



Around the Well

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City Updates

Utility Deposit Refunds

City Hall is looking for the following individuals for deposit refunds: Syrrian Mahoney, Lisa Lynam, Greg & Irene Goetze, Lori Couch

Bring one for the Chipper

Once you have finished enjoying your Christmas tree, recycle it! Bring it to the parking lot behind the Police Station between Dec 26 and Jan 6 and we will work with Keep Walton Beautiful to turn the tree into mulch.

Get involved

Are you interested in being more involved in what goes on in town? Several City Boards have available spots. Go to socialcirclega.gov/board-application/

If you are interested in volunteering in other ways, there are plenty of opportunities throughout the year. Go to socialcirclega.gov/volunteer/

Upcoming Events

Bring one for the Chipper

Until Jan 6, behind Police Dept
City Hall Closed

Monday, January 15

Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, January 16, 9 - 10 am
Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe

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

Teresa Duval Recognized as Employee Of the Year ~ Teresa Duval was recognized as the City of Social Circle's Employee of the Year for 2017 by the heads of the various departments within the City. Teresa, who works in payroll and accounts payable, was instrumental in changing insurance providers and in moving to a new financial system while keeping up with her day-to-day job with a smile and her characteristic patience.

Help the Library Grow ~ Our town is quickly outgrowing our library and they are working on plans to expand, but they need your help. A State Capital Outlay Grant is needed to complete funding for the project. You can help by sending emails or letters of support to our Georgia House Representative Bruce Williamson (bruce.williamson@house.ga.gov) - PO Box 430 Monroe GA 30655 or Georgia Senator Burt Jones (burt.jones@senate.ga.gov) - 407 E Second Street Jackson, GA 30233.

Friendly Reminder for the New Year ~ We hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the 2018 New Year. We would like to remind everyone that all new construction and building additions, alterations, and repairs require building permits. Building permit applications, trade permit applications, swimming pool applications, commercial permit applications are available on our website. Additionally, other items that require a permit include fences, walls and signs. We will be happy to help you if you are unsure whether or not what you are doing requires a permit. You can always get the latest permit information on the City's website: www.socialcirclega.gov.

Downtown News

Downtown Accomplishments for 2017 ~ Happy 2018 everyone! 2017 was a great year for downtown Social Circle. We had six new businesses open; Rustic Home & Décor, The White Rabbit, The Southern Way Salon and Gifts, Sacred Grounds Corner Café, The Willow Boutique and Gifts and Goodfellas Sports Bar & Grill. These six businesses created 45 new jobs with \$300,000 in private investment.

We held many successful events including the celebration of Georgia's Cities Week, The Taste of Social Circle, The Independence Day Celebration, Back to School Bash, Friendship Festival, Social Circle Christmas and Live Nativity. Two keys to the success for each event were our supportive sponsors who contributed financially and/or with their in-kind donations, and our volunteers who gave of their time and talents.

Looking for Sponsors ~ All the wonderful events we hold each year are made possible by donations from businesses and individuals around town. If you are interested in receiving more information about donating, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Friendship Park Update ~ During 2017 the 'lot across from ACE' was officially named 'Social Circle Friendship Park'. Friendship Park will be built in phases as money and resources are gathered. The first phase in developing the park into a community green space will be to break up the asphalt and create a space for events, concerts, and movies. If you own a business and would like to provide in-kind services that will help us move that along we would greatly appreciate your generosity. If you or your business would like to donate in honor or memory of a friend or family member we have a list of options available such as bricks, benches, the amphitheater/stage area, covered pavilion, trees, etc. For more information please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

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Welcome Center Exhibits Wanted ☺ We would like to regularly update the exhibits throughout the Welcome Center to inform residents and visitors about the history of our town and to spotlight the talents of our residents. We are looking for volunteers to update the displays and provide items that can be displayed. If you can help, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Community Calendar

Coffee with a Cop, January 16 ☺ Join us on Tuesday, January 16 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe. Come discuss concerns, ask questions and get to know your police officers. There will be no formal agenda, so come by when you can!

Social Circle Business Coffee Call, February 1 ☺ Meet fellow business owners from Social Circle and share what your business can offer to the community at our next Coffee Call on Thursday, February 1 at 9:00 am at The Southern Way Salon and Gifts (128 South Cherokee Road). For more information or if you are interested in hosting a Coffee Call, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Coffee with the City Manager, February 7 ☺ Stop by the City Hall conference room on Wednesday, February 7 any time between 8 am - 9 am, to visit with the City Manager and discuss any ideas or concerns you have about City business or just to chat.

Utility News

Sewer Line Upgrades in Progress ☺ The City of Social Circle has hired a contractor to replace the existing sewer lines in 3 locations: South Forest Avenue, Tower Road, and Spring Street. The Tower Road Project has been completed. The next area they will work on is Spring Street starting in early January. They will be working in the area behind the residence at 353 Spring Street. Once that is complete they will be working on the right of way in the front yards of the residences between 246 and 302 South Forest Avenue. The project is expected to be complete by February 1, 2018. The purpose of the project is to make the collection system a more efficient utility for the city's current and future needs. Should you have any questions or comments, please call Barry Parsons at bparsons@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-2380 or Jay Link at jlink@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-3781.

Citizen Poll

We would like to hear your thoughts on the City bus service. Please answer the following questions and return to the Welcome Center at 129 E Hightower Trail, email to survey@SocialCircleGa.com or mail to PO Box 310, Social Circle, Ga 30025.

What is your primary means of transportation within Social Circle?

Personal automobile Volunteer driver Friend, relative, or neighbor
 City bus Private service Other _____

If you do not use the City bus regularly, why not?

Limited hours of operation No service where I am or where I want to go
 I don't need it I don't know how to ride the bus
 I can't afford it I don't know about it
 I don't feel safe on the bus Other _____

Do you travel outside of Social Circle for any of the following reasons?

Medical visits Government business School Work
 If so, to which cities do you go? _____

City Calendar

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

January 8	5:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (time change) (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
January 8	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Organizational Meeting	Community Room
January 9	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Room
January 11	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conf Room
January 12	5:00 pm	Mayor and Council Annual Retreat	SC Middle/High School
January 13	8:00 am	Mayor and Council Annual Retreat	SC Middle/High School
January 16	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
January 16	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
January 17	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
January 22	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
January 25	7:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
January 29	1:00 pm	Main Street Commission (date change - retreat)	Church at the Grove

Library Calendar of Events

Tales for Tots

Mondays, January 8 and 22
at 10:00 a.m.

Story Time with Renee Hanna

Wednesday, January 10
at 9:30 a.m.

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, January 30
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.

The Library will be closed:

Monday, January 15, 2018

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uncleremus.org/stanton

For more info call (770) 464-2444

City Hall closed:

Monday, January 15

Drive-thru window open:

Monday, January 22, 8:30 am -
12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Siren Testing:

Wednesday, February 7, noon.

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