



Around the Well

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City Updates

Please Get a Permit If ...

We appreciate all the hard work that goes into making our town look good. If your sprucing up includes adding storage buildings, fences, or additions to your house, you will need to get a permit for the work. To find out what permits are needed, please contact Barbara Schlageter, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6905.

You Can Help Prevent Mosquitoes

With all the rain lately, water may have collected in low-lying areas and containers. Standing water can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Please get rid of standing water to help keep the mosquito population down.

Upcoming Events

Citizen's Police Academy

Starts Tuesday, September 4, 6 pm
Call the Police Department for details

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, September 5, 8-9 am
City Hall Conference Room

Firearm Safety Course

Saturday, September 15
Call the Police Department for details

Friendship Festival

Saturday, October 6

Social Circle Citizen's Academy

Tuesday, November 13, 6-8 pm

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

Utility Bill Payment Options

We now have several new options for paying your monthly utility bill. **Online:** You can pay your bill using your credit card through our new payment portal. (<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/socialcirclega/>) If you create an account, you can view your utility history, save the credit card information to be used with future payments, set up auto pay, sign up to have your bill emailed to you, and submit service requests. Creating an account is not necessary to pay your bill. **By telephone:** Call 877-840-5562 24-hours a day to access the interactive payment portal. Be sure to have your account number and street address handy in order to complete the payment process. **At City Hall:** You can still come into or call City Hall, drop your payment in the night box, mail your payment or use bill pay through your bank. To ensure your payments are credited the same day, please make your payments at City Hall by coming in or calling.

If you use bill pay through your bank to pay your City utility bill, please update your account number to ensure your payment gets properly credited to your account. The new account will have this format: xxx-xxxxx-xx. For more information, call City Hall (770-464-2380) or visit our web site. (<https://socialcirclega.gov/services/utilities/city-bills-and-payment-options/>)

Upcoming Construction Projects

N Cherokee Sidewalk: The long awaited sidewalk replacement project on N Cherokee Rd from E Hightower Trail to the Blue Willow Inn will begin construction this month. The project is anticipated to be completed within four months. This construction is funded with a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant that was awarded to the City several years ago. For more information contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

N Cherokee Water Mains: New water mains are being installed downtown to improve water pressures and fire flows. In addition, the higher volume of water will enable better circulation of water within the water system. The locations of work are W Hightower from Clark St to N Cherokee, Clark St, Juniper St, and Heritage Park and N Cherokee from W Hightower to Heritage Park. The project will begin in August and is anticipated to last about three months, barring any weather or work stoppages. For more information please contact Barry Parsons, bparsons@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6912.

Downtown News

Farmer's Market Now Open

Come down to Friendship Park (across from Ace) and shop for locally grown produce at our farmer's market. The market will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am - 7 pm between now and November 17, except for the day of the Friendship Festival (10/6). We currently have one farmer, and want to expand the market to include produce by local growers as well as presentations and demonstrations related to agriculture and gardening. If you are interested in having a booth, please visit our web site for rules and application. There is currently no fee for the permit. (<https://socialcirclega.gov/farmers-market-now-open/>)

Friendship Festival Vendor Registration is Open

The 24th Annual Friendship Festival will be held on October 6 from 10 am - 4 pm. Please visit 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. Contact friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com.

Friendship Park is Coming Soon!!

The City received a USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$99,000 to begin the transformation of the parking lot across from Ace into Friendship Park! If you, your family or your business would like more information of how you can be involved in creating Friendship Park email Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com

Christmas in July

The Main Street Commission received a matching grant from The Walton County Foundation for a beautiful new 18 ft tree, star and decorations for the tree, downtown lamp posts and planter boxes. Look for more details about the tree lighting event as it gets closer.

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Community Calendar

Library to Reopen at Temporary Location, August 20 ☞ The W. H. Stanton Memorial Library is preparing for new and exciting expansion and renovations over the coming year. While the work is being completed on the existing building, the library will continue to operate out of Blue Willow Village next to Hot Rods. The library will be closed August 1 -19 while they move to the new location. Regular library operations will resume August 20.

Social Circle Citizen Academy Coming Soon! ☞ Want to learn more about the City? This is an interactive program that focuses on educating citizens about the City's governmental operations. Elected officials and City staff will host unique and informative sessions designed to give a hands on inside look into City operations. You will learn about the City Advisory Committees and Commissions and get an inside look of the City Budget development process. The inaugural class of the Social Circle Citizen Academy will be one evening a month from November through May from 6 to 8 pm. The sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in this program please complete the application, which is available online and at City Hall. The program will be limited to 20 participants, and is anticipated to be offered annually. For more information please contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

Police Department News

Citizens' Police Academy ☞ The Police Department will offer their second Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) starting on September 4. This program gives the residents and corporate citizens of Social Circle a chance to see the inner workings of the City of Social Circle Police Department, and learn about the available services, resources and programs they offer. Participation in the program is free. Applicants are required to be 21 and participation is subject to review of the applicant's background, including a criminal history inquiry. For more information please call Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or e-mail at rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

Citizen Firearm Safety Course ☞ The next Citizen Firearm class is scheduled for Saturday, September 15. This class is designed for those individuals that want to become familiar with how to properly use a firearm. This course will include classroom and range instruction. This course will also provide the legal and lawful explanation of the use of force. To register, visit socialcirclega.gov/services/police/citizen-firearm-class/ or call Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or e-mail at rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

School News

School is Back in Session ☞ School started back August 1. Please watch for children as they travel to and from the schools in the mornings and afternoons.

A Big Thank You! ☞ Many thanks to Alison Brown, Main Street, and the entire community for the Back to School Bash celebration! The school system greatly appreciates the tremendous amount of donations, both money and time, that this community dedicates to the success of our students. Thanks also to Freshway and all of our community members who are choosing to "Round Up for Schools." The funds earned in June and July are going to schools to provide supplies for classrooms. Thanks to all of your support, we are looking forward to another great year! ~ *Dr. Carrie Booher*

The Back to School Bash was made possible by our Presenting Sponsor, Immec, Inc and fellow sponsors: DART Container, Piedmont Healthcare and Piedmont Physicians, Social Circle ACE Home Center, CertainTeed, Mayor Hal and Becky Dally, MHB Paving, Church at the Grove, The Law office of Amy Zapatka, Newton Federal Bank, Tim Hutcheson State Farm, Georgia Plumbing Pros, Patrick Dally-Edward Jones, Councilman David and Penny Keener, The McMillan Family, Knox Chapel, Georgia Power, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, B & H Wrecker Service, Rockdale Baptist Church, Shots Fired, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Pinnacle Bank, Conner Smith Realty, JK Design, TDS Auto, Standridge Color and Viper Security Technologies. Thank you to the many who brought in supplies and gave cash donations. ~ *Main Street Commission & Yelinda Hardy, Downtown Director*

City Calendar

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

- Canceled -	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
August 14 8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Church of the Grove
August 15 1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
August 16 8:30 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly) [Rescheduled]	City Hall Conf Rm
August 21 5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
August 21 6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
August 23 6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
August 27 6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
October 22 6:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Room

Library Calendar of Events

The library will be closed August 1 – 19 as we move to our temporary location during the renovations.

Starting August 20, please visit us at 216 & 218 Village Circle (behind the Blue Willow and 2 doors down from Hot Rods)

Early Bird Book Club
Tuesday, August 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.

Yard Sale

Come Saturday, August 11, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. - rain or shine - to the back of the existing library. We are selling furniture and miscellaneous office/kitchen items.

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, August 20
8:30 am - 12:00 pm and
1:00 - 4:00 pm

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