



Around the Well

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City Updates

Social Circle Needs You!

We have several boards and commissions with vacancies. 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.

Census 2020: Social Circle Counts!

Did you know the first US Census was held in 1790 and that every 10 years the US Constitution requires a count of all people residing in the US - people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens? Our next Census will take place in July, 2020 and it's important for all of our residents to be counted. Contact Barbara Schlageter, 770-464-6905, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com.

Upcoming Events

- Coffee with the City Manager**
Wednesday, September 4, 8:00 - 9:00 am
City Hall Conference Room
- 25th Annual Friendship Festival**
Saturday, October 5
Downtown
- Kiwanis Chili Cook-off**
Saturday, October 26
Downtown
- Social Circle Christmas & Tree Lighting**
Friday, December 6
Downtown

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

Elections 2019 ⚡ Notice is given that a general election shall be held in the City of Social Circle to elect Social Circle Mayor and Council Members for Districts 2 and 4 and Social Circle City School Board Members for Districts 1 and 3. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the City of Social Circle Community Room at 138 E. Hightower Trail, Social Circle Georgia. Pursuant to OCGA 21-2-132, all persons desiring to run for office shall qualify in the office of the City Clerk, (City Hall is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm weekdays) at 166 N Cherokee Road, Social Circle, Georgia beginning at 8:30 AM on Monday, August 19, 2019 and ending at 4:30 PM on Friday, August 23, 2019.

Library News ⚡ The W.H. Stanton Memorial Library had an amazing and busy summer with record breaking attendance for our summer reading programs, as well as regular patron visits. We have a beautiful new mural, the children's garden is in full bloom, and the library was selected to host the homecoming celebration of local hero, soldier Cole Wisnewski. We were so honored to be a part of this special day which was sponsored by the American Legion and featured on the Atlanta news outlet Fox 5. Please check our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages for a calendar of exciting events coming this Fall.

Public Safety News

SCPD Launches Get with the #9PMRoutine ⚡ The Social Circle Police Department is bringing the 9 p.m. Routine, an international crime prevention initiative, to Social Circle after a recent spree of entering autos that targeted unlocked vehicles in several local neighborhoods. SCPD is recommending the following 9 p.m. Routine:

1. Remove all valuable items from vehicles. Roll up windows and lock the doors.
2. Bring in or secure all valuables in the yard.
3. Close overhead garage doors and lock any outside garage doors.
4. Close and lock doors on the house.
5. Ensure all windows in the house are shut and locked.
6. Turn on outside lights.
7. Post that you've completed the #9PMRoutine on social media and tag #SCPD.

SCPD will be sharing 9 p.m. Routine reminders regularly on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to encourage all residents to Get with the 9 p.m. Routine to show potential criminals that you won't tolerate property crime in your neighborhood.

Citizens' Police Academy, August 21 ⚡ Registration is open for the Fall 2019 Citizens' Police Academy (CPA). The six-week course will start Wednesday, August 21 and end on September 21. Class will be held in the evenings from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. 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. Please contact Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or e-mail at rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

Citizen Firearm Safety Course, October 12 ⚡ This class is for anyone who wants 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 contact Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

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Utility News

Utility Rates & Deposit Increases ☞ Effective July 1, the rates for water and sewer have increased by 2.5%, sanitation rates have increased by 2%, and the water service deposit increased to \$100, as was approved with the City's 2019-2020 adopted budget. For a typical residential customer who uses 3000 gallons of water a month, this will be an increase of \$1.47 for water and sewer and \$.30 for garbage and recycling. These increases allow the City to continue improvements to water and sewer lines to better serve our community.

Utility Billing Notifications ☞ You can now receive notifications about your utility bills by email, phone or text message! Please update your contact information in our system, including email address and cell phone number, by calling City Hall or adding the information on the statement with your payment. Currently we are able to send out bill notifications, past due balance notifications, and cut off notifications via text or automated phone call. We will soon be able to send out due date reminders, and late penalty notifications. You can also choose to receive your bill by email each month. The emails will go out a few days before the paper version arrives in the mail. We'd love to hear suggestions on how to improve these courtesy reminders to better serve you.

Utility Payments Through Bill Pay ☞ If you use bill pay through your bank, please update the account number on your payment to the account number showing on your bill. The account numbers changed when the City financial software system was upgraded last year. This will help ensure that your payment gets credited to the correct account.

No Garbage Pick-up on Labor Day ☞ There will be no garbage or recycling pick-up on Monday, September 2. Service will be delayed by a day the rest of the week.

Community Calendar

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.

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.

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 Amber McKibben, 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 July are going to schools to provide supplies for classrooms. Thanks for all of your support! We are looking forward to another great year!

City Calendar

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

August 8	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
August 13	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month)	Church at the Grove
August 15	6:00 pm	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)[rescheduled]	Library
August 13	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Community Room
August 20	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
August 20	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
August 21	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
August 22	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room
August 27	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues each month)	Community Room
Oct 10	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thurs in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: 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
August 30, 10:30 am

Tales for Tots
August 8 & 22, 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:

August 23, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

Aug 26 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

Aug 27 - Cut-off

Aug 29 - Current payment due date

Aug 30 - Late fees applied

Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

Utility Deposit Refunds

Richard Adams, H Strickland, Virgil Pearson,
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