



Around the Well

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City Updates

Budget Presentation Schedule

The City budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is in the process of being developed. During the City Council work session on April 18 meeting, the council will discuss issues related to the budget. The proposed budget document will be presented at the May 16th council meeting and will be available for review on the City website. There will be a public hearing at the June 20 council meeting.

Millage Rate Comparisons

Do you know how your city's millage rate compares with other local cities? This is a list of the current millage rates for these local cities.

Conyers	15.990
Loganville	11.300
Social Circle	7.900
Monroe	7.802
Covington	7.650
Madison	6.217

Imagine Social Circle - Vision 2040

Thank you to all who came to meetings, sent emails, and completed surveys! There were over 250 survey responses, and 270 attendees and participants at the 15 meetings and Social Circle High School advisory classes focused on this effort. We appreciate your input.

The Draft Vision, Needs and Opportunities, Work Plan, and Future Land Use Plan is posted on the City website (socialcirclega.gov/documents/vision-2040-draft-plan/) and is available for review at City Hall. The draft will be under review during the Month of April. Final approval will be considered by the Mayor and City Council in June.

To suggest a news topic, an update topic or to submit news items of community interest, please email aroundthewell@socialcirclega.com

Code Compliance to Start April 1 ☞ With Spring coming, we appreciate how everyone is sprucing up their yards and homes. Starting April 1, the City Code Compliance Officer will be taking inventory of the City Code of Ordinance issues in town. Initially, the Code Compliance Officer will visit with citizens to let them know about ordinances they may not be aware of and to work with them to see what needs to be done to bring the issues up to code. Contact Barbara Schlageter at (770) 464-6905 or BSchlageter@socialcirclega.com for more information.

About Your Gas Service ☞ Excess Flow Valves (EFVs) are mechanical shut-off devices that can be installed in the natural gas pipe running to the gas meter at your property (the "service line"). An EFV is designed to shut off most of the flow of natural gas automatically if the service line breaks, for example, by an excavation accident. Stopping the flow of gas from a broken service line significantly reduces the risk of natural gas fire, explosion, personal injury and/or property damage.

You may request that The City of Social Circle Gas Department install an excess flow valve on the service line to your property. We will contact you to discuss your specific situation and the cost of installation and maintenance. EFVs cannot be installed on some service lines due to high gas flow, low pressure or other factors. If you request an EFV we will inform you if your service line cannot accommodate an EFV.

If you choose to have an EFV installed on your service line, we will set up a mutually agreeable date when we will install an EFV on your service line. You will be billed \$275.00 to cover the cost of installing the EFV. If it becomes necessary to maintain or replace the EFV on your service line you will be billed a replacement fee of \$275.00.

For more information, contact Paul Schlageter at PSchlageter@SocialCircleGA.com or (770) 464-2380 or see socialcirclega.gov/services/utilities/natural-gas-system/excess-flow-valve-notification/

Public Safety News

Milkshake with a Cop ☞ This month join us on Saturday April 22, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Hot Rod's Diner at 208 Village Circle behind the Blue Willow Inn. The Coffee with a Cop program gives citizens a chance to meet the Social Circle Police officers to discuss concerns, ask questions and get to know your police officers. There will be no formal agenda, so drop in when you can!

Downtown News

Downtown Square Draft Submitted ☞ Thank you for the community letters of support for Creating a Downtown Square in Social Circle. A \$100,000 grant has been applied for from USDA Rural Development and more will be pursued. Stay tuned for more news on how you can help this project take shape.

New Businesses Coming Soon ☞ Downtown Social Circle is growing! Keep an eye out for these new businesses coming soon to downtown: Rustic Home and Decor next to the Welcome Center, Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe on the corner where Wiley General Store was located, Goodfellas restaurant on Sycamore and The Southern Way Salon and Gifts next door to Miller Insurance.

Visit our new Downtown Social Circle Ga Facebook page: www.facebook.com/socialcirclega/
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Community Calendar

Everyone is Invited to Help Clean up Our City ☺ Please join us for our Spring City-wide Cleanup Saturday, April 8 at 8 a.m. in the Community Room in the Public Safety Building. Trash bags, gloves, vests and litter grabbers (on loan from Keep Walton Beautiful), biscuits and coffee are provided. This is the 20th year for the City-wide Cleanups. Find out more at www.socialcirclega.gov.

Kids! Be the Boss! ☺ Sign up today for free classes on how to start and run a business like a lemonade stand. Students who successfully complete the lessons can have a stand at our first Farmer's Market. Open to ages 6-18. Please email Jenny Watt at JLWatt@SocialCircleGA.com, call (770) 464-1866 or visit socialcirclega.gov/lemonade-day/ to sign up.

Coffee with the City Manager (New Date) ☺ Come to the City Hall Conference room on Wednesday, April 12, 8 am - 9 am, no appointment necessary. Feel free to stop in if you have an idea or concern about City business or just want to chat.

Annual Egg Hunt ☺ The Annual Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 15, 10:30 am - 12 pm behind the Social Circle Elementary School. There will be egg hunts for Toddlers to 11 years old, free concessions, raffles for prizes, photos with Mr. Bunny, and other fun activities! (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/egg-hunt/)

BRAG Spring Tune-up ☺ The Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG) will have their Outdoor Cycling Festival and Spring Tune-up Ride the weekend of April 21-23. Several routes will come through Social Circle on Saturday with a rest stop at City Hall. Please keep an eye out for riders as they come through town. More information at: www.brag.org/stu

Georgia Cities Week Celebration ☺ Saturday, April 29 – 10 am to 2 pm. Come downtown and see a fire truck, a police car, and other equipment used by the City. There will be activities for the kids, arts and crafts, and more. The USDA Rural Development will have representatives on hand to explain how they can help you *Build a Business* and *Improve your Home*. Various organizations will be selling food and snacks. This family event will showcase the services provided by your City, and celebrate the volunteers and City staff who work to support our quality of life. (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/georgia-cities-week/)

City-wide Yard Sale ☺ The City-wide yard sale will be held Saturday May 6. To have your home included in the map please complete the form on the web site (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/city-wide-yard-sale/), call the Welcome Center at (770) 464-1866 or email JLWatt@SocialCircleGA.com with your address. Maps will be available online, at the Welcome Center and at participating yard sale locations. To ensure your sales is included, please contact us by May 1.

Farmer's Market and Lemonade Day ☺ We will be hosting our first Farmer's Market in conjunction with national Lemonade Day in the parking lot across from Ace on Sunday May 7, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. If you grow produce and want to have a stand, please email Jenny Watt at JLWatt@SocialCircleGA.com or call (770) 464-1866. For details see our web site (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/farmers-market/). Any students who want to have a lemonade stand must attend free classes on how to start a lemonade stand or other business. Contact Jenny Watt for more information or sign up at socialcirclega.gov/lemonade-day/

Second Annual Taste of Social Circle ☺ Join us at the parking lot across from Ace Hardware on Friday May 12 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm for the Second Annual Taste of Social Circle. Sample food from local area restaurants. There will be activities for the kids and a DJ. See our website for details (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/a-taste-of-social-circle/)

City Calendar

Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, available on the city website www.socialcirclega.gov and at City Hall

Apr 10 7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
Apr 11 8:00 am	Main Street Board (2nd Tuesday each month)	Welcome Center
Apr 11 8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm
Apr 13 10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conf Rm
Apr 18 5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
Apr 18 6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
Apr 19 1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
Apr 24 6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
Apr 27 6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room

Library Calendar of Events

Tales for Tots
with Jessica Hutcherson
Tuesdays, April 4, 11 & May 2, 16
at 10 a.m.

Story Time
with Renee Hanna
Wednesday, April 12 & May 10
at 9:30 a.m.

Early Bird Book Club
Tuesday, April 25
at 10:30 a.m.

Library Book Sale
Saturday, May 6
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
We are now accepting donations.

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.
The Library will be closed Sunday, April 16
for Easter.

For more info call (770) 464-2444

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

The drive-thru window at City Hall will be open April 24, 8:30 am - 4.30 pm.

Deposit Refunds for the month of April: Albert Clark, Fannie Mae Foundation, Rhonda McCarthy, Myrna Jimenez, Cody Steinburg

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