



Around the Well

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Community Updates

Housing Study Survey Enclosed



The city is seeking input from the community on our housing needs. Comments are welcomed on the enclosed survey

form, or in letters dropped at the drive through or mailed to City Hall, or emails to bschlageter@socialcirclega.gov.

Two New Social Circle Police Officers takes Oath of Office

Mayor David Keener leads two new Social Circle Police Officers in taking their oath of office on December 14.



(L-R) Mayor Keener, Officer Robert Walker and Sergeant Deidre Byrd.

Robert "Bobby" Howard Bridge Naming Ceremony

The South Cherokee Bridge will be named the Robert "Bobby" Howard Bridge in a ceremony on Saturday, January 16 at noon at the S. Cherokee Bridge.

Robert "Bobby" Howard, has served the City and County and South for over 30 years as a local civil rights advocate and activist.

Mr. Howard began his involvement as a teenager recruiting for the NAACP and in voter registration drives. He served with civil rights leaders such as Hosea Williams, Tyrone Brooks and the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Some of his most influential local efforts involved integration of public schools, registration of African American voters, the increase in African American political representation, and the founding of the Moore's Ford Memorial Committee.

Robert "Bobby" Howard participated with the Walton County Chapter of the NAACP, Walton County Men's Club, AP Henderson Foundation, Masonic Lodge, Mars Hill Baptist Church of Social Circle, Teamsters, and the Community Organization for Progress in Education (a Southern Christian Leadership Conference affiliate) which he helped form, and served as president.

The public is invited to join the Mayor and Council at this ceremony.

Secret Santas Make Deliveries to 45 Children

The Social Circle Fire Department Secret Santa program made deliveries to 45 kids in 28 families this year!

The program provides gifts such as clothes, bikes, sports equipment, family board games, and learning games for children of local families to help ensure a memorable and joy-filled Christmas.



Secret Santa deliveries were made by (L-R) Social Circle Fire Lieutenant Lester Pittman, Transit Director Mindy McQueen, Fire Chief Ken Zaydel, Police Lieutenant Samantha Rose, Police Chief Will Brinkley, Police Detective Mike Roberts and Transit Driver Randy Freeman (not pictured).

Special Dates

City Hall Closed

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Partnering organizations include Social Circle Mainstreet, Social Circle High School, Rotary Club, Morris Realty, Standridge Color Corporation, Social Circle Ace Home Center, and numerous citizens.

The program is operated every year entirely by donations from local businesses, organizations, and individuals in the community. In addition to the toys and games this year, food and groceries were provided through partnership with the Social Circle High School and a community canned food drive.

“It only takes one act of kindness to change a person’s future, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helps make this program a success,” said Ken Zaydel, Social Circle Fire Chief.

City Reminders

Stanton Memorial Library



Despite the challenges of this year, the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library continues to meet the community’s needs in innovative and creative ways. The curbside service has become a permanent offering and patrons are still able to utilize the selector service as a way to “browse” the collection through the eyes of our knowledgeable library staff. Patrons simply fill out the online form with reading preferences and a member of the Stanton team will select appropriate titles. For more information, please visit the website at: <http://www.azalealibraries.org/selector-service/>.

For those interested in eBooks and eAudiobooks, there are hundreds of great titles available via OverDrive and the Libby app.

To take advantage of all the library has to offer, patrons must have a valid PINES library card. To apply for a PINES library card or for more information, please visit the web page at: <http://www.azalealibraries.org/member-libraries/w-h-stanton-memorial-library/>. The library would like to thank everyone for their patience, patronage, and support as they have worked through this pandemic to ensure the safety of staff and library visitors.

Christmas in Social Circle

The city officially kicked off the Christmas season on Friday, November 20 at Friendship Park with over one hundred people participating. The Christmas Tree was lighted, the Community Choir sang, the Live Nativity was performed and The Christmas Story was told.



City Calendar

Info for ALL meetings is available at www.socialcirclega.gov and at City Hall.

Jan 6	8:00 am	Coffee with City Manager	City Hall
Jan 8	6:00 pm	City Council Retreat	POSTPONED
Jan 9	8:00 am	City Council Retreat	POSTPONED
Jan 11	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council - Org. Meeting & Work Session	Community Room
Jan 12	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue)	CANCELED
Jan 12	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue)	ZOOM
Jan 12	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue)	CANCELED
Jan 14	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thu)	TBD (see website)
Jan 19	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council (Regular Mtg, 3rd Tue)	TBD (see website)
Jan 20	1:00 pm	Municipal Court	Community Room
Jan 26	6:00 pm	Planning & Corridor Commission (4th Tue)	Social Circle Theater
Jan 28	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu)	Community Room

Library Calendar of Events

Library Curbside Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10 am - 5 pm
 Thu 1-7 pm
 Sat 10 am - 2 pm

Patrons can now make appointments to use the library computers, and free wifi is still available in the parking lot.

Utility and Tax Payment Options

Phone:

1-877-840-5562 (utility payments only)

Online:

socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-Thru [ONLY]:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Night Deposit:

24/7. **Do not deposit cash.**

Dates:

Jan 25 - Last day to avoid cut-off

Jan 26 - Cut-off

Jan 28 - Current payment due date

Jan 29 - Late fees applied

Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

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City Hall Closed Dates: January 1

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