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City Updates

Budget Presentation Schedule

The City budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year will be presented during the City Council work session on April 17, 2018 and will be made available on the City web site. Public comment on the proposed budget document will be received by City Council at the May 15th council meeting. There will also be a public hearing opportunity at the June 19 council meeting.

Seeking Volunteers

All the wonderful events we hold each year are made possible through the help of our wonderful volunteers. If you are interested in receiving more information volunteering, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Upcoming Events

Taste of Social Circle
Friday, April 20th, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Friendship Park

Downtown Draw Down thru the Decades

Friday, May 4, 6:00pm Standridge Conference/Banquet Room

City-wide Yard Sale Saturday, May 5

To suggest a news topic, an update topic or to submit news items of community interest, please email aroundthewell@socialcirclega.com **Library Renovation Coming to Social Circle Starting this Summer** The Georgia State Legislature approved funds that will allow the W. H. Stanton Memorial Library expansion project to move to construction. The City's SPLOST funds from 2012-2018 totaling \$500,000 along with the approved state funding have made this project possible. We are grateful to Representative Bruce Williamson, Senator Burt Jones, and Governor Deal for their support. The City is also grateful for the assistance of library Board Members, Mayor Dally, Mayor Pro Tempore David Keener, the City Council members, and active community residents including Wayne McMillan, Dr. Allen, and many others. During construction the library will be temporarily operating at the former Boys & Girls Club building at 169Thurman Baccus Rd. To view images of the proposed renovations, please visit https://socialcirclega.gov/library-renovation-coming-to-social-circle-starting-this-summer

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, 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.

Utility Billing Update This month's utility bills have the final format under the new system. Please note that under the new system, your billing account number has changed. If you have bill pay set up with your bank, please update your account to reflect the new account number to ensure there are no issues with processing your payment. The new account will have this format: xxx-xxxxx-xx. The old format was xxxxx-xxxxx. If you have any questions, please call City Hall, 770-464-2380.

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.

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 20-22. 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

Hydrant Flushing № The Social Circle Fire Department will begin flow testing fire hydrants starting Monday April 9. Testing will run through Friday, April 13. Fire Crews will test between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The fire hydrant flow testing will affect streets in all areas of the city. During flow testing you may experience discolored water caused by the opening of the fire hydrants. If you experience discolored water you can clear it by opening a faucet and letting it run until the water clears.

Walton County Citizen Alert Notifications & Walton County has launched a mass notification service that will alert you to potential safety hazards or concerns, such as severe weather, tornadoes, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You can choose which alerts you want to receive and whether to receive alerts via calls to your home, mobile or business phones, or messages by email address or text messages. There is no charge for this service and you can opt out at any time. To sign up, go to http://www.waltoncountyga.gov/ and click on the EVERBRIDGE logo in the Quick links box.

Downtown News

New Restaurant Opening Soon & Buckeye's will be returning to Social Circle! They will be opening at their location on the corner of S Cherokee Rd and Sycamore Street. They plan to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

3rd Annual Taste of Social Circle Social **Circle** Join us Friday, April 20 from 6-10 pm at Friendship Park for a night of good food, family fun, music and more. If you are interested in receiving more information about participating, donating, or volunteering, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

City-wide Yard Sale ≈ The City-wide yard sale will be held Saturday May 5. 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.

Downtown Draw Down A great new fundraiser is coming up May 4th and we need your help! Enjoy a night of dancing to music from your favorite decades and help to raise money to spruce up downtown. Tickets are \$100/couple and get you dinner and a chance to win the grand prize. Only 300 tickets will be sold! Names will be drawn throughout the night and the last name drawn could win up to \$5000. Money raised through the Downtown Draw Down will help Main Street purchase new benches, planter boxes, banners/hardware and more to spruce up the downtown area. To purchase tickets, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Independence Celebration, June 30 & 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.

Community Calendar

Coffee with the City Manager, May 2 Stop by the City Hall conference room on Wednesday, May 2 any time between 8 am - 9 am, to visit with the City Manager to discuss any ideas or concerns you have about City business, historic preservation or just to chat.

Social Circle Business Coffee Call, May 3 Meet fellow business owners from Social Circle and share what your business can offer to the community at our next Coffee Call on Thursday, May 3 at 9:00 am at Social Circle Schools Board of Education Office. 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.

School News

March Redskin Awards ≈ Social Circle City Schools presented their Redskin awards to the following students in their March School Board Meeting: Ella Fincher, Social Circle Primary School; Charles Hagan, Social Circle Elementary School; Brooke McQueen, Social Circle Middle School; Ashley Clegg, Social Circle High School. Congratulations to these students for their achievements!

City Calendar

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

Canceled		ed	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
	April 10	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	City Hall Training Room
	April 12	8:30 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conf Room
	April 17	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
	April 17	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
	April 18	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
	April 23	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
	April 26	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
	July 10	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Room

Library Calendar of Events

Tales for Tots

Mondays, April 2 and 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Summer Schedule: Every Tuesday in May, June, and July!!

Story Time with Renee Hanna

Wednesday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, April 24 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.

facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary uncleremus.org/stanton For more info call (770) 464-2444

Drive-thru window open:

Monday, April 16, 8:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Siren Testing:

Wednesday, May 3, noon.

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