



Around the Well

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City Updates

Census 2020: Social Circle Counts!

What matters to you? Schools? Transportation? Hospitals? Data from the Census help with planning efforts for many important community resources. To learn how census data impact you and your community, visit 2020census.gov. The Census takes place in July, 2020. It's important for all of our residents to be counted. Contact Barbara Schlageter, 770-464-6905, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com.

Upcoming Events

Merchant Coffee

Thursday, September 12, 8:00 - 9:00 am
Buckeyes

City-wide Clean-up

Saturday, September 28, 8:00 am
Community Room

City-wide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 28, 8:00 am
Maps available at Welcome Center

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, October 2, 9:00 - 10:00 am
City Hall Conference Room

Waster System Master Plan Meeting

Thursday, October 3
Community Room

25th Annual Friendship Festival

Saturday, October 5
Downtown

Wastewater System Master Plan Mtg

Monday, October 7
Community Room

Citizen Firearm Safety Class

Saturday, October 12
Community Room

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

Library Adds New Programs for Children ~ The Music & Movement program will meet every other Thursday morning starting September 12th at 10:30 am. Each class will be different and feature themes such children's yoga and using kid friendly musical instruments to follow rhythms. Another exciting offering is E-READ Kids, a service that provides downloadable eBooks and audio books for levels Pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. This online service is accessible for free with a valid PINES library card.

Water and Wastewater System Master Plans Meetings ~ The City will host public meetings on the master plan of improvements for the water and wastewater systems. The meeting regarding the water system master plan will be held **Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the Community Room from 5 pm to 7 pm**. The meeting regarding the wastewater system master plan will be held **Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Community Room from 4 pm to 7 pm**. A master plan of needed improvements was completed and is available for review at socialcirclega.gov. Anyone who would like information on this plan, to view the projects recommended in the plan and their cost and anticipated timing or to ask questions of the engineers is welcome to attend these meetings. It will be informal with displays and opportunity for one-on-one discussions and you are welcome to drop in at any time.

Important Dates for Elections 2019 ~

Last Day to Register to Vote in the General Election – October 7, 2019
Advanced Voting – October 15, 2019 thru November 1, 2019
Election Day – November 5, 2019

Advanced voting will be held at the Social Circle City Hall located at 166 N Cherokee Road, Social Circle Georgia during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm) on weekdays.

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Election Day at 138 E. Hightower Trail, Social Circle, Georgia. If there is a need for a runoff election it will be held on December 3, 2019, at 138 E. Hightower Trail, Social Circle Georgia.

City Web Site Update ~ Thank you for your patience the last week in August as we got our security updated and validated on our web site. We want to make sure that when you visit our site you are assured that ours is the official City site and your browsing experience is secure.

The South Cherokee Bridge will Reopen October 7!

Utility News

Utility Billing Notifications ~ Receive bill notifications, past due balance notifications, and cut off notifications via text or automated phone call. You can also receive your bill by email each month, a few days before the paper version arrives in the mail. 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. We'd love to hear suggestions on how to improve the courtesy reminders to better serve you.

Rebates for Old Appliances ~ Round up your old appliances in exchange for new natural gas appliances! The Rebate Rally is a special natural gas appliance event held by natural gas providers across the state of Georgia each year. Social Circle is participating in the 2019 Rebate Rally Campaign. Promotions include rebates on new gas appliances. The City of Social Circle offers 0% interest financing on the purchase and installation cost. Contact Robbie Groves at 770-464-6908 SocialCircleGA.gov and RebateRally.com.

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Community Calendar

Merchant Coffee, September 12 ☞ Join us at Buckeye's at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 12 for a meet and greet with local business owners. Share what's new with your business and learn about upcoming Downtown events.

Register Now for Social Circle Citizen Academy! ☞ Get an inside look at our City's governmental operations. City officials and staff will host unique and informative sessions that provide a hands-on inside look into City operations. The class will meet one evening each month from September through April from 6 to 8 pm. Please complete the application, which is available online and at City Hall. The program will be limited to 10 participants. For more information please contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

You are Invited to Help Clean up Our City, September 28 ☞ Please join us for our Fall City-wide Clean-up Saturday, September 28 at 8 a.m. in the Community Room in the Public Safety Building. Trash bags, gloves, vests and litter grabbers (on loan from Keep Walton Beautiful), snacks and coffee are provided. If your organization would like to participate, contact Jenny Watt JLWatt@SocialCircleGA.com, 770-464-6923.

City-wide Yard Sale, September 28 ☞ The City-wide yard sale will be held Saturday September 28. To have your home included in the map please complete the form on the web site (socialcirclega.gov/city-events/city-wide-yard-sale/), call the Welcome Center at (770) 464-1866 or email JLWatt@SocialCircleGA.com with your address. Maps will be available online, at the Welcome Center and at participating yard sale locations. To ensure your sales is included, please contact us by September 25.

Friendship Festival, October 5 ☞ The Friendship Festival celebrates its 25th year. Vendor applications and information about volunteer opportunities are available on our website, (socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/) or you may contact the Welcome Center at 770-464-1866 or email friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com.

Citizen Firearm Safety Course, October 12 ☞ Learn how to properly use a firearm through classroom and range instruction. To register, visit socialcirclega.gov/services/police/citizen-firearm-class/ or contact Officer Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

School News

Primary School ☞ September 16-20: Fall Book Fair; September 17-20: Grandparents' Luncheon; September 19: PTO Spirit Night at Stevie's B - 5:30-7:30

Elementary School ☞ We are looking forward to Grandparents' Days on Sept. 10, 11, and 12th!

Middle School ☞ September 27: SCMS Fall Dance; September 28: Middle School/High School Yard Sale hosted by the PTO. Vendor spaces are \$10. Support Fall Sports!

High School ☞ Parent night with Mr. Kulp. 11th and 12th on September 12; 9th and 10th on September 19. September 25: FAFSA Information Night.

City Calendar

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

September 10	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month)	Church at the Grove
September 10	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	Library
September 10	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Community Room
September 17	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
September 17	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
September 18	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
September 26	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room
September 30	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues each month) [Rescheduled]	Community Room
October 10	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thurs in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm
October 10	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm

City Hall will be closed: Thursday, Nov 28, Friday, Nov 29, Tuesday, Dec 24, Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019, Wednesday, Jan 1, 2020, Monday, Jan 20, 2020, Friday, Apr 10, and Monday, May 25, 2020.

We have several boards and commissions with vacancies that could use your talents, interest, or expertise. Please see SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/ to submit an application.

Library Calendar of Events

Early Bird Book Club
September 24, 10:30 am

Tales for Tots
September 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m.

Music & Movement
September 12 & 26, 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:

Sept 20, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

Sept 23 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

Sept 24 - Cut-off

Sept 26 - Current payment due date

Sept 27 - 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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