



## CITY HALL NEWS

► **Holiday Schedule:** City Hall will be closed on Friday December 23 and Monday December 26 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. ► **Trash Collection:** Since Christmas and New Year's Day are both on Sunday this year, trash pickup schedules will be normal throughout the holidays. ► **Transit and City Hall Phone Numbers:** To better serve you, we have separated the City Hall and Transit phone numbers. If you are requesting a ride on the city bus, please call 770-464-2953. For all other city matters, please call City Hall at 770-464-2380.

► **A "Chicken in Every Lot"** The Planning Commission is considering a recommendation to allow the keeping of chickens in residential zoning districts. A proposal would be to allow one chicken with a lot size of at least 10,000 square feet, up to a total of 12 chickens on a half-acre lot. Coops or pens would be required, with setbacks of 20 feet from any property line, and no roosters. If you have an opinion, please email your thoughts to [chickens@socialcirclega.com](mailto:chickens@socialcirclega.com) or drop a note to City Hall by January 15. The Planning Commission will consider all comments before making a recommendation to the City Council. ► **Historic District B & Bs:** The Planning

Commission is also considering easing the regulations regarding Bed and Breakfast Inns to facilitate the establishment of these businesses within the Historic District of the City. Changes being considered include the allowance of up to 12 rooms, and removing the limitation of the maximum number of such businesses within the City. Regulations currently require the operator to live onsite and to hold a business license and pay hotel/motel taxes to the City. If you have an opinion, please email your thoughts to [bedandbreakfast@socialcirclega.com](mailto:bedandbreakfast@socialcirclega.com) or drop a note to City Hall by January 15. ► **The City would like your Input!** The Downtown is the heart of the City. Please take a brief online survey to let us know your thoughts and provide guidance for downtown activities, development, and improvements. Encourage your friends, family, visitors, and customers to participate. The survey is available on the City website (link on the home page at [www.socialcirclega.com](http://www.socialcirclega.com)), or Facebook, or you can call or stop by the Welcome Center at (770) 464-1866 to make your comments. Downtown survey responses will be collected through December 31, 2016. Survey results will be used to set priorities for our Downtown.

## PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

► **Burn Ban lifted 12/3/16** Please follow GA Burn Laws and request permits when required.

► Due to the dry conditions, the City of Social Circle is currently under water restrictions. Watering is allowed as needed twice a week between 4 pm and 10 am on an odd/even schedule: even addresses and addresses with no numbers on Wednesday & Saturday and odd addresses on Thursday & Sunday. Water restrictions will remain in effect until the dry conditions improve. For more information, call City Hall (770-464-2380) or see our website. ► **Holiday Safety:** With holidays fast approaching, the Social Circle Police Department would like to offer a few safety reminders to contribute to your safety during the holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please visit our website for more information or come by the Police Station to pick up a flyer. The Social Circle Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

Arcadia Publishing wants to do a book on Social Circle! We are seeking photographs and captions of Social Circle through the years. At least 200 photographs are needed, although more are welcome. We would like to include all aspects of the community, people, places, events, landmarks, and more. If you have pictures and information to contribute, or if you would like to assist in assembling this information, please let us know. Jenny Watt, Community Marketing Specialist, will be coordinating this effort (770-464-1866 or [JLWatt@socialcirclega.com](mailto:JLWatt@socialcirclega.com)). All costs associated with publishing this book are covered by Arcadia Publishing and the book will be available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and local stores. We anticipate approximately a one year effort to collect the images, prepare the captions, and publish the initial issue. Groups will be able to purchase the book at a discount to resell for fundraising. Help us capture the rich history of our Social Circle community.

CITY CALENDAR Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, available on the city website [www.socialcirclega.com](http://www.socialcirclega.com) and at City Hall

Dec 12	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (every 2nd Mon each month) cancelled	Community Room
Dec 13	7:00 pm	Main Street Board (every 2nd Tues each month)	Welcome Center
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Dec 8	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (every 2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conference Room
Dec 20	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (every 3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
Dec 20	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (every 3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
Dec 21	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (every 3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
<b>Dec 27</b>	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (every 4th Mon each month) re-scheduled	Community Room
Dec 22	6:00 pm	Tree Board (every 4th Thursday each month)	Community Room

**LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS** - For more info call (770) 464-2444.

- ◇ Tales for Tots with Jessica Hutchinson: Tuesdays, **December 6 & 20**, 10 am
- ◇ Santa's Workshop: Saturday, **Dec. 10**, 10 am–noon, bring cameras, sponsored by SCHS-FCCLA. Enjoy making Christmas Crafts
- ◇ Story Time with Renee Hanna: Wednesday, **December 14**, 9:30 am
- ◇ Early Bird Book Club: Tuesday, **December 27**, 10:30 am

For information about our free legal form databases and more, see

[www.uncleremus.org/stanton](http://www.uncleremus.org/stanton) & [www.facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary)

**LIBRARY HOURS**

MWF 9 a.m.– 6 p.m.  
 Tu & Th 9 a.m.– 7 p.m.  
 Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
 Sun 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.



**LIBRARY CLOSED:** Dec. 24, 25, 26 for Christmas Holidays & Jan. 1 for New Years Day.

**SCHOOL NEWS**    ▣ **Social Circle High School Varsity Precision Air Rifle Team**    On November 17, four local high schools competed in a varsity precision air rifle match – Monroe Area, Stockbridge, Ola and Social Circle. Social Circle defeated Ola County High School by a score of 1104 to 696. After the four team matches there was a 10 person match of 24-shots in the standing position consisting of the top shooters from all four schools. Jarrett Dooley, the Social Circle Team Captain, placed 5th and Ashley Clegg won 2nd place. On December 1, our Social Circle High School Redskin Rifles defeated Spaulding County High School with a score of 1125 to 1081. Go Skins! Last but not least, congratulations to David Brand! He qualified for State finals, shooting an individual high score of 291, and will compete in March at the United State Army Marksmanship Unit on Fort Benning Georgia. See this and pics <http://wp.me/p74m6o-cT>.    ▣ **Fifth graders at the Social Circle Elementary School** hosted their first Empty Bowls Night on November 1st. The idea behind the Empty Bowls Project is to bring more awareness of food insecurity locally and around the world. These students created and sold over 100 bowls. They learned about world hunger and made little educational notes that adorned the bowls. The fourth graders also participated by making papier-mâché bowls that were displayed in the library. The teachers made over 12 crock pots of chili and various soups for the event and also donated all of the drinks and cookies in order to increase profits. All profits were donated to FISH, an organization that meets the food needs of many in our community. See this and pics at <http://wp.me/p74m6o-cR>.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

▲ **Social Circle Theater presents “A Christmas Show: Dancing through the Decades - Friday, December 16, 7 pm, and Saturday, December 17, 3 pm & 7 pm.** Contact [boxoffice@socialcircletheater.com](mailto:boxoffice@socialcircletheater.com) or 770 464-2269 for info & ticket reservations. ▲ **The Social Circle United Methodist Church** at 261 S. Cherokee Road in Social Circle will have a Blood Drive **December 19, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm.** Call the church office at 770-464-3854 for more information. Give the Gift of Life this holiday season.

▲ **The UGA Traffic Injury Prevention Institute is pleased to announce a free class for parents and teenage drivers** to be held Thursday, **December 22, from 6:30—8:30 pm** at the Social Circle Police Department, 138 E. Hightower Trail. The teenager and at least one parent or guardian (who will supervise the practice time) must be present during the entire two-hour course. To register please contact Lt. Randy Downs

at [rdowns@socialcirclega.com](mailto:rdowns@socialcirclega.com) or (770) 464-2366. The class is limited to (15) teens per class. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register no later than Tuesday December 13, 2016. ▲ **Social Circle Main Street will be hosting a “New Year, New You” program on Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm** at the Community Room. There will be presentations throughout the day to help you reach your goals for the new year, including tips on exercise, weight loss, healthy eating, financial planning, starting a business, and getting a better job. There will be door prizes throughout the day and a grand prize drawing. For more information, call the Welcome Center (770-464-1866) or see our event page. ▲ The next meeting of the **Social Circle Garden Club will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017**, at Gunter Hall. The speaker will be Brent Kellum from Kellum Farms in Monroe. More info in the January Newsletter. Happy Holidays!

► The drive-thru window at City Hall will be open the following days in December: 27 & 29 until 4:30 pm

**COFFEE WITH THE CITY MANAGER** First Wednesday each month, 8 am - 9 am, no appointment necessary, City Hall front Conference Room. Feel free to stop in if you have an idea or concern about City business or just want to chat.

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