



Around the Well

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City Updates

FY2020 Budget Calendar

The City budget is available on the City web site. Public comment on the proposed budget document will be received at the May 21 council meeting. There will also be a public hearing opportunity at the June 18 council meeting.

Keep the Change

You now have the option of rounding up your utility bill to support two City programs throughout the year: Secret Santa and Back to School Bash. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of Secret Santa gifts, and Back to School Bash school supplies, equally. Simply check the box on your utility bill stating that the extra amount exceeding your bill is to go towards Keep the Change. Your change will make a big difference in our town!

Upcoming Events

Library Closed

Monday, May 5 - Tuesday, June 4

High School Graduation

Friday, May 24

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, June 5, 8:00 - 9:00 am
City Hall Porch

Library Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, June 5, 3:00 pm
407 W Hightower Trail

Library Summer Reading Program

Kick-off

Friday, June 7

Library

Independence Celebration

Saturday, June 29
Parade: Downtown, 10 am
Concert & Fireworks: Stephens Park, 5 pm

Back to School Bash

July 25 (tentative)
Downtown

25th Annual Friendship Festival

Saturday, October 5
Downtown

Kiwanis Chili Cook-off

Saturday, October 26

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

Your Input Needed for Sidewalk and Trail Master Plan ☞ We want your input on planning for sidewalks and trails throughout the City! Please complete this questionnaire: (<https://796044.survey.fm/social-trails-sidewalks>). If your club, HOA, or group would like to mark up a map and respond to a survey with your suggestions, please contact Barbara Schlageter at bschlageter@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-6905. We will provide you the materials. Bring us back your thoughts by the end of May.

Annual Summer Burn Ban in Effect ☞ A ban on outdoor burning runs from May 1 through Oct 30 in 54 Georgia counties, including Walton County. The GA Forestry Commission will not issue any burn permits for hand piled brush, yard debris, or air curtain destructors. During the hot summer months, ground level ozone increases, which can negatively impact air quality and people's health. Burning yard and land clearing debris may produce smoke and particulate matter that are linked to lung and heart disease in humans. For more information, visit GaTrees.org.

Library to Close May 13; Grand Re-opening June 5 ☞ The W. H. Stanton Memorial Library is excited to announce that our renovation project is almost complete! The library will be closed from Monday, May 13th through Tuesday, June 4th in order to start moving into our new facility. However, we invite you to visit our other Walton County libraries in Walnut Grove, Monroe, or Loganville during this transition. All citizens and community members are cordially invited to attend our ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration on Wednesday, June 5th at 3pm!

Social Circle PD Receives State Certification ☞ The City of Social Circle Police Department received their State Certification on April 1. Certification status represents a significant professional achievement and acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

Social Circle Ranked as 25th Safest City in the State ☞ Social Circle was ranked by Safewise, a pioneer in unbiased home security reviews, as the 25th safest city in Georgia. Their 2019 report of The 50 Safest Cities in Georgia uses FBI crime report statistics and population data to calculate the number of violent crimes and property crimes per 1,000 residents. Last year, Social Circle was ranked 50th and 2017, 25th.

Census 2020 is Coming: Be Counted! ☞ Every 10 years, we count every resident in the United States. The census counts our population and households which provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs — impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy. Social Circle will receive \$2300 a year for 10 years for each person in our City. Please follow the newsletter and our website (socialcirclega.gov) for future announcements and education programs for the Census 2020.

Please Get a Permit If ... ☞ Spring has sprung in Social Circle and residents are working on their yards. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into making our town look good. If your spring sprucing up includes adding storage buildings, fences, pools, or additions to your house, you will need to get a permit for the work. To find out what permits are needed, please contact Barbara Schlageter, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6905.

Social Circle Needs You! ☞ We have several boards and commissions with vacancies. If you would like to contribute to your community with your talents, interest, or expertise, please see SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/ to submit an application.

Utility News

Utilities cut off by mistake? ☞ To better serve you, we now have an after-hours number you can call if you believe your City of Social Circle utilities were cut off by mistake. Please call 770-464-6938 and leave a message with your name, phone number, account number and address and someone will get back with you to confirm your payment was made in time and make arrangements for your utilities to be restored. Payments made after 4:30 pm on cut-off days will be credited to your account the next day and an order made to restore your utilities at that time.

Dispose of Grease and Oil Properly ☞ Dumping large amounts of oil and grease in wastewater can cause sewer lines to clog, wastewater treatment plant problems and environmental concerns. Please throw used grease into the trash after it has solidified. For more information, please call City Hall 770-464-2380.

No Garbage Pick-up on Memorial Day ☞ There will be no garbage pick-up on Monday, May 27. Garbage service will be delayed by a day the rest of the week.

Downtown News

Downtown is Open for Business 🌀 While the bridge construction is going on from now until October, S Cherokee will be closed at the bridge but downtown businesses are open and ready to serve you! Please follow the detour signs posted around town to make your way downtown to shop or dine.

Saturday Concerts in the Park 🌀 We are looking for musicians who would like to perform for the Saturday Concerts in the Park. The concerts will be held on Saturday evenings from 5-8 pm in the park beside the post office. Please contact Amber McKibben at amckibben@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Welcome Center News 🌀 Come by and check out the art exhibit by Kristen Westrick. Many items are for sale. The Welcome Center, located at 129 E Hightower Trail, is open M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am - 3:00pm.

Social Circle Idol Competition Canceled 🌀 The Social Circle Idol competition for this year has been canceled. Keep an eye out for information about next year's competition! For information contact independence.idol@gmail.com or amckibben@socialcirclega.com.

Community Calendar

Library Summer Reading Program Kicks-off June 7 🌀 Following our grand opening, we will be kicking off our Summer Reading Program, "A Universe Of Stories," with our first program on Friday, June 7th. This summer will be filled with magicians, animal shows, a children's Jedi training class, guest speakers, and an inflatable planetarium, just to name a few. We are still looking for sponsors for these amazing programs, so if you or someone you know may be interested in supporting a program and furthering children's literacy, please contact Amy Hicks at amy@uncleremus.org.

- June 7, 10:30 am Southeastern Reptile Rescue Program
- June 11, 10:30 am "Where The Wild Things Are" story time and craft. Make your own nature based crown.
- June 12, 10:30 am Ace Home Center Gardening Workshop. Come plant your own flower to take home and enjoy a story.
- June 14, 10:00 am Sam's Path Petting Zoo

Independence Celebration, June 29 🌀 Make plans to join us for this year's Independence Celebration to be held Saturday, June 29. This year's celebration is shaping up to be bigger and better than last year's! We are looking for vendors, parade participants and sponsors. Look for more details about the events scheduled in next month's newsletter, on Facebook and the City web site. Please contact Amber McKibben for information: amckibben@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-1866.

Back to School Bash 🌀 Plans are underway for the fourth annual Back to School Bash to be held tentatively July 25, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm downtown. You can help support the Back to School Bash by rounding up your City of Social Circle utility bill. All the money donated will be split between the Back to School Bash and the Fire Department's Secret Santa. The money that goes to the Back to School Bash will be used to purchase school supplies to be given to Social Circle school children to get them ready for the school year. We will also be accepting donations at City Hall and the Welcome Center. Contact Amber McKibben for more information: amckibben@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-1866.

Friendship Festival, October 5 🌀 Vendor registration is open for our 25th Annual Friendship Festival scheduled for October 5 from 10 am - 4 pm. Please visit socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/ for links to applications as well as a link to pay for your booth online. Early bird booth prices are \$75 for vendors, \$50 for non-profits and \$140 for food vendors through August 31. For more information contact friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com.

School News

Congratulations SCHS Class of 2019!

We wish you the greatest success in your future!

City Calendar

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

May 14	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month)	Church at the Grove
May 14	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	BOE Conf Rm
May 14	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Community Room
May 15	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
May 21	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
May 21	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
May 27	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
May 23	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room
June 13	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
Jul 11	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thurs in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: Monday, May 27, Thursday, July 4, Monday, Sept 2, Thursday, Nov 28, Friday, Nov 29, Tuesday, Dec 24, and Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019.

Library Calendar of Events

Early Bird Book Club

Canceled for May
Make plans to join us June 25

Tales for Tots

Thursdays, May 2, 16, and 30,
10:30 a.m., Church at the Grove

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, May 13 - Tuesday, June 4 to move into the newly expanded site.

Grand Opening Celebration:
June 5 at 3:00 pm.

Summer Reading Program kick-off:
Friday, June 7

Like us on Facebook:

W. H. Stanton Memorial Library

Find us at our temporary location until May 13:
216 Village Circle

On June 5, we will reopen at our permanent location:
407 W Hightower Trail
(770) 464-2444

Ride the bus to go to medical and government locations in Monroe and Covington M-F mornings. Local rides available 1st & 3rd Saturdays.
Call 770-464-2953 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

Utility and Tax Payment Options

In-person at City Hall:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone:

1-877-840-5562

Online:

socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-thru:

May 24, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

May 28 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
May 29 - Cut-off
May 30 - April utility payment due date
May 31 - Late fees applied

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