



CITY HALL NEWS

► **Social Circle Comprehensive Plan Coming Soon!** In the next few months, the City will be seeking public input on a Vision for the future of the City. With your input, the city will develop goals and a community work plan to support that vision. Look for more information on meetings, workshops, and other opportunities for you to share your opinions and suggestions on transportation, housing, economic development, infrastructure, community facilities, natural resources, parks and trails, historic preservation, and other topics of concern. For more information contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager at 770-464-6901.

► **Mapping of water and sewer distribution system -** Recently the City of Social Circle hired a professional consulting firm to perform an analysis, locate, and identify all of our major water pipes, valves, fire hydrants, sewer mains, and manholes located throughout the city. The firm is using a geographical information system (GIS) that will allow staff and engineers to analyze each of our systems electronically, looking at virtual maps to evaluate the best solution for problem areas. These efforts will allow the city to provide improved services to the citizens saving time, money, and will allow future upgrades to these systems be performed more effectively and efficiently. You may have noticed pink survey tape on many of our hydrants, valves, and manholes throughout the city. This tape allows easy identification for the GIS mapping team to locate each hydrant and put them on the map. For more information contact Barry Parsons, Water Resources Director at bparsons@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-2380

► **Roundabout Construction Update -** Construction work on the roundabout at West Hightower and Alcova Rd has slowed down while the utilities are being relocated. Comcast and the City of Monroe have completed their moves. AT&T is in the process of moving all of their equipment and are currently

ahead of schedule. At this time, we expect the roundabout to be complete by the end of April.

► **Volunteer Firefighters Sought -** Are you interested in helping your community? The Social Circle Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters. The department offers free training, pay per call, and enrollment in Ga. Firefighters Pension Fund. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter there will be an organizational meeting on March 13, 2017, at 7 pm, at the fire station located at 165 East Hightower Rd. Volunteer Firefighter Applications can be found on our website at www.socialcirclega.com. Completed applications can be dropped off at the fire station or brought with you to the meeting. To be eligible to be a volunteer firefighter you must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or equivalent, complete background check (no felonies within 10 years), and maintain a valid Ga. driver's license. For more information, contact Chief Ken Zaydel at 770-464-0621.

► **Historic Photos Needed - 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). 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 and City Hall

Jan 9	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
Jan 10	8:00 am	Main Street Board (2nd Tuesday each month)	Welcome Center
Jan 10	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conference Room
Jan 12	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conference Room
Jan 17	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
Jan 17	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
Jan 18	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
Jan 23	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
Jan 26	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room

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

- ◇ Tales for Tots with Jessica Hutcheson:
Tuesdays, January 3 & 17 & February 7 at 10 a.m.
- ◇ Story Time with Renee Hanna: Wednesday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.
- ◇ Early Bird Book Club: Tuesday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.
- ◇ For more information about our free legal form databases search "Legal Forms" at <https://www.uncleremus.org/stanton> and catch other news at <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: January 16 for Martin Luther King Birthday.

BUSINESS NEWS

- Social Circle ACE Home Center will be relocating their Indoor Archery Range to one of the warehouses on their downtown location. They hope to have everything ready to go by mid-January.
- Bryne's Tire Depot is now open next to Ace Hardware on S. Cherokee. They offer new and used tire sales & repair, brakes and front end alignments, batteries, windshield wipers, and small mechanical repairs. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information call owner Bryne Duren at 770-978-3103.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- ◆ **Social Circle Main Street hosts 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). **Also look out for information on the February event: Gatsby Night.**
- ◆ The **Social Circle Garden Club meets Thursday, January 19, 2017** 10:00 a.m. at Gunter Hall. The speaker will be Brent Kellum from Kellum Farms in Monroe - a locally owned and operated Garden Center specializing in stunning mixed containers and dazzling hanging baskets to enhance your outdoor surroundings. Please join us and bring a friend! For more information please call Edith Foreman, President, 770-464-3399.
- ◆ **Gateways Garden Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 25.** The program, "Holy Plants," will be presented by Rev. Kathy Morris. For more information call Molly Kimler at 770-464-3589.

SCHOOL NEWS

2017 National Junior Olympics for Precision Air Rifle Two athletes from Social Circle High School Varsity Precision Air Rifle Team applied to compete in the 2017 Regional Junior Olympics. Team Captain Jarrett Dooley (Senior) and Ashley Clegg (Sophomore) received their approval to compete 14 January at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, GA. The National Junior Olympic program provides shooters with competitions year-round. The program runs matches throughout the country, making it accessible for all interested juniors. Junior shooters are able to participate in State Competitions sanctioned by USA Shooting, allowing them the chance to receive an invitation to shoot at the National Junior Olympic Championships hosted by USA Shooting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Junior Olympic goals are to allow the skilled junior athletes to obtain National competitive experience for future development. The program also serves as an opportunity to appoint the top finishers to the National Junior Team. GO Redskins! ---BRUCE CHICK Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), Senior Army Instructor, JROTC

- The drive-thru window at City Hall will be open on January 23 until 4.30 pm.
- Seeking for deposit refunds: Neena Wells, Mark Croom, Annette Hunter, Aleah Ingold, Jose Noel Mendez, Connie Pritchard

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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