

# Around the Well



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*"Georgia's Greatest Little Town"*

## Social Circle Community News

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### Enjoy a City staff favorite soup on cold days



The City boasts a lot of good cooks, and folks who appreciate good food. From us to you, here's a favorite Taco Soup recipe to warm you up on cold winter days:

- 2 rotisserie chickens, shredded
- 3 cans of black beans, drained
- 2 cans of corn, drained
- 2 packs Old El Paso taco seasoning
- 1 large box of chicken broth. Add water if too thick

Salt and Pepper to taste

Simmer in crock pot, stirring occasionally

Serve with your favorite shredded cheese, sour cream and Tortilla chips. Raise a spoon and enjoy!

### Police Chief's Corner

The Social Circle Police Department wants to keep you safe in 2023. They and Seniorliving.org offer the following crime prevention tips:

- Have deadbolts installed and keep doors and windows locked.
- Install motion sensors lights outside.
- Install a peephole in your front door.
- Do not leave keys outside in obvious places.
- If possible, install a home security system.
- Retrieve your mail ASAP from your mailbox or set up a P.O. box.
- Never allow an unsolicited contractor to enter your home.
- Ask for identification even if they say it is an emergency.
- Call the company to confirm the individual is meant to be there.
- Call 911 if you sense something is not right.
- Carry a cell phone with you.



### City welcomes new Community Development Director

Ashley Davis joined the City on Dec. 12, 2022, as our Community Development Director. Her responsibilities include planning, development review, zoning administration, enforcement, building permits, and special projects. Contact her at [adavis@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:adavis@socialcirclega.gov).

### Application deadlines for Planning

The deadline to submit applications for the regular February Planning Commission and Tree Board meetings is Jan. 17. Jan 30 is the deadline for the March Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

### City of Social Circle Q&A:



Q: How can I confirm if my online payment has been processed?

A: When you make a payment using the online bill pay system, you will receive a transaction number and

an authorization code from your credit card company. These numbers are both included in the online receipt. Please print these numbers and keep them as proof of payment until your transaction has been posted by the City and the charge appears on your monthly credit card statement.

Q: Will I be able to pay my utility bill late?

A: Yes, the system will accept any payment. Acceptance, however, does not relieve you of any interest, penalties, late fees, possible cut-off, lien, fi-fa, or any other legal ramifications associated with late payments. Please be aware that weekends, City holidays, bank holidays, and other non-work days may interfere with processing and posting of payments.

Call City Hall at 770-464-2380 and ask for the Utilities Department if you have any billing questions.

## Meetings for City Council, Municipal Court, Commissions, and Boards

Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and City Council Work Session held in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail  
Jan. 10 at 8:00 a.m. Mainstreet Commission meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail  
Jan. 10 at 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission holds special meeting in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail  
Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and City Council Meeting held in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail  
Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m. Municipal Court held in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail  
Jan. 24 at 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail

### Avoid heating mishaps, practice fire safety this winter



The Social Circle Fire Department offers these heating safety tips for the winter:

#### Space Heaters

- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing, and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and

never into an extension cord or power strip.

#### Fireplace

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 10 feet from your home.

#### Wood Stove

- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.

#### Furnace

- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



### We offer easy options to pay your utility bills

You can pay utility bills in person at City Hall drive-thru Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Or pay online at [socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/](http://socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/), or

by phone at 1-877-840-5562. The night deposit is open 24/7. Please do not deposit cash. The last day to pay past due balances is Jan. 25. The cut-off date is Jan. 26. The due date for current balances is Jan. 30. Late fees will be added to bills on Jan. 31.



### W. H. Stanton Memorial Library greets 2023

Homeschool Hour – Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Story Time – 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 7.

Quilting Club – Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Tales for Tots – Thursday, Jan. 12 and 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Family Lego Night - Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Music & Movements Class – Thursday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Teen movie "The Greatest Showman" – Tuesday Jan. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Book Club – Friday, Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m. with "The Dutch House," by Ann Patchett.

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