

SENECA DOWNTOWN IMPACT January 2010 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

What's up Downtown... www.senecadowntown.com

Please protect our brick **Main Street** on the survey the city council sent out. A huge part of our grant money comes from historic preservation funds and our brick streets and fountain give us extra points to be selected to receive this money. Seneca's brick Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places and that has set us apart from a lot of the competition for these funds. The fountain would give us extra points to compete against everyone else applying for these funds. If we cover Main Street with concrete or asphalt we can not get it back and we will lose our edge in the race to get funding for the many projects we have been working on. We have been awarded 90% of the grants and 0% loan money we have applied for ...that would change if we were not on the **National Historic Register**.

THE HISTORIC FOUNTAIN

Seneca's **Historic fountain** project **adds extra points** to our grant applications. In the selection process the committees score by points...preserving and returning the fountain or historic monuments to Main Street adds points. Our fountain is 100 years old in 2011. It is one of 10-12 left of 125 donated in 1911 by the National Humane Society to cities across the U.S. Seneca will receive national recognition if we showcase this beautiful piece of our history .

IWW Applications are due by January 15th for the February round of 0% loan money from the Ks Department of Commerce. Call to set your appointment with Linda, she will write your grant application for you. **Seneca received a Ks Main Street award for reinvesting \$1 million dollars in our Main Street in our first two years as a Main Street city.**



FOUNTAIN LOCATION OPTIONS

1. *On the corner in front of Cornerstone Coffee Haus with a bench and plants around it.*
2. *In the Intersection of 5th and Main Street as a roundabout*
3. *In an island between 5th St and 6th Street with landscaping around it.*

The Seneca Bridal Show is February 13 & 14th 11-3 PM...The fashion show is at 2 PM each day. There are still a few booths left. This event won the Business Promotion Award from Kansas Main Street in 2009!

SENECA BRIDAL SHOW ... FEBRUARY 13th AND 14th 11-3PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

There's always something fun happening on Main Street in Seneca !



THANK YOU TO OUR CITY AND COUNTY CREWS for all of their hard work during the blizzard of 2009! Thank you also to Gary Huerter for snow removal in front of Seneca Downtown Impact.

SDI ANNUAL KICK-OFF DINNER!

Seneca Downtown Impact will celebrate the awards we have received and Kick-off 2010 at The Willows on Sunday, January 17th at 6:30 PM. Speakers will be : MARY HELMER from Ks Main Street, CRAIG ALTENHOFEN from SETTLE INN AT SPRING CREEK, and BETTY PARDUE from KTKA. The Volunteer Business of the Year will be announced. Dinner Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at SDI and Buggy Days. Please RSVP by January 11th to Linda at 785-336 1313 or senecaimpact@yahoo.com. Buffet dinner will be served. The public is welcome!