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# **City Updates**

### City Wins Keep Georgia Beautiful Award

The City of Social Circle has won second place in the Litter Prevention Award category in the Keep Georgia Beautiful 2017 Awards Program for the City-Wide Clean-up Program. Much thanks to Madeline Burgess, the founder of the program and our citizens for making this award possible.

### 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-brush-collection/) or call (770) 464-2380.

# Smoke Alarm Checkups

The time change on Sunday, November 5 is a good time to remember to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors batteries.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Chili Cook-off and Art in the Alley
Canceled

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 19th, 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church

Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 25th

Social Circle Christmas

Saturday December 1st, 4:00 - 8:00 pm, City Hall

Live Nativity

Sunday December 10th, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Downtown

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

### **Downtown News**

**Goodfellas Opens** & Goodfellas Sports Bar and Grill is open! Goodfellas is located at 198 Sycamore Street. Their menu is loaded with burgers, wings, pizza, sandwiches, salads and more. Hours are Monday — Saturday 11:00am-10:30pm and Sunday noon until 10:00pm. Stop by with your friends and give it a try!

### School News

**Raiders Compete at State Finals** Saturday, October 21, Social Circle Raiders placed 3rd place in the Raider Fitness Challenge and the 3.1 mile team run at Grayson High School (Ram tough challenge) finishing 2nd overall in the Area. They qualified for State Finals for the second year in a row! On Saturday, October 28, they took 3rd place on the Cadet Physical Fitness challenge and ran their fastest 3 mile team run with a 23 minute and 30 second finish. The Raiders team finished 4th place overall in Tier II with a mixed team (male/female).

# Community Calendar

**Veteran's Day Ceremonies, November 10** & The Social Circle City Schools Veteran's Day ceremonies will be on Friday, November 10, 2017. The Primary/Elementary School program will be at 9:00 am in the Elementary School gymnasium and the Middle/High School program will be at 1:30 pm in the High School gymnasium. Please join us to pay tribute to all our veterans on this very special day.

**Chili Cook-off and Art in the Alley, Canceled** Due to a lack of registered teams, we are canceling this year's Chili Cook-off. Any of the Art in the Alley participants who wish to have a booth at the Social Circle Christmas event on December 1, please contact Velinda Hardy, vhardy@socialcirclega.com, call (770) 464-1866.

**Raffle tickets for Grill and Archery Range Pass** ≈ Raffle tickets are available at the Welcome Center for a six month unlimited pass for the Ace Archery Range valued at \$360. Tickets are \$5 – Buy four get one free! We also have a Traeger Pro Series 22 Bronze Pellet Grill valued at \$800. Tickets are \$10 – Buy two get one free! Winners will be drawn and announced at Merchant Coffee Call at Ace Home Center on December 7. Thank you to Social Circle Ace Home Center for donating the raffle items to the Main Street Commission.

**Coffee with a Cop, November 21** So Join us on Tuesday, November 21 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at Ford's Restaurant. 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 Christmas, December 1** ≈ Social Circle Christmas will be Friday, December 1st from 4:00 -8:00 pm. Activities will include a visit with Santa and The Grinch, lighting of the Christmas Tree, train rides, Christmas crafts, carolers, carriage rides, s'mores, movies and more! If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of Social Circle Christmas or participate contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com

**Coffee with the City Manager, December 6** Stop by the City Hall conference room on Wednesday, December 6, 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.

**Social Circle Business Coffee Call, December 7** & Meet fellow business owners from Social Circle and share what your business can offer to the community at our next Coffee Call on Thursday, December 7 at 9:00 am at Social Circle Ace Hardware. We will be announcing the winner of our raffle. For more information or if you are interested in hosting a Coffee Call please email vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

The True Meaning of Christmas - Live Nativity, December 10 ≈ Join us from 4:00 - 7:00 pm as we celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas with a Live Nativity. We'll have the reading of the Christmas Story along with a community choir. All activity will be along East Hightower Trail and Dally Square. Thank you to our Live Nativity sponsors; Church at the Grove - Social Circle Campus, CrossRoads Baptist Church, Rockdale Baptist Church - Conyers/Social Circle, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Inc., Knox Chapel Baptist Church, First Baptist Social Circle, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Mars Hill Baptist Church and Dally Chapel Baptist Church.

Visit our Facebook Pages: Facebook.com/cityofsocialcirclegeorgia and Facebook.com/socialcirclega/

# **Utility News**

Sewer Line Upgrades to begin November 13 & The City of Social Circle executed a contract on 10/31/17 with Site Engineering of Atlanta to replace the existing sewer lines in 3 locations: South Forest Avenue, Tower Road, and Spring Street. Specific areas involved are: residences between 246 and 302 South Forest Avenue, residences between 856 and 896 Tower Road, and 353 Spring Street residence. The South Forest Avenue project work will be located on the right of way in the front yards of the homes. The Tower Road project will be located in the back yards of the residences beside the railroad right of way. The Spring Street project will be located behind the residence at 353 Spring Street. The scope of the project is to replace the line, install new manholes, and reconnect any laterals from homes in the areas. The total amount of line to be installed is 1,543 feet of 8" PVC pipe with 4 new manholes installed and 8 reconnections. The preliminary schedule is to begin the project on November 13, 2017 and complete within 90 days (February 1, 2018). The purpose of these sewer projects is a first step of reduction of inflow / infiltration throughout the city's collection lines and thus making the collection system a more efficient utility for the city's current and future needs. Should you have any questions or comments, please call Barry Parsons at bparsons@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-2380 or Jay Link at jlink@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-3781.

#### City Calendar

Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, available on the city website socialcirclega.gov and at City Hall November 9 10:00 am Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month) City Hall Conference Rm November 13 7:00 pm Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month) Community Room November 14 8:00 am Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month) City Hall Training Rm November 15 1:00 pm Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month) Community Room November 21 5:30 pm Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month) Community Room November 21 6:30 pm Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month) Community Room Cancelled Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month) Community Room Cancelled Tree Board (4th Thursday each month) Community Room January 9 8:30 am Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) City Hall Conf Rm

### **Library Calendar of Events**

Tales for Tots
\* NEW DAY \*

Mondays, November 6 & 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**Story Time with Renee Hanna** November 8 at 9:30 a.m.

**Early Bird Book Club** Tuesday, November 28 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 Saturday, 11/11 for Veterans Day; Thursday, 11/23 & 11/24 for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping with our Annual Book Sale and making it such a success!

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

#### City Hall closed:

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 **Drive-thru window:** 

Monday, November 20, 8:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

#### Siren Testing:

Wednesday, December 6, 10:00 am.

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