



Around the Well

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City Updates

FY2020 Budget Calendar

The City budget is available on the City web site. There will be public hearing opportunity regarding the budget at the June 18 council meeting. A video of the budget presentation at the May 21 Council meetings is available on our Facebook page and web site. There will be two public hearing opportunities regarding the millage rate on June 11 at noon and 6:00 pm in the Community Room.

Volunteers Needed!

All the wonderful events we hold each year are made possible through the help of our awesome volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amber McKibben at amkibben@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Upcoming Events

- Independence Celebration**
Saturday, June 29
Parade: Downtown, 10 am
Concert, Fireworks: Stephens Park, 5 pm
- Coffee with the City Manager**
Wednesday, July 3, 8:00 - 9:00 am
City Hall Conference Room
- Back to School Bash**
Thursday, July 25, 6-8 pm
Downtown

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

Remodeled Library is Open! 🌀 The W.H. Stanton Memorial Library would like to give a huge thank you to all the community members and library supporters who attended our ribbon cutting celebration on Wednesday, June 5th. We couldn't be more pleased with our new facility and all the amenities we are able to offer the citizens of Social Circle and surrounding areas. Stop by to sign-up for your summer reading logs, take home our exciting calendar of events, and check out our newly renovated space!

Census Committee Seeking Members 🌀 The City Council has adopted a resolution establishing a 2020 Complete Count Committee in support of the 2020 Census. The first meeting will be July 12, which will feature a workshop about the program presented by our census representative. We need people from all over the community to serve on the committee. If you would like to be a part of this important program, please contact Barbara Schlageter, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6905.

Utility News

More Ways to Get Your Utility Bill 🌀 You may now receive updates about your utility bill via phone, text or email! Please contact City Hall at 770-464-2380 and give us your preferred phone number, email address and cell phone number so we can add them to your account. A copy of your utility bill will be sent to you via email before the bills are mailed out. If your bill is overdue, we can notify you by text message or phone call with the information you will need to pay the bill online to avoid cut-off.

Help Us Watch Out for Snakes! 🌀 Please keep the bushes and grass trimmed around the gas and water meters on your property and keep pine straw away from water meters. This makes it easier to get an accurate reading while avoiding the possibility of snake encounters. The warm winter means more snakes, which are out and about and may be hiding in bushes, pine straw or tall grass.

Reporting Streetlight Outages 🌀 If you see a streetlight that is out, please report it to Robbie Groves, rgroves@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6908. Please include the closest street address and pole number and how to get in touch with you if we need more information. Please mark the pole with a ribbon to make it easy to spot when they go to repair it.

Automated Meter Reading Test Underway 🌀 The City is in the process of testing automated meter reading (AMR) on 300 meters installed throughout the City. AMR will make it easy to identify water leaks quickly, allow for more accurate billing and it will allow residents to monitor their own water usage.

No Garbage Pick-up on Independence Day 🌀 There will be no garbage pick-up on Thursday, July 4. Garbage service will be delayed by one day the rest of the week.

Community Calendar

Independence Celebration, June 29 🌀 Join us for this year's Independence Celebration on Saturday, June 29. The parade starts at 10:00 am. The route will be from the high school, up Memorial Drive, through town and down W Hightower Trail and back to the high school. Larry Knox will be honored as this year's Grand Marshall. Activities at Stephens Park will start at 5:00 pm. There will be water slide and inflatables for the kids for \$10 for a wristband. Music will start at 5:30 pm. Local favorites Chris, Jon and Scott will play from 7:00 - 9:30. The fireworks will start about 9:45. Please contact Amber McKibben for information: amkibben@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-1866.

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Library Summer Reading Program Schedule

Our Summer Reading Program, "A Universe Of Stories," is underway. Join us for these fun events!

- June 11, 10:30 am "Where The Wild Things Are" story time and craft. Make your own nature based crown.
- June 12, 10:30 am Ace Home Center Gardening Workshop. Come plant your own flower to take home and enjoy a story.
- June 14, 10:00 am Sam's Path Petting Zoo
- June 18, 3:00 pm Guest Speaker Len Stozier- Learn how ground penetrating radar is taking us back in history and helping us uncover forgotten treasures.
- June 19, 10:00 am Pajama Movie Morning- "Mary Poppins" bring your pillows and blankets and enjoy a movie in your pjs. We will provide light snacks.
- June 21, 10:00 am Magician Ken Scott
- June 24, 2:00 pm Bookmark making craft
- June 25, 10:30 am Early Bird Book Club "The Devil In The White City" by Erik Larson
- June 28, 10:30 am Children's Yoga Class
- July 5, 2:00 pm Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths

Friday Night Basketball, June 28, July 6 Join us at Burks Park for a night of basketball. The lights will be on 7 -11pm and adults will be on hand to coach and encourage the youth. Everyone is welcome!

Back to School Bash, July 25 Join us for the Fourth Annual Back to School Bash on July 25, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm downtown. We will be accepting donations at City Hall and the Welcome Center. Contact Amber McKibben for more information: amckibben@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-1866.

Friendship Festival, October 5 Vendor registration is open for our 25th Annual Friendship Festival scheduled for October 5 from 10 am - 4 pm. Please visit socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/ for links to applications and online payment. 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.

School News

Congratulations SCHS Class of 2019!

We'd like to recognize the outstanding performance of the 2019 Senior Class:

- 50% have taken at least one college-level course while still in high school. Two seniors earned enough hours to earn an associates degree or the equivalent. Students earned over 1,200 hours of college credit, enabling them to collectively save over \$400,000 in tuition costs.
- Students earned certifications in technology, employability skills, and healthcare fields- including Microsoft Office, Georgia Best, Georgia Tech's LEAP Program in Customer Service, Certified Pharmacy Technician, and Certified Nursing Assistant.
- 74% have been accepted into a total of 54 post-secondary institutions; including colleges and universities in The University System and the Technical College System of Georgia, Emmanuel College, Emory, Mercer, The Naval Academy, Spelman, and West Point.
- In addition to the HOPE scholarship, students earned almost \$1.5 million in scholarships.
- We are proud of our graduates who choose to serve our country by enlisting in the Army/ Marines and those going directly into the workforce to be welders, electricians, landscape designers, home inspectors, retailers, real estate agents, and caretakers of children.

City Calendar

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

June 11	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month) [Canceled]	Church at the Grove
June 11	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	BOE Conf Rm
June 11	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Community Room
June 13	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
June 18	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
June 18	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
June 19	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
June 24	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
June 27	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room
Jul 11	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thurs in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: 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

June 25, 10:30 am

Tales for Tots

Every Thursday in June, 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.

Utility and Tax Payment Options

In-person at City Hall:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone:

1-877-840-5562

Online:

socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-thru:

June 21, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

June 24 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
 June 25 - Cut-off
 June 26 - Current payment due date
 June 28 - Late fees applied

Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

Utility Deposit Refunds

Richard Adams, H Strickland, Virgil Pearson,
 Judy Spitteler, Joseph Brewer, Jr., Amanda
 Smith, Thomas Wallace, Harry Rowe, James
 Bolen, Michael C Davis, Georgia Atlanta North,
 Kaleidoscope of Learning

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