



Around the Well

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City Updates

Budget Presentation Schedule

The proposed City budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is available on the City web site. Public comment on the proposed budget document will be received by City Council at the May 15th council meeting. There will also be a public hearing opportunity at the June 19 council meeting. A video of the budget presentation at the May 15 Council meetings will be available on our Facebook page and web site.

Seeking Volunteers

All the wonderful events we hold are made possible through the help of our amazing volunteers. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, including events and helping at the Welcome Center. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Upcoming Events

- Independence Day Celebration**
Saturday, June 30
Downtown and Stephens Field
- Back to School Bash**
Monday, July 30

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

Playground Coming to Burk Field ♪ Thank you to everyone who added input to the design for the playground at Burk Field. The contract has been awarded. The playground will be paid for by \$50,000 in City Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds. We will announce the date of the ground-breaking soon. This project success is due to cooperation between the City, community, and the Kiwanis Club of Social Circle.

Utility Billing Online Coming Soon! ♪ You will soon have access to a web login to look up and pay your utility bills. To help with this process, we will need your email address and phone number to update your records in our new system. **Don't forget that if you have bill pay set up with your bank, you need to update your account to reflect the new account number.** The new account will have this format: xxx-xxxx-xx . Please call City Hall if you have questions, 770-464-2380.

Budget Document Wins Award ♪ The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation award to the City for its 2017-2018 budget document. In order to receive the award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operational guide and communication device. Budget documents must be rated proficient in all four categories, and in fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

Burn Ban in Effect ♪ A ban on outdoor burns from May 1 through Oct 30 in 54 Georgia counties, including Walton County and the GA Forestry Commission will not issue any burn permits for hand piled brush, yard debris, or Air Curtain Destructors. During the hot summer months, ground level ozone increases, which can negatively impact air quality and people's health. Burning yard and land clearing debris may produce smoke and particulate matter that are linked to lung and heart disease in humans. For more information, visit GaTrees.org.

Downtown News

Third Annual Taste of Social Circle is in the Books! ♪ Thank you to everyone who made our Third Annual Taste of Social Circle a record-breaking success! We could not have done it without the Social Circle Main Street Commission, our local businesses and organizations, and most of all, our community and volunteers. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Independence Celebration, June 30 ♪ Plans are underway for this year's Independence Celebration and it looks to be bigger and better than ever! Activities will start downtown at 11 am until the parade starts at 3 pm and the night will end with music and fireworks at Stephen's Field. Look for more details in next month's newsletter, Facebook and the City web site.

Are You Our Next Social Circle Idol? ♪ Auditions will be held June 4 - 6 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe. Winners will be chosen by popular vote and will perform during the Independence Celebration activities on June 30. For more information contact <mailto:independence.idol@gmail.com> or vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

New Businesses Coming Soon! ♪ All the activity at the former gas station next to the fire station downtown must mean that the Grill'n Station is getting closer to opening! The brown paper is still on the windows downtown at the future location of Three Twisted Sisters. Also coming soon is Social Circle Bistro. Watch the Downtown Social Circle, Ga Facebook page for updates on progress and grand opening details.

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Friendship Festival Vendor Registration is Open ☞ We are gearing up for our 24th Annual Friendship Festival scheduled for October 6 from 10 am - 4 pm and vendor registration is open. Please visit <https://socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/> for links to applications as well as an link to pay for your booth online. Early bird booth prices are \$75 for vendors, \$50 for non-profits and \$140 for food vendors through August 31. For more information contact friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com.

Community Calendar

Social Circle Business Coffee Call May 10 ☞ Meet fellow business owners from Social Circle and share what your business can offer to the community at our next Coffee Call on Thursday, May 10 at 9:00 am at Social Circle Schools Board of Education Office. 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 a Cop, May 15 ☞ Join us on Tuesday, May 15 from 8:00 am - 9:00 am at Buckeye'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!

Coffee with the City Manager, June 6 ☞ Stop by the City Hall conference room on Wednesday, June 6 any time between 8 am - 9 am, to visit with the City Manager to discuss any ideas or concerns you have about City business, historic preservation or just to chat.

Police Department News

Stop Scrollin' and Rollin' ☞ The Social Circle Police Department wants to inform the citizens of Social Circle of a very important traffic safety law that is going into effect July 1, 2018. Georgia Governor Nathan Deal signed several bills into law Wednesday May 2, 2018, including the much-anticipated hands-free driving bill. The distracted driving legislation prevents motorist from holding cellphones while behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. However, there are other options that are acceptable under this new "hands-free" law. Some examples are using speaker phone, Bluetooth and earbuds, Siri, Alexa or Cortana while driving. More than a dozen other states have passed similar laws, which resulted in fewer traffic related accidents and fatalities. The Georgia State Patrol, Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the Social Circle Police Department plan a 90-day grace period for drivers beginning in July. During this period drivers will be given warnings to educate citizen of the law, while the public information campaign advertises the changes. If you have any questions please visit <http://www.senate.ga.gov/en-US/default.aspx> and type in HB673 or contact your local law enforcement agency for further clarification on this new law.

Utility News

Please Don't Flush "Flushable" Wipes ☞ Despite the name, "Flushable" wipes are not really flushable. The wipes are made from high strength fibers that do not lose their strength and do not breakdown with time, which can lead to clogs not only in your household lines, but also in City sewer lines. If you use wipes of any kind, please put them in the trash.

School News

Congratulations SCHS Class of 2018! ☞ We wish you all success in your future!

City Calendar

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

May 8	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Church of the Grove
May 14	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
May 15	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
May 15	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
May 16	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
May 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
May 28	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
June 14	8:30 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Room
July 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

Special Summer Schedule: Every Tuesday in May, June, and July!!

Story Time with Renee Hanna

Wednesday, May 9
at 9:30 a.m.

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, May 29
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.

Registration for Summer Reading Program (SRP) Coming!

Like us on Facebook to keep up with all of the activities going on at your library!

<https://www.facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary>

For more info call (770) 464-2444

Drive-thru window open:

Monday, May 21

8:30 am - 12:00 pm and

1:00 - 4:00 pm

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