

New Ram Cat park dedication set

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SENECA — The public is invited to join Seneca elected officials and staff to dedicate a Ram Cat Alley park on March 16.

Mayor Dan Alexander and Seneca City Council members will host the event at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, in conjunction with Downtown Go 'Round.

In September, City Council unanimously approved funding up to \$179,000 from the Hotel Accommodations Tax fund for the new courtyard to be constructed behind businesses between Ram Cat Alley and E. N. First Street.

A paved walkway will start beside City Pool Room on Ram Cat Alley and lead back to a paved parking lot off of E. N. First Street. The concrete parking lot replaces a gravel lot used between downtown buildings on E. N. First Street and will hold about 15 parking spaces, according to design plans.

The courtyard will also have a three-tier fountain. The old gate at the site was rebuilt to make the door functional with the new raised flooring approved in the park's plans. A storm drainpipe will run under the courtyard to eliminate flooding issues.

Downtown stores on Ram Cat Alley will be open later March 16 to feature new merchandise, art gallery openings and special sales. Downtown Go 'Round ends at 8:30 p.m.