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City Updates

Utility Bill Improvements Coming in March

Starting in March, your utility bill will have a new look as upgrades to the City's financial system take effect. The changes will allow City Staff to more efficiently and accurately handle payments and questions.

Please note that during February, some of the due dates will change. The date changes are necessary to make the transition from old software to new, however they are temporary and our normal schedule should resume in April.

Please make note of the dates below as some are different from our normal schedule:

- Feb 19 Drive-thru open
- Feb 21 Last day to pay to avoid cut off for delinquent accounts
- Feb 22 Cut off for delinquent accounts
- Feb 23 Due Date for current accounts
- Feb 24 Late fees
- Mar 5 Bills issued on new system

IsoNova Update The RTO installation was completed on schedule and is currently in operation. Hopefully, you have noticed a significant improvement in the odor generated by the IsoNova plant. The RTO works by burning off the particulate matter generated by their processes. The heat of the furnace affects how much matter is burned and the amount of smell generated and adjustments may need to be made under various weather conditions, like temperature and humidity. IsoNova will be monitoring conditions and making adjustments as needed. If you notice a smell, please contact the City Manager, Adele Schirmer, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

Burks Field Park Update A public meeting was held on February 2nd at Burks Field to get input from the public on the design of the play area. Staff will be taking the input from that meeting to create the final plans for the park and asking for competitive bids. The park will be built this spring or summer. For more information, please contact Barry Parsons at bparsons@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6912.

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 in early March. They plan to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

2018 Downtown Events Scheduled The Main Street Commission has announced dates for their 2018 events. The event season will kick-off on April 20 with our Third Annual Taste of Social Circle. A new event this year will be the Downtown Draw Down Fundraiser on May 11. Our Independence Day Celebration, scheduled for June 30, promises to be our biggest and best yet! We will send the students back to school ready to learn with school supplies at the Back to School Bash on July 30. The 24th Annual Friendship Festival will be October 6. We will start the holiday season on November 30 with the lighting of the tree at the Social Circle Christmas. For more information or to volunteer on these or other exciting downtown happenings, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

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

Walton County Bicentennial Celebrations № We helped to kick-off the year long Walton County Bicentennial Celebrations by welcoming the new Walton County Bicentennial flag through town on its tour of the county. We appreciate everyone who participated, and want to especially thank Mr. Benny Ray Anderson for the train ride to Pleasant Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Little for the tractor ride to Good Hope. There will be more events throughout the year. Visit Walton 200.com for details of events throughout the county.

Exhibits Wanted We would like to have exhibits at the Welcome Center showing the history of our town and the talents of our residents. If you have items that can be displayed, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

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

Community Calendar

Coffee with a Cop, February 20 So Join us on Tuesday, February 20 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at the Police Department. 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, March 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, March 1 at 9:00 am at The Social Circle Theater. 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, March 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.

Police Department News

Spring Citizen Police Academy Registration Open The Social Circle Police Department will hold their first Citizen Police Academy (CPA) starting in April 3. The CPA will meet one evening a week for five weeks and then one Saturday and will give citizens a hands-on look at the daily activities of our police officers. Applicants are required to be twenty-one (21) years of age and must provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance into the program is subject to review of the applicant's background, including a criminal history inquiry. There is no charge for the course. For more information please contact Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or e-mail at rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

School News

Pre-K Registration ≈ Social Circle Primary School's 2018-2019 Pre-K Registration will be held Thursday, February 22nd from 3:00-5:30 pm in the Gym. Please bring your child's Social Security card, your driver's license, proof of immunizations, and copy of the hearing, vision, dental and nutrition form.

January Redskin Awards ≈ Social Circle City Schools presented their Redskin awards to the following students in their January School Board Meeting: Obama Latimore from SCPS received the award for Citizenship; Mason Cuendet from SCES received the award for Leadership and Citizenship; Ava Jones from SCMS received the award for Leadership and Achievement; Sarah Marie Jenovese from SCHS received the award for Leadership and Citizenship. Congratulations to these students for their achievements!

Utility News

Water System Upgrades Planned Construction will begin later this spring on improvements to the water system in the Clark Street, North Cherokee Road area. These upgrades will improve water flow in the area. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Barry Parsons at bparsons@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6912.

Leaf and Brush Collection The spring spruce-up season is about to start and we want to remind you that you can assist in the efficiency of the collection by assuring that brush is piled at the curb and separated from leaves and grass. Please also ensure that there is no trash in the piles.

City Calendar

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

February 8 10:00 am Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month) City Hall Conf Room
February 12 7:00 pm Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month) Community Room

February 13 8:00 pm
February 20 5:30 pm
February 20 6:30 pm
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February 21 1:00 pm
February 22 7:00 pm
February 26 6:00 pm
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February 27 7:00 pm
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February 28 6:00 pm
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February 20 6:00 pm
February 20 6:00 pm

April 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, February 5 and 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Story Time with Renee Hanna

Wednesday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, February 27 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:

Wednesday, February 21 for Staff Development Training

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Drive-thru window open:

Monday, February 19, 8:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Siren Testing:

Wednesday, March 7, noon.

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