



Around the Well

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City Updates

Smoke Alarm Checkups

The time change on Sunday, November 4 is a good time to remember to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors batteries.

Leaf and Brush Pickup

It's fall and time to start raking and collecting leaves. The City of Social Circle will follow their leaf and brush pickup schedule through the end of December. For more information, see our website (socialcirclega.gov/services/utilities/leaf-and-brushcollection/) or call City Hall at (770) 464-2380.

Trash and Recycling

Having issues with your garbage or recycling service? Call City Hall at (770) 464-2380. We are committed to ensuring our residents receive excellent service. Please do NOT call Advanced Disposal. **No garbage or recycling pick up on Thurs, November 22. Pickup will be delayed by one day the rest of the week.**

Upcoming Events

Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 24

Chili Cook-Off & Tail Gate Party

Saturday, November 24

Social Circle Christmas & Tree Lighting

Friday, November 30

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, December 5, 8-9 am
City Hall Conference Room

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

City Hall Thanksgiving Food Drive ~ Join the Social Circle City Hall Thanksgiving Food Drive to help families in need. Bring donations to the box located at City Hall until November 16, 2018. We will accept any non-perishable food items. We will also be collecting food for Christmas.

Fire Department's Secret Santa ~ Make Christmas Brighter This Year for Social Circle Kids! Please support the Social Circle Fire Department's Secret Santa by donating money (checks payable to Social Circle Secret Santa) or new toys. Drop off new toys any time all year long at SC Fire Department. You can take monetary donations to the Fire Department or to Pinnacle Bank.

Mayors' Christmas Motorcade ~ The City of Social Circle will be doing its part to make the holiday season special for residents of Georgia's hospitals serving persons with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs by participating in the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade program. The program relies on citizen participation to donate gifts for the patients, many of whom would not receive gifts or be recognized without this program. Donations will be accepted at City Hall and the Welcome Center. See the City website for a list of requested items. For more information, please contact Jenny Watt, jlwatt@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-1866.

Help Low-income Georgians Stay Warm This Winter ~ Each year, thousands of low-income Georgians struggle to pay their heating bills. The City of Social Circle is partnering with the Heating Energy Assistance Team (HEAT), Inc., a nonprofit organization that is Georgia's oldest statewide fuel fund. Your tax-deductible gift to HEAT will help an elderly couple living on a fixed income, or a single parent caring for small children or a family whose primary bread winner lost a job. To donate visit heatga.org or send donations by mail. Make your donation (check or money order) payable to HEAT and mail to HEAT, P.O. Box 451008, Atlanta, GA 31145. For more information, call HEAT at 678-406-0212 or visit heatga.org.

Traffic Signal Timing Adjustment Improves Morning Traffic Flow ~ The timing for the traffic signal downtown has been adjusted to improve the flow of traffic on West Hightower Trail during the morning school drop-off times. We hope this encourages drivers to use the West Hightower Trail route instead of the Memorial Drive route. We will monitor traffic at Memorial and South Cherokee. If traffic backups continue to be excessive at that location, we will consider restriction of left turns at that intersection between 7:30 am and 8:00 am. We appreciate your patience and attention to safety during the morning school traffic periods. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Police Chief Oliver or City Manager Adele Schirmer.

Social Circle Needs You! ~ In January of each year, the Mayor and Council appoint community members to a number of volunteer Boards and Commissions to provide recommendations and input. There are currently openings on several boards, including the Tree Board. 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 and learn more about what each of the boards does.

Construction Projects Update ~ **N Cherokee Sidewalk:** Curb, gutter, driveway, and sidewalk construction is underway near the City Hall entrance. From Holly St north the existing sidewalk will be replaced in its current location. At the Pinnacle Bank corner, a much larger pedestrian plaza will be constructed with brick banding and improved pedestrian route delineation past the ATM machine. Underground electrical conduit is being installed for future pedestrian style street lighting. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. **N Cherokee Water Line:** New hydrants and valves are being installed as they progress. The new 12" water main will be completed to the entrance of Heritage Park by mid November, and the Heritage Park main replacement will be completed by the end of the year. **Library:** Work continues on schedule. The new concrete for the new addition is complete and currently framing is being installed for the new addition. Water and sewer will be connected in early November. **S Cherokee Water, and Sewer relocation:** Contractors were given notice to proceed October 15 and are gathering materials and staging equipment. **Malcom and Fairplay Drive water and sewer project:** The water line and hydrants are complete with a passing pressure test. Currently contractor is laying new sewer main. **Citizens are urged to be mindful of workers and obey all construction signs for the safety of the workers and citizens.**

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City Accepted into GICH Partnership Program ☞ The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Partnership selected the City of Social Circle to participate in the GICH program. The communities in the 2018 class include: Arlington, Centerville, Conyers, Smyrna, and Social Circle. GICH offers communities a three-year program of collaboration and technical assistance related to housing and community development. The objective of the Initiative is to help communities create and launch a locally based plan to meet their housing needs. For more information on this initiative or to become involved, please contact Adele Schirmer at aschirmer@socialcirclega.com or call 770-464-6901.

Downtown News

City-Wide Clean-Up ☞ Thank you to everyone who came out on September 29th for the City-wide Clean-Up. We had one of our biggest turnouts ever! We estimate that we had over 150 volunteers who picked up over 100 bags of trash.

The Welcome Center will be closed for repairs from 11/7 - 11/23.

Community Calendar

Register Now for Social Circle Citizen Academy! ☞ Want to learn more about the City? This is an interactive program that focuses on educating citizens about the City's governmental operations. Elected officials and City staff will host unique and informative sessions designed to give a hands on inside look into City operations. You will learn about the City Advisory Committees and Commissions and get an inside look of the City Budget development process. The class will meet the first Tuesday each month from November through May from 6 to 8 pm. If you are interested in this program please complete the application, which is available online and at City Hall. The program will be limited to 10 participants, and is anticipated to be offered annually. For more information please contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

Chili Cook-off and Tail Gate Party November 24 ☞ Social Circle Main Street is partnering with Kiwanis of Social Circle in their inaugural UGA vs. GA Tech Tailgate party and Chili Cook-off to be held Saturday, November 24 at Friendship Park. Cooking will start at 8 am and gates will open to the public at noon. Tasting tickets will be \$6/person. We will be showing the game on a big screen at the event. We are looking for cooking teams and vendors to participate. For more information contact Jenny Watt, jlwatt@socialcirclega.com, call (770) 464-1866 or visit SocialCircleGA.gov/downtown-events/chili-cook-off/

Social Circle Christmas and Tree Lighting ☞ You're invited to join us Downtown for Social Circle Christmas Friday, November 30th from 6:00 -9:00 pm. Activities will include a visit with Santa, lighting of the Christmas Tree in Friendship Park, train rides, Christmas crafts, decorated cookie station, carolers, s'mores and more! The Downtown shops will be open to assist you with your Christmas shopping. If you or your business would like to participate please contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

School News

Veterans Day Programs Scheduled ☞ Please make plans to join us for our annual Veteran's day Ceremonies on November 9th. Elementary beginning at 9 am and Middle & High School beginning at 1:30 pm.

Girls Softball State Champs ☞ Congratulations to our Social Circle Lady Redskins Softball team. GHSA State Champions in Class AA Fast Pitch Softball!

The City Bus is now going to Monroe and Covington every morning Monday - Friday. Please call 770-464-2953 to learn more or to schedule a ride. Rides must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

City Calendar

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

November 8	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board & Planning Meeting	Church at Stanton Springs
November 12	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
November 20	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
November 20	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
November 26	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
November 28	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday) [Rescheduled]	Community Room
November 29	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month) [Rescheduled due to holiday]	Community Room
December 13	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
January 8	6:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: Thursday, November 22, Friday, November 23, Friday, December 14 from 12:00-4:30, Monday, December 24, Thursday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Library Calendar of Events

As of this printing, AT&T is right outside my office door! Any time now, the computers for patrons will become available. Please call us daily (770-464-2444) to see if they are up and running! We still have access to thousands of books due to our membership in the biggest consortium in the world: PINES of Georgia. So, come and see us and enjoy the benefits

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, November 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Member's home. Call for directions

The Library will be closed Sunday, November 11 for Veterans Day & Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23, for Thanksgiving Holidays

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.

Utility and Tax Payment Options

City Hall: M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 1-877-840-5562

Online: socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-thru: Monday,

November 26, 8:30 am - noon and

1 - 4 pm

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