



Around the Well

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City Updates

FY2020 Budget Calendar

The City budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year will be presented during the City Council work session on April 16 and will be made available on the City web site. Public comment on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be received at the April 16 council meeting. Public comment on the proposed budget document will be received at the May 21 council meeting. There will also be a public hearing opportunity at the June 18 council meeting.

Upcoming Events

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, March 6, 8-9 am
City Hall Conference Room

Downtown Draw Down through the Decades

Friday, March 15, 6:30 pm - midnight
Standridge Color Conference Center

Citizen Police Academy

Tuesday, April 10

Community Room

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

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

Cherokee Road Bridge Construction to Begin ⚡ Construction on the bridge on South Cherokee Rd at the railroad tracks will begin February 18. S Cherokee will be closed at the bridge during the estimated seven months of construction. Local traffic will be routed down Spring Street. Truck traffic will detour down the bypass.

Library Tales-for-Tots to Return in March ⚡ Look for upcoming dates, times, and location for the library's popular Tales-For-Tots program to return. Thank you to our loyal patrons and community members for their support and patience as we work toward our new and improved library. For more information, call the Library (770) 464-2444.

Construction Projects Update ⚡ **N Cherokee Sidewalk:** The sidewalk project was completed with the landscaping along the sidewalk area. **Cherokee Water Line:** Most new waterlines have been flushed and chlorinated. Contractors are connecting long service lines, and concreting and paving trenches on Juniper, West Hightower, and North Cherokee. East Hightower to the bridge will get a new 12" water line and North Forest a new 8" waterline by mid February. **Library:** Progress is steadily being made on the library renovation and expansion project and we hope that the new library will be ready just in time for the 2019 summer reading program! **S Cherokee Water, and Sewer relocation:** All major lines have been installed and are in the processes of being flushed and chlorinated. The final inspection and new waterlines should be activated by mid February. **Malcom and Fairplay Drive water and sewer project:** Contractors are making steady progress and estimated completion date is mid February. **Citizens are urged to be mindful of workers and obey all construction signs for the safety of the workers and citizens.**

Police Department News

Spring Citizen Police Academy Registration Open ⚡ The Social Circle Police Department will hold their next Citizen Police Academy (CPA) starting April 10. The CPA class will meet one evening a week for five weeks and then one Saturday. This course will give citizens a hands-on look at the daily activities of our police officers. Applicants are required to be twenty-one (21) years of age and must provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance into the program is subject to review of the applicant's background, including a criminal history inquiry. There is no charge for the course. For more information please contact Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

Downtown News

It is Well 5K Walk ⚡ Brianna Groves has designed a 5K historic and wellness walk through the City for her Girl Scout Gold Award. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up a map and a questionnaire. When you have completed the walk, answer the questions and turn it in to receive a City of Social Circle patch or a "It is Well" pin. You may get additional patches or pins by donating to keep the program running.

Welcome Center Open on Saturdays ⚡ Beginning February 2nd the Welcome Center, located at 129 E Hightower Trail, will be open on Saturdays from 10a-3p thanks to SCHS National Honor Society members. If you have an opportunity for community involvement for the NHS members contact michelle.krieger@socialcircleschools.org.

Help Support Downtown! ⚡ If your business, organization or family would like to be a part of the growth of Downtown Social Circle contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

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Community Calendar

Draw Down tickets on Sale Now 🎟 Pull out your platform shoes, poodle skirts or tie-dyed shirts and come dressed as your favorite decade and join us on Friday, March 15 for the Draw Down - a reverse lottery ... the last one on the wall wins! This is the perfect 'date night' or 'girls night out'. We'll be spinning the tunes from the 60s, 70s, 80s and on. Tickets include a snack supper and 2 drink tickets. A cash bar will be available. The doors at the Standridge Color Banquet Facility will open at 6:30 and the first name will be pulled at 7pm. If you are unable to attend, but still would like a chance at the grand prize (up to \$5,000) you can use a proxy. Tickets are \$100/couple and are available from any Main Street board member, at the Welcome Center, Well Mannered, 3 Twisted Sisters and Barbed Wire & Lace. Proceeds will go toward Downtown Improvements. Show your support and purchase your ticket today! If you would like more information, please call 770-464-1866 or email vhardy@socialcirclega.com. Cash or check only please.

Art Exhibit Opens in Welcome Center 🎟 Leslie Young Marks of Visual Praise Fine Art will be the first artist to display her work at the Social Circle Welcome Center starting February 5. Leslie has lived in Mansfield, Georgia for more than thirty years where she has been able to perfect her skills as an artist using her preferred medium of oil paint. Leslie paints portraits, pet portraits, landscapes, biblical subjects and florals. Some may remember Leslie's art gallery that was located in town for seven years. Since closing the gallery she and her husband Bill have been traveling the United States selling her original art, prints and greeting cards. Her website is www.visualpraise.com. Visit the Welcome Center during February and March to see the beautiful, original oil paintings by local artist Leslie Young Marks.

School News

Pre-K Registration 🎟 Social Circle Primary School will hold Kindergarten registration on March 25th from 3:30 - 5:00. Registration will also be held on March 26th and March 27th from 9am - 11am. Please bring your child with you to register for a brief screening with the school staff. You will also need to bring proof of residency (lease/rental agreement/mortgage/deed and utility bill), your child's birth certificate, and your proof of identification. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Shane at the Primary School, 770-464-1411.

Coffee and Conversation 🎟 Please join Social Circle Elementary School Administrators and staff for coffee and conversation on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 8:30am-9:30am. We will meet in the Professional Learning Room. During this time, we will discuss Georgia Milestones testing and some important school events. We would appreciate input from our parents when planning the 2019-2020 school year. Please come out and share a cup of coffee with us. We hope to see you there! Your input matters.

Family Literacy Fun Night 🎟 Family Literacy Fun Night has been rescheduled for February 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Tommy Johns will promote reading and entertain the audience with his unique program filled with storytelling, comedy, magic, puppetry, and game show fun! This event is free of charge and hosted by Social Circle Primary and Elementary Schools. Join us for this unforgettable show that emphasizes the importance of picking up a book and reading each day!

The Bus will take any Social Circle citizen to medical and government locations in Monroe and Covington M-F mornings. Call 770-464-2953 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

City Calendar

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

February 12	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month)	Church at the Grove
February 12	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	BOE Conf Rm
February 12	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Community Room
February 14	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
February 20	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
February 25	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
February 26	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month) [Rescheduled]	Community Room
February 26	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month) [Rescheduled]	Comm Room
February 28	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room
April 11	6:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thu in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: 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, February 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Member's home.

Call for directions

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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Find us at our temporary location:

216 Village Circle

behind the Blue Willow Inn Restaurant

Utility and Tax Payment Options

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

Phone: 1-877-840-5562

Online: socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-thru: February 21, 8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit: available 24/7. Do not deposit cash.

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