



Around the Well

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City Updates

Leaf and Brush Pickup

It's fall and time to start raking and collecting leaves. The City of Social Circle will follow their leaf and brush pickup schedule through the end of December. For more information, see our website (socialcirclega.gov/services/utilities/leaf-and-brushcollection/) or call City Hall at (770) 464-2380.

Attention Artists!

We are creating an Art Gallery area within the Welcome Center. If you would like to exhibit your artwork contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com

Upcoming Events

Bring One for the Chipper

Dec 26, 2018 - Jan 12, 2019
Behind the Police Department

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, January 2, 8-9 am
City Hall Conference Room

Downtown Draw Down through the Decades

Friday, March 15

Taste of Social Circle

Friday, April 12

Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, June 29

Back to School Bash

Before school starts

25th Annual Friendship Festival

October 5

Social Circle Christmas & Tree Lighting

December 6

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

Fire Department's Secret Santa ⚡ Make Christmas Brighter This Year for Social Circle Kids! Please support the Social Circle Fire Department's Secret Santa by donating money (checks payable to Social Circle Secret Santa) or new toys. Drop off toys any time throughout the year at the Fire Department. You can take monetary donations to the Fire Dept or Pinnacle Bank.

Help Low-income Georgians Stay Warm This Winter ⚡ Each year, thousands of low-income Georgians struggle to pay their heating bills. The City of Social Circle is partnering with the Heating Energy Assistance Team (HEAT), Inc., a nonprofit organization that is Georgia's oldest statewide fuel fund. Your tax-deductible gift to HEAT will help an elderly couple living on a fixed income, or a single parent caring for small children or a family whose primary bread winner lost a job. To donate visit heatga.org or send donations by mail. Make your donation (check or money order) payable to HEAT and mail to HEAT, P.O. Box 451008, Atlanta, GA 31145. For more information, call HEAT at 678-406-0212 or visit heatga.org.

Social Circle Needs You! ⚡ In January of each year, the Mayor and Council appoint community members to a number of volunteer Boards and Commissions to provide recommendations and input. There are currently openings on several boards, including the Tree Board. If you would like to contribute to your community with your talents, interest, or expertise, please see SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/ to submit an application and learn more about what each of the boards does.

Trash Pickup Reminders ⚡ A friendly reminder to our citizens using weekly garbage pick-up: Cardboard boxes must be broken down and placed in the recycling bin. No bags outside the can and no loose trash inside the can will be picked up. Any extra trash cans that are left by the roadside that are not authorized Advanced Disposal cans will be left unattended. You may purchase additional cans for a \$15.30 monthly charge per can. (\$13.26 for seniors) Items that will not be picked up include: batteries, building and construction debris, carpet and carpet pads, concrete, paint, wire and glass. For an additional \$35 fee per truckload, the City will pick up wood, tires, and metal. For all questions or concerns about trash and recycling, including missed pickups, please contact City Hall at 770-464-2380. **No garbage or recycling pick up on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1. Pickup will be delayed by one day the rest of the week.**

Construction Projects Update ⚡ **N Cherokee Sidewalk:** The brick banding and much of the work at Pinnacle Bank has been completed. The corner work and drainage at Pinnacle will be completed within the next two weeks. Starting December 3 contractors will start work on the new sidewalk from Holly St to the Blue Willow. It should take about two weeks to finish. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. **N Cherokee Water Line:** The N Cherokee water line is completed. The contractors are installing a new water line in Heritage Park. Within two weeks the contractor will install a new water line across the intersection of Cherokee and High Tower towards Dogwood on E Hightower ending at the bridge. **Library:** Work on the library is on schedule and the primary framing for the new addition is up. Contractors can now work out of the weather and are continuing to making good progress with the construction of the new addition. **S Cherokee Water, and Sewer relocation:** Work is progressing on schedule. Crews will be installing pipes under the CSX tracks starting December 10. **Malcom and Fairplay Drive water and sewer project:** The work is progressing and the contractor is currently clearing the right of way to lay new sewer on Fairplay Drive. **Citizens are urged to be mindful of workers and obey all construction signs for the safety of the workers and citizens.**

City Accepted into GICH Partnership Program ⚡ The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Partnership selected the City of Social Circle to participate in the GICH program. The local committee will meet each month on the second Tuesday at 10:00 at the Board of Education Office conference room. For more information on this initiative or to become involved, please contact Adele Schirmer at aschirmer@socialcirclega.com or call 770-464-6901.

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Catch the Bus ♪ For just \$1 each way, any Social Circle resident can ride to any destination within the City Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Rides can be for social, shopping, medical or employment. The bus also goes to Monroe and Covington for government or medical purposes on each day. The bus leaves for Monroe at 8:15 each morning and returns around 10:30. The pickup for trips to Covington is at 9:15 and the bus will pick up for the return trip 12:00. The cost for the round-trip is \$5. Please call 770-464-2953 to schedule your ride at least 24 hours in advance.

Downtown News

Thank you to our Sponsors ♪ The Social Circle Christmas and Tree Lighting event was a wonder success. A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Immec, Inc and DART Container, Shire, Piedmont Healthcare and Piedmont Physicians, Social Circle ACE Home Center, CertainTeed, Mayor Hal and Becky Dally, MHB Paving, Fowler Flemister Concrete, 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, The Church at Stanton Springs, Pinnacle Bank, Conner Smith Realty, JK Design, TDS Auto, Viper Security Technologies, Covington News, City of Social Circle, Social Circle Main Street Commission, The Walton Tribune, First Baptist Church of Social Circle and the Social Circle Theater. With your help, our Social Circle Christmas and Tree Lighting was a huge success! Thank you to the Walton Foundation for their grant with which Main Street was able to purchase our new Christmas Tree and ornaments to decorate Downtown. Also, Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and businesses that contributed to this memorable night!

New Business Downtown ♪ Well Mannered, our newest clothing shop opened its doors on November 17th. Well Mannered is located at 138 S. Cherokee Road, the former location of Dolls N Stuff. Dolls N Stuff, now located at 124 S Cherokee Road, celebrated 20 years Downtown on November 1st. Congratulations Ms. Faye Kitchens!

End of the Year Donations ♪ As the year draws to a close, you have two tax-deductible donation options for Downtown. If you would like to make a donation to the Main Street Commission your contribution will be used to provide events and activities to the community and also make upgrades and renovations to the Downtown area. A donation to The Downtown Development Authority will go toward the building of Friendship Park. If you would like more information or to make a donation contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

Community Calendar

Bring one for the Chipper December 26 - January 12 ♪ Finished with your Christmas tree? Recycle it! Bring it to the parking lot behind the Police Station between Dec 26 and Jan 12 and we will work with Keep Walton Beautiful to turn the tree into mulch.

Save the Date ♪ The 2019 Downtown Draw Down Through the Decades is scheduled for Friday, March 15th. Tickets are \$100 per couple with the chance to win \$5,000.

School News

Dual Enrollment Meeting ♪ If you want to learn more about the Dual Enrollment program, please attend an informational meeting on Dec 13 at the high school.

Toy Drive ♪ Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the school through Dec 14 to be donated to the Social Circle Fire Department's Secret Santa program. All toys will be given to needy residents of Social Circle.

City Calendar

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

December 10	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month) [Canceled]	Community Room
December 11	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month)	Church at the Grove
December 11	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	BOE Conf Rm
December 12	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month) [Rescheduled]	Community Room
December 13	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly) [Canceled]	City Hall Conf Rm
December 18	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
December 18	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
December 19	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
December 27	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month) [Canceled]	Community Room
January 8	6:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: Friday, December 14 from 12:00-4:30, Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25, Tuesday, January 1, 2019 and Monday, January 21, 2019.

Library Calendar of Events

The Internet is working!

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Member's home.

Call for directions

The Library will be closed:

December 24, 25, and 26 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day.

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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary>
 For more info call (770) 464-2444

Utility and Tax Payment Options

City Hall: M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 1-877-840-5562

Online: socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-thru: Monday,

December 17, 8:30 am - noon and

1 - 4 pm

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