



Around the Well

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City Updates

Schedule for City Budget Comment and Approval

The Recommended City Budget for FY 2017-18 was presented at the May 16, 2017 Council Meeting. The Council will hold work sessions during June to review the budget. Opportunities for citizen comment are scheduled for June 13 at noon and 6:00 pm at the Community Room. Another opportunity for citizen comment and final action on the Budget is scheduled for the June 20, 2017 Council meeting at 6:30. The Recommended Budget is available online (<http://socialcirclega.gov/documents/fiscal-year-2017-2018-proposed-budget/>) and at City Hall.

Audible Siren Testing

The City will be conducting audible testing of the emergency response sirens at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of every month. The next test will be June 7. The alarms will sound and then announce that it is a test. The tests will not happen if there is possibility of bad weather to avoid confusion.

Burn Ban in Effect

A ban on outdoor burning begins May 1 and runs through Oct 30. During this time the Ga. Forestry Commission will not issue any burn permits for hand piled brush, yard debris, or Air Curtain Destructors. For more information, visit GaTrees.org.

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

IsoNova Breaks Ground on Project to Address Plant Odor ~ IsoNova broke ground on May 24, 2017 on a multimillion dollar project that will clean its plant emissions of particulate matter. The project is the installation of a large furnace called a regenerative thermal oxidizer that burns away the IsoNova plant's odor from the egg drying process. The project is expected to take about six months to become fully operational. The Mayor and Council worked with IsoNova's local leadership to push this project forward as quickly as possible, and they are glad to have achieved this good result. The City applauds IsoNova's commitment to the City to implement this project and we look forward to its completion and the resolution of this longstanding community concern.

Please No Garbage in Leaf and Brush Piles ~ City crews are out with two trucks to collect leaf and brush debris around the city. The regular pickup days will remain the same. If an area is not completed in a scheduled day, the crew will begin at the point they left off on the next scheduled day for that area. Citizens can assist in the efficiency of the collection by assuring that brush is piled separately from leaves and grass, and are not bagged. Please also ensure that there is no trash in the piles as it could damage the equipment.

Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) ~ GICH helps communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally-based housing and revitalization strategies. This is achieved through technical assistance, collaboration, and facilitation. Examples of initiatives that have been undertaken by communities as a result of their participation in GICH include targeting a distressed neighborhood for revitalization, developing multi-family tax credit apartments, and obtaining CDBG and CHIP grants for housing counseling, down payment assistance and sewer/water infrastructure improvements. For more information, contact City Manager, Adele Schirmer aschirmer@socialcirclega.com. If you are interested in participating in a Stakeholders Group to work on City Housing and Neighborhood issues, please let us know by the end of June.

City Code Inspections in Process ~ With the warmer weather and rains, the sound of lawnmowers is becoming a part of normal sounds around the city as everyone works to keep their yards looking great. One of the most important issues raised by our Social Circle residents is the appearance and condition of the neighborhoods and properties throughout the City. Educating our Citizens about the Code requirements for property maintenance is our first approach. If a resident needs help, we can suggest some volunteer or civic organizations. The USDA also has funding options for home repairs for qualified individuals. If you have a concern about a potential City Code violation, please contact Barbara Schlageter, Assistant City Clerk at (770) 464-6905, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com.

Downtown News

Name That Space! ~ Our event space needs a better name than 'the lot across from Ace' and we want residents to help name the City's new community space. The space will be transformed from a parking lot into a town green over the next two years as funding and community support allow. The one-acre park will offer a venue for events, a place for people to gather for lunchtime activities, a stage for live music in a gently sloping amphitheater, and the perfect spot for a farmer's market. Submit your creative and unique names to namethedowntownsquare@socialcirclega.com by June 30th. The Main Street Commission and Downtown Development Authority will recommend the top 10 to place on the City's website for community vote. Final approval will be made by City Council. The winner will be recognized at the grand opening ceremony.

New Businesses Coming Soon ~ Downtown Social Circle is growing! Keep an eye out for these new businesses coming soon to downtown: The White Rabbit Home & More had their soft opening on June 1 with a grand opening scheduled for July 1. They are located at 136 Sycamore Street in the space formerly occupied by Georgia Power. The Southern Way Salon and Gifts next door to Miller Insurance will open June 6. Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe on the corner where Wiley General Store was located is scheduled to open in June. Goodfellas restaurant on Sycamore is scheduled to open in July.

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Looking for Performers ♪ We are looking for musicians and other performers who would like to perform for free at city events throughout the year. Please email vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

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

School News

Congratulations to Redskin Spring Teams ♪ Girls soccer won the region and made it to the semi finals this year. Boys Golf finished second in the Area and placed tenth in state. Girls Golf finished 1st in the Area and finished fourth in state. Baseball finished second in the region.

Congratulations to the Social Circle High School Class of 2017!



Community Calendar

Coffee with the City Manager ♪ Come to the City Hall Conference room on Wednesday, June 7, 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.

Coffee with a Cop ♪ This month join us on Thursday, June 15 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am at the Police Station at 138 East Hightower Trail. 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!

Independence Day Celebration ♪ Our annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration will be held Saturday, July 1. The parade, featuring the Georgia National Guard Army Marching Band, will start at 5:00 pm at Ace Hardware and continue to Stephens Field. The Grand Marshal for the parade is Col (Retired) Bruce Chick. A new addition to the parade line up this year is decorated bikes, trikes and wagons. Trophies will be given for 'Most Creative', 'Most Patriotic' and 'Best Red, White and Blue'. Parade entry is free. The application is available at the Welcome Center or on the city website (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/independence-celebration/).

Activities at Stephens Field will start at 5:30. Activities include food vendors, inflatables and performances by the Army National Guard Band and Knox Chapel Choir. Local favorite, Drive Time Band, will take the stage at 7:30. Fireworks will start at 9:45 with a live radio broadcast by 88.9 The Reach. We are still accepting applications for arts and crafts vendors to sell during the concert after the parade. Vendor applications are available at the Welcome Center or on the web site (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/independence-celebration/). Follow our Downtown Social Circle, Georgia Facebook page for details and updates on the event.

We would like to thank our Independence Day Celebration sponsors:

Presenting sponsor: Immec

Goodyear, Isonova, Piedmont Newton, Pinnacle Bank, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Standridge, Foster Concrete, CertainTeed, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, MHB Paving, JK Design, TDS Auto, Church at the Grove, Social Circle ACE, B & HWrecker, Conner Smith Realty, Orwell Electronics LLC, Viper Security Technologies, Willy's Mex Mex Grill, Wayne McMillian, Goodfellas, Georgia Power, MS Foundation, Lemontree Academy, Stephens Oil, San Food and Gas, Dally Law, Edward Jones - Patrick Dally, Posner Family, Robert Foxworth, Councilman David and Penny Keener and Tim Hutcheson Agency

Social Circle Business Coffee Call ♪ Make plans to join us August 17th at 9:00 am at Rustic Home & Decor and Barbed Wire and Lace for our first Coffee Call of the year.

Friendship Festival October 7 ♪ Our 24th annual Friendship festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 and promises to be bigger and better than last year with more vendor spaces opening up. We are currently looking for vendors of all kinds. Booth spaces are discounted through August 31, 2017. You can find information on the Friendship Festival and vendor applications online (<http://socialcirclega.gov/city-events/friendship-festival/>) or at the Welcome Center.

City Calendar

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

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| June 8 10:00 am | Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month) | City Hall Conf Rm |
| June 12 7:00 pm | Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month) | Community Room |
| June 13 8:00 am | Main Street Board (2nd Tuesday each month) | Welcome Center |
| June 20 5:30 pm | Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month) | Community Room |
| June 20 6:30 pm | Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month) | Community Room |
| June 21 1:00 pm | Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month) | Community Room |
| June 22 6:00 pm | Tree Board (4th Thursday each month) | Community Room |
| June 25 6:00 pm | Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month) | Community Room |
| Jul 11 8:30 am | Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) | City Hall Conf Rm |

Library Calendar of Events

Summer Reading Program Events

Fridays @ 10:30 am:

June 2

Southern Diamond Ranch
Miniature Horses (Bring Cameras)

June 9

Esterline Foam Party (Wear Swim Suits)

June 16

SE Reptile Rescue

June 23

Moonwalk Xpress,
Mobile Interactive Science Museum
(Games)

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, June 27

at 10:30 a.m.

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.

For more info call (770) 464-2444

facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary
uncleremus.org/stanton

The drive-thru window at City Hall will be open Monday June 26, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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