



Around the Well

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City Updates

Alcova Roundabout

Construction on the roundabout is underway once again and should be completed soon. Please exercise caution when traveling through that area as there will be intermittent lane closures and redirection. For information on this project, please contact Barry Parsons, Public Works and Water Resources Director (770-464-2380).

Flag Retirement Drop-off

If your flag is looking faded or tattered after being flown proudly for the summer flag flying holidays, the DAR would like us to remind you that they can be dropped off at the Welcome Center where they will be collected for the next flag retirement ceremony. The Welcome Center is open M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and is located at 129 E Hightower Trail.

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 Aug 2. 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.

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

Code Compliance Update ~ The City of Social Circle Code Compliance Department would like to thank everyone for addressing their Code Compliance issues in a timely manner. We understand it has been raining this year and the grass grows back as fast as you cut it, so thanks to everyone for keeping Social Circle looking good for our citizens and visitors. Although many issues may be resolved within a matter of days, sometimes it may take up to 90 days to resolve to assure proper notices are given and property owners have an opportunity to fix the code issues. Please look for future notices here in the newsletter and our website, socialcirclega.gov.

Board Vacancies ~ Several of the City Social Circle boards have vacant positions that are open to residents of the city. At this time, there are vacancies on the City Main Street Commission, the Library Board, and the Cemetery Committee. The Main Street Commission supports businesses in our downtown area and helps to coordinate activities like the Independence Day Celebration and Back to School Bash. The Library Board oversees the W. H. Stanton Memorial Library, a part of the Uncle Remus Library System. The Cemetery Board oversees the maintenance and preservation of the City cemeteries. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards, please submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk- Susan Roper, PO Box 310, Social Circle GA 30025. The City Council will make appointments in January.

Sewer System Video Work In Progress ~ During the next few months a contractor for the City will be performing video camera work on the sewer systems around town. The contractors will be accompanied by City of Social Circle employees. We will announce dates and locations on the City Facebook page and web site.

Library Expansion Open Forum ~ The Library will hold two sessions to discuss and get feedback from our community on the upcoming renovation for our library. Please come and be a part of the process. Join us Thursday, August 17, 2 – 7 p.m. at the Library or Tuesday, August 22, 2 – 7 p.m. at the Community Room 138 E Hightower Trail.

Downtown News

New Businesses Coming Soon ~ Downtown Social Circle is growing! Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe on the corner where Wiley General Store was located opened July 6. The Willow Boutique and Salon, located in the Blue Willow Village, celebrated their Grand Opening July 22nd.

Seeking Volunteers ~ Do you have a love for Social Circle and enjoy meeting and talking with people? The Welcome Center is working to build their volunteer base and are looking for people with a heart for hospitality that would enjoy working in our Welcome Center a few hours a month. If interested, please email vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

School News

School Starts August 2 ~ The first day of school for the 2017-18 school year is Wednesday, August 2. Traffic around the schools and through town is typically very congested the first few weeks as everyone gets adjusted to the pickup and drop-off schedules. The Social Circle Police Department will have extra officers on hand to help direct traffic for the first few days. Please be patient and allow extra time to travel around town in the morning and afternoons.

Football Starts August 11 ~ Come out and support the Social Circle Redskins as they face East Jackson High School in a scrimmage game at home on August 11, at 7:30 pm. The first home game of the regular season will be September 1, at 7:30 pm against Monroe Area High School. There are still reserved red seats available. Your purchase of a red seat includes tickets to all home games and reserved parking in the lot by the stadium. Contact Kimberly Bailey at kbailey2323@gmail.com.

Have a great school year!

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Community Calendar

Coffee with the City Manager ☞ Come to the City Hall Conference room on Wednesday, August 2, 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 ☞ Join us on Thursday, August 17 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am at Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe, where Wiley General Store was located. 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!

Social Circle Business Coffee Call ☞ Would you like to meet fellow business owners from Social Circle and share what your business can offer to the community? If so, Merchant Coffee Call is the perfect networking opportunity for you! We will meet at a different location every THURSDAY beginning August 17th at 9am at Barbed Wired & Lace Boutique and Rustic Home & Decor. We will spotlight a different business each month. If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Call please email vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

Citizen Firearm Class ☞ The next Citizen Firearm class is scheduled for Saturday, October 21. This class is designed for those individuals that want to become familiar with how to properly use a firearm. This course will include classroom and range instruction. This course will also provide the legal and lawful explanation of the use of force. Watch for announcements when registration is open.

Friendship Festival October 7 ☞ Our 23rd 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. Payments should be made when the application is turned in.

Rotary Fair September 7 - 10 ☞ The Rotary Fair returns this year with a new company providing the rides and promises to be the best fair yet.

Chili Cook-off and Art in the Alley November 11 ☞ Our second annual Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, November 11 at the parking lot across from Ace. This year we will also host our first Art in the Alley to showcase local artists and to offer hands-on art projects.

Citizen Poll

We currently use several methods to communicate with the citizens of Social Circle including our Facebook pages, web site and the newsletter that is included with the utility bills each month. We are curious to learn how people are receiving City news and what other ways we might use to communicate with our citizens. Please answer the following questions and return to the Welcome Center (129 E Hightower Trail), email to survey@SocialCircleGa.com or mail to PO Box 310, Social Circle, Ga 30025.

How do you currently get information about what is going on with the city?

Newsletter with utility bill
 City web site
 City Facebook page
 Signs around town
 Word of mouth
 Other _____

How would you like to get information about what is going on in the city?

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 Other _____

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

August 8	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tuesday each month)	Welcome Center
August 10	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conf Rm
August 14	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
August 15	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
August 15	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
August 16	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
August 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
August 28	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
October 10	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

Library Calendar of Events

Tales for Tots
Tuesdays, August 1 & 15
at 10 am

Early Bird Book Club
Tuesday, August 29
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

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*facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary
uncleremus.org/stanton*

The drive-thru window at City Hall will be open Monday August 21, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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