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City Updates

FY2020 Budget Calendar

The City budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year will be presented during the regular City Council meeting on April 16 and will be made available on the City web site. Public comment on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be received at the April 16 council meeting. 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.

Upcoming Events

Taste of Social Circle
Friday, April 12, 6 - 9 pm
Downtown

City-wide Clean-up

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 am Community Room

City Hall Closed

Friday, April 19

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 10 am - 12 pm Social Circle Elementary School

SCES Spring Festival

Friday, April 26, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Social Circle Elementary School

 ${\it Coffee with the City Manager and HPC}\\$

Wednesday, May 1, 8-9 am City Hall Porch

City-wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 4

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

Utility Bill Keep the Change Program Starting with this month's utility bill, you will have the option of rounding up your utility bill to support two City programs: Secret Santa and Back to School Bash. The Secret Santa program is organized by the City's dedicated public safety departments. Gifts are purchased and donated for families in need during the Christmas Holiday. The Back to School Bash is a city Main Street event that helps to provide necessary supplies to students prior to the beginning of each school year. This Keep the Change program will give you the option to donate to these events throughout the year! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of Secret Santa gifts, and Back to School Bash School Supplies, equally. There are no administrative fees or costs. Simply check the box on your utility bill stating that the extra amount exceeding your bill is to go towards Keep the Change and include whatever additional payment you would like. There will also be a donation bank available in the lobby of City Hall. Whether it is 50 cents or \$5, you are helping make a difference in our community, and we greatly appreciate it! Thank you for helping to build Georgia's Greatest Little Town!

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.

Public Neighborhood Information Meeting April 11 ≈ The Jubilee PUD as approved by Social Circle in 2002 contemplated a "traditional village" with a variety of housing types, including multi family, townhomes and cottages. There were three phases to the Jubilee PUD. One Street Residential is proposing a Zoning Amendment to the Phase II area of the Jubilee PUD to eliminate 50 Single Family lots and 20 Townhome units and replace them with 66 duplex units (33 buildings), and 4 single family units, each restricted to seniors 55 and older. A Public Neighborhood Information meeting will be held on April 11, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Middle School Activity Center located at 154 Alcova Drive. This Public Information meeting is an opportunity for any interested party to obtain information about the zoning amendment prior to the public hearing process and consideration of the application by the Planning Commission and City Council. For more information see socialcirclega.gov/documents/jubilee-public-notice-april-11-2019/

Census 2020 is Coming: Be Counted! The City of Social Circle will be developing a work plan to let everyone know how important it is to be counted in our City. The City will be including our Business Community as well as our Residential Community. The City will be setting up a Complete Count Committee. Please follow the newsletter and our website (www.socialcirclega.com) for future announcements and educations programs for the Census 2020.

Library Grand Opening June 5 The W. H. Stanton Memorial Library is excited to announce our grand opening and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 3:00 pm. To move into our new facility, the library will close on Monday, May 13th and will remain closed until June 5th. We are also excited to have our Tales-For-Tots program back on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Since we are unable to house the event at our current facility, the event is graciously being held next door at the Church at the Grove, 200 Village Circle, Social Circle GA 30025. Tales-For-Tots will continue through the library's closure at the Church of the Grove and will move back to the W. H. Stanton Memorial Library after the grand opening. Thanks again for the continued support from the community and City of Social Circle. We can't wait for you to enjoy our larger and beautifully renovated space!

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Community Calendar

4th Annual Taste of Social Circle Social Social Circle Ion us Friday, April 12 from 6-9 pm Downtown for a night of good food, family fun, music and more. Local restaurants will be serving food and shops will be open for business. For more information about participating, donating, or volunteering, please contact mainstreet@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Everyone is Invited to Help Clean up Our City & Please join us for our Spring City-wide Clean-up Saturday, April 13 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), snacks and coffee are provided. Find out more at www.socialcirclega.gov.

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 26-28. 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

Coffee with the City Manager and HPC, May 1 Stop by City Hall on Wednesday, May 1 any time between 8 am - 9 am, to have refreshments with the City Manager and members of HPC in celebration of Historic Preservation month. Information will be available on the City's history and historic district preservation guidelines.

City-wide Yard Sale, May 4 ≈ The City-wide yard sale will be held Saturday May 4. 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.

Independence Celebration, June 29 Plans are underway for this year's Independence Celebration and it looks to be bigger and better than last year's! Look for more details in next month's newsletter, Facebook and the City web site.

School News

Title I Request for Input & Its that time of year again and we need all of our parents to chime in on our 2019-2020 Title 1 documents for the upcoming school year! We need feedback on our School Improvement Plan, Student, Teacher, Parent compact and Family Engagement Plan. We will host numerous opportunities for parents to come and give their ideas. One on one meetings are also available by appointment. All Title 1 documents are listed on our school website. If you need paper copies, we will be happy to provide them. Please contact Yolondias. Colquitt@socialcircleschools.org for additional information.

Spring Festival April 26 Social Circle Elementary School PTO will be hosting their third annual Spring Festival on Friday, April 26th, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the school's campus. Admission is free and the purchase of a wristband (\$5 pre-order, \$8 at the door) will grant children of all ages unlimited access to our spectacular Jump Zone and festival games. We will also have a Toddler Zone for our little ones. Concessions will be sold, as well as a cake walk, and 50/50 money raffle. We can't wait to see you there!

The Bus will take any Social Circle citizen to medical and government locations in Monroe and Covington M-F mornings. Call 770-464-2953 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

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

April 9	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month)	Church at the Grove	
April 9	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	BOE Conf Rm	
April 9	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Community Room	
April 11	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thurs in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm	
April 11	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm	
April 16	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room	
April 16	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room	
April 17	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room	
April 22	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room	
April 25	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room	
City Hall will be closed: Friday, Apr 19 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

Tuesday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m. Location: Call for directions

Tales for Tots

Thursdays, April 11 and April 25 at 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.

Like us on Facebook: W. H. Stanton Memorial Library

Find us at our temporary location: 216 Village Circle behind the Blue Willow Inn Restaurant (770) 464-2444

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:

April 18, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit:

available 24/7. **Do not deposit cash**.

Dates:

April 22 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off April 24 - Cut-off

April 29 - April utility payment due date April 30 - Late fees incurred

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