement that the laser show previously planned for the Seneca Music Fest will now be held at Norton-Thompson Park after Jazz on the Alley on May 27th.

Resulting from a recommendation coming from the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion task force, the City plans two additional events: Juneteenth to be held on June 19th at Norton-Thompson Park, and a fall celebration of Hispanic heritage to be held downtown as well.





### Happenings in the





### 65 OR OLDER? IT'S YOUR TURN. TIME TO GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE.

If you are 65 or older, you can now make an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

You can make an appointment by:

- Visiting **scdhec.gov/vaxlocator** to see the locations accepting appointments for COVID-19 vaccine. Pick a location and contact the provider to make an appointment.
- Calling DHEC's COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line at 1-866-365-8110 for help finding contact information to make an appointment.



**THE COVID-19** 

**VACCINE** 

#### "SIGN OF THE TIMES"

The iconic Hometown Grocery Store sign will be headed to a new home soon when the daughter of the original signmaker comes to claim the sign her father created years ago.

Coming soon: a new owner, a new business for this familiar downtown landmark.







**April through October Norton-Thompson Park** 

**Music - Food - Prizes** 

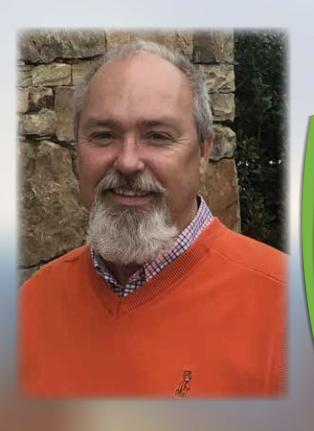


### RESTRIPING POSSIBLE FOR EAST NORTH FIRST ST

The Seneca Improvements Corporation is moving forward with a design plan for a possible restriping of sections of East North First Street to encourage traffic calming and provide a safer environment for pedestrians. The project would call for restriping a section of the heavily traveled throughfare from approximately the area of Vinson Street to the general area of the Pro Custom & Tire shop on West North First street near the corner of North Pine Street. The proposed plan would be developed after a feasibility study that would determine whether the four lanes of traffic could possibly be cut to two lanes.

Initially a study will be completed by a Greenville engineering firm before a plan will be submitted to the SC Department of Transportation for approval. The entire project could take up to six months and final approval will be needed from Seneca City Council with public input before moving ahead with the project.

The plan is part of a downtown master plan created by McMillan, Pazdan and Smith Architects and is funded by proceeds of the sale of the downtown Hometown Building.



## EMPLOYEE Spotlight

Steve Fletcher has been the head operator, lab director and plant supervisor at the Seneca Water Treatment plant for 24 of his 29 years as an employee of Seneca Light & Water. Under Steve's leadership, the plant has continued operations without interruption, and has received 15 EPA Area Wide Optimization Program Awards. In 2017, Steve received the Water Environment Assoc. of SC WATER OPERATOR OF THE YEAR award.

Steve has lived in Seneca since he was 9 years old. He and his wife Melissa have 3 children. An alumnus of Clemson University, Steve loves spending recreational time on the lake or at the beach, working in the yard, or simply enjoying time with family.

Steve Fletcher

Thank you, Steve, for your support, dedication and hard work!