



# Around the Well

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## City Updates

### **S Cherokee Road Closure**

Starting about February 18, 2019, S Cherokee will be close at the bridge so that the bridge can be replaced. It is estimated that the bridge will be out for about seven months. Local traffic will need to go down Spring Street. Truck traffic will need to use the bypass.

### **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](mailto: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, February 6, 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](mailto:aroundthewell@socialcirclega.com)

**Robbie Groves Recognized as Employee Of the Year** ~ Robbie Groves was recognized as the City of Social Circle's Employee of the Year for 2018 by the heads of the various departments within the City. Robbie is always willing to jump in where needed, without complaint or irritation. She is able to multi task, and dig into a complex issue to its resolution. She offers ideas and suggestions to improve services and is involved in the community and in the office, and is a willing volunteer and participant in special activities. Join us in congratulating Robbie on this honor.

**Friendly Reminder for the New Year** ~ We would like to remind everyone that all new construction and building additions, alterations, and repairs require building permits. Additionally, a permit is required for fences, walls and signs. Applications for the various permits are available on our website. We will be happy to help you if you are unsure whether or not what you are doing requires a permit. Barbara Schlageter, 770-464-6905, [bschlageter@socialcirclega.com](mailto:bschlageter@socialcirclega.com). You can always get the latest permit information on the City's website: [www.socialcirclega.gov](http://www.socialcirclega.gov).

**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/](http://SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/) to submit an application and learn more about what each of the boards does.

**Construction Projects Update** ~ **N Cherokee Sidewalk:** Contractors have finished pouring the concrete from Pinnacle Bank to the first entrance to Blue Willow Inn. In early January they will finish grading and landscaping those areas. Once finished, they will finish the brick, concrete, and drainage work at Pinnacle Bank and install a new crosswalk and stop line on North Cherokee. **Cherokee Water Line:** Contractors should complete the installation of the main in Heritage Park the week of January 7th. Once finished they plan to perform more pressure testing and activation of several of the new lines on Juniper and Clark. Toward the end of January they will finish the installation of the water main on E Hightower from the Police Station to the first bridge after Poplar Ave. During this time we will schedule an evening install of the waterline across W Hightower.

**Library:** Work on the library is on schedule with all the roof and windows installed. Contractors are working on the inside. **S Cherokee Water, and Sewer relocation:** The bore under the CSX railroad is complete. Early this month contractors will connect the new line under the railroad to the new on Cannon Road and South Cherokee.

**Malcom and Fairplay Drive water and sewer project:** Contractors have cleared from the by-pass to Malcom road. In early January Malcom Road will be closed from Industrial to Fairplay Road. There are no houses or facilities on this road and contractors will need to utilize the entire road for clearing and new sewer installation.

**Citizens are urged to be mindful of workers and obey all construction signs for the safety of the workers and citizens.**

**Amy Hicks Steps in as Library Manager** ~ Long-time Library Manager, Janet King, retired on December 31, 2018 to spend more time with her family and enjoy some much needed free time to read, rest, and rejuvenate. With almost twenty years of service under her belt, Janet leaves a lasting impression on the communities she has served and will be greatly missed by all. Succeeding Janet is Amy Hicks, former Library Manager for the Walnut Grove Library. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position and will begin

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her tenure on January 2, 2019. Please stop by the temporary library location at 216 Village Circle (behind the Blue Willow Inn Restaurant) and welcome Amy to Social Circle!

## Downtown News

**Happy New Year!** 🌹 Thank you all for supporting Downtown Social Circle through your shopping, dining and attending our events.

The Main Street Commission would also like to thank our many generous sponsors throughout 2018: Presenting Sponsor, IMMEC, Inc.

**Additional sponsors:** Walton County Foundation (grant), Dart Containers, Social Circle Ace Home Center, Piedmont Healthcare, Hal and Becky Dally, MHB Paving, Shire, CertainTeed, Fowler Flemister Concrete, Church at the Grove, Law Office of Amy Zapatka, Newton Federal Bank, Social Circle Rotary Club, Tim Hutcheson State Farm, GA Plumbing Pros, Crossroads Baptist Church, Patrick Dally Edward Jones, Councilman David and Penny Keener, Pinnacle Bank, Wayne McMillan Family, JK Design, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Chapel, GA Power, Conner Smith Realty, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Viper Securities Technology, Church at Stanton Springs, TDS Auto Service, First Baptist Social Circle, B & H Wrecker, Shots Fired, Social Circle Foundation (grant), Standridge Color, Paul Posner Family, Tom Brown Family, Athens Tech and Citrusolution. Also many thanks to our wonderful in-kind sponsors and organizations that we collaborate with throughout the year.

**Help Support Downtown!** 🌹 If your business or family would like to be a part of the growth of Downtown Social Circle through Downtown Improvements, Promotions and Events contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com for more information. Here's to a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2019!

## 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. You do not need to be present to win. If you would like more information, please call 770-464-1866 or email vhardy@socialcirclega.com. Cash or check only please.

**Farmer's Market Open in January** 🌹 The Social Circle Farmer's Market returns in early January at Friendship Park across from Ace. If you are interested in selling in the market, please contact Velinda Hardy. vhardy@socialcirclega.com

## School News

**Girl Scouts Renovate Park for Bronze Award** 🌹 Girl Scout Troop 10133, led by Kayce Whitley, renovated the outdoor learning space at the Elementary School for their Girl Scout Bronze Award project. They named the area "Pridgen's Path" to honor Ms. Pridgen who retired as the Elementary School principal at the end of the last school year. The girls involved in the project are Annalise Mikel, Bailey Parr, Bailey Benton, Grace Mills, Kayla Whitley, Audrey Trust, Kaelynn Alley, Ava Lilyander, Madeline O'Brien, Emma Walhart, and Laila Phelan.

### City Calendar

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

January 8	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	BOE Conf Rm
January 8	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month) [Canceled]	Community Room
January 10	6:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thu in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm
January 15	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month) [Rescheduled]	Church at the Grove
January 15	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
January 15	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
January 16	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
January 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room
January 28	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
February 14	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: Monday, Jan 21, Friday, Apr 19, Monday, May 27, Thursday, July 4, Monday, Sept 2, Thursday, Nov 28, Friday, Nov 29, Tuesday, Dec 24, and Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019.

## Library Calendar of Events

**Early Bird Book Club**  
Tuesday, January 29 at 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Member's home.  
Call for directions

**The Library will be closed:  
January 21 for MLK 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.

*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  
Find us at our temporary location:  
216 Village Circle  
behind the Blue Willow Inn Restaurant

## 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:** Friday, January 25,  
8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm

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