



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. There will be public hearing opportunities June 12 at noon and 6 pm in the Community Room and at the June 19 council meeting. A video of the budget presentation at the May 15 Council meetings is available on our Facebook page and web site.

Save the Date!

Join us Friday, July 27, 2018 at 11:00 am for the groundbreaking for the new library expansion. The library will relocate temporarily while the new one is built. The library expansion is funded in part by SPLOST funds.

Come by the library for their \$5/bag book sale!

Upcoming Events

Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, June 30

11:00 am - Activities Downtown

3:00 pm - Parade

4:00 pm - Activities at Stephens Field

9:45 pm - Fireworks

Back to School Bash

Monday, July 30, 5-7pm

Downtown, Adams Street

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

Please Update Your Utility Billing Information ☞ The new utility billing system includes features that will make it easier for us to contact you by email and by phone. Please update your account information so that you can take advantage of the new features when they go online. **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-xxxxx-xx. Please call City Hall if you have questions, 770-464-2380.

Saturday Bus Service Coming Soon ☞ We appreciate everyone's help in calling to schedule bus rides 24-hours in advance. This allows us to expand the bus service to better serve you. We've heard your requests for bus service on Saturdays. We will have a trial run on Saturday, June 16. The bus will run from 9 am - 1 pm. All riders will need to schedule their rides by 3:00 pm on Friday as there will not be a dispatcher on duty to take calls. Please call the transit number if you have any questions or to request a ride, 770-464-2953.

Downtown News

New Business Open ☞ Have you noticed the brown paper is down from the windows at our newest business? Three Twisted Sister is open! They carry clothing, candles, furniture and home decor. Please stop by and welcome them to town! While you're downtown, check out the progress at the Grill'n Station next door to the fire station. Watch the Downtown Social Circle, Ga Facebook page for updates on all our downtown businesses.

Back to School Bash ☞ The Social Circle Main Street Commission is excited to announce that the 2018 Back to School Bash will be Monday, July 30, 5- 7 pm. We want all Social Circle students to have the tools they'll need to start off the new school year ready to learn. We need local business and individual sponsorships and volunteers to help the afternoon of the event. The Back to School Bash will be held downtown on Adams Street between the E Hightower Tr and Sycamore Ave. For more information: vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

Friendship Festival Vendor Registration is Open ☞ We are gearing up for the 24th Annual Friendship Festival on October 6 from 10 am - 4 pm. Vendor registration is open. Please visit <https://socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/> for links to applications as well as a 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

Burk Field Playground Groundbreaking, June 15 ☞ Join us on June 15 at 6:30 pm for the groundbreaking for the new Burk Field Playground on Vine Circle. The playground is paid for by \$50,000 in City Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds and is a cooperative project between the City, community, and the Kiwanis Club of Social Circle. Construction should begin about June 18 and be completed by July 1.

Independence Celebration, June 30 ☞ Our annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration will be held Saturday, June 30. Activities will begin downtown at 11 am. The parade will start at 3:00 pm at Ace Hardware and will take a new route down Oak Street before continuing to Stephens Field. We are looking for decorated bikes, trikes, wagons and golf carts to participate in the parade. Participation is free. We will award trophies for 'Most Creative', 'Most Patriotic' and 'Best Red, White and Blue'. Parade entry is free. The parade application is available at the Welcome Center or at socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/independence-celebration/.

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Independence Celebration Continued: Activities at Stephens Field will start at 4:00 pm and include food vendors, inflatables and performances by the Army National Guard Band, Rockdale Baptist Social Circle Music Ministry, and the Social Circle Idol winners. There will be a \$10 cost for wristbands for unlimited play on the inflatables. Local favorite, Drive Time Band, will take the stage at 7:00 pm. Fireworks will start at 9:45 pm. We are still accepting applications for arts and crafts vendors to sell during the concert. Vendor applications are available at the Welcome Center or on the web site (socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/independence-celebration/). The Independence Day Celebration is Presented by IMMEC. Follow our Downtown Social Circle, Ga Facebook page for details and updates on the event.

Coffee with the City Manager, July 11 ☞ Stop by the City Hall conference room on Wednesday, July 11 any time between 8 am - 9 am, to visit with the City Manager to discuss any ideas or concerns you have about City business or just to chat.

Police Department News

Stop Scrollin' and Rollin' ☞ The Social Circle Police Department wants to remind you that the hands-free driving law is going into effect July 1, 2018. 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, including using speaker phone, Bluetooth and earbuds, Siri, Alexa or Cortana. The Social Circle Police Department will have a 90-day grace period for drivers beginning in July. During this time, drivers will be given warnings to educate them on the new law, while the public information campaign advertises the changes. For more information, see: <http://socialcirclega.gov/services/police/>

Utility News

Please Trim Around Gas Meters ☞ Please keep the bushes and grass trimmed around the gas meter on your property. This makes it easier to get an accurate reading while avoiding snake encounters. The warm, wet weather, while not particularly appealing to us, has been perfect weather for snakes, which are out and about and may be hiding in bushes or tall grass.

School News

Congratulations SCHS Class of 2018! ☞ We want to recognize the outstanding performance of the 2018 Senior Class:

- ♦ The graduating class of 2018 has been offered over three quarters of a million dollars in scholarships, not including HOPE Scholarships.
- ♦ This senior class has completed 587 college level courses! These seniors have saved nearly \$700,000 in college tuition, fees, and books.
- ♦ Ellis McGarity, our STAR Student, graduated with not only a high school diploma, but also an Associates Degree from Georgia State University. He will enroll as a junior at Augusta University in their Dental Program in the fall.
- ♦ Ten seniors graduated with Nursing Assistants Certification. Additionally, eight of the seniors also graduated as Nationally Certified Patient Care Technicians (PCT).

We would like to say a special thank you to our PCT students, local EMTs, and health care workers who trained ALL of our seniors in CPR during the last week of school. All of the students who graduated from Social Circle have a plan for success after high school and they also know how to help save lives! We hope to continue this tradition in years to come.

City Calendar

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

June 11	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
June 13	1:00 pm	Municipal Court [Rescheduled]	Community Room
June 14	8:30 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Room
June 19	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
June 19	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
June 28	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
July 10	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Room
July 17	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Church of the Grove
July 23	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room

Library Calendar of Events

Tales for Tots

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

Summer Reading Program

Fridays in June at 10:30 am

June 15 – Foam Party

Wear swimsuits

June 22 – Reptiles are coming!

June 29 – Music is Magic

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, June 26

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.

Major Book Sale! \$5/Bag until inventory is gone!

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:

Friday, June 22

8:30 am - 12:00 pm and

1:00 - 4:00 pm

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