



# Around the Well

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## City Updates

### Census 2020: Social Circle Counts!

Hoping your favorite restaurant will open in your home town? One way to help is to make sure you're counted in the Census! The census collects data that is valuable for businesses, which rely on census results to help make decisions such as where to open new stores, where to expand operations, and which products and services to offer. The Census takes place in April, 2020. It's important for all of our residents to be counted. [2020census.gov/](http://2020census.gov/) Contact Barbara Schlageter, 770-464-6905, [bschlageter@socialcirclega.com](mailto:bschlageter@socialcirclega.com).

### Upcoming Events

#### Early Voting

Monday, October 15 - Friday, November 1  
City Hall Conference Room

#### Community Resource Fair

Sunday, October 20, 1-4 pm.  
Stephens Field

#### Election Day

Tuesday, November 5  
Community Room

#### Coffee with the City Manager

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

#### Veteran's Day Program

Monday, November 11, 10 am  
Social Circle High School Gym

#### Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 30  
Downtown

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)

**SCCS Community Resource Fair, October 20** 🌀 On Oct. 20th, the Social Circle City Schools will be hosting a Community Resource Fair at Stephens Park from 1-4 pm. Come for free food, prizes, and lots of great information. We will have two large tents set up: School resources and Health resources. The school resources tent will include FAFSA, NCAA eligibility, and Athens Tech. The health resources tent will have Census information, City Bus information, Pathways, and much more.

**Welcome to our new Police Chief** 🌀 Chief Fuesting comes to Social Circle with an appreciation of the Social Circle community, and the professionalism, training and talent of the Social Circle Police Department. He brings a passion for open communication, community connection, and collaboration. Chief Fuesting is approachable and open to suggestions, with an energy and enthusiasm to work together with all residents, businesses, neighborhoods and stakeholders to make Social Circle an even better place. If you have a community group or organization that would like to invite Chief Fuesting to an upcoming meeting, please feel free to contact him at [jfuesting@socialcirclega.com](mailto:jfuesting@socialcirclega.com) or 770-464-6926 . Public Meet and Greet opportunities will be advertised as they are scheduled, or feel free to stop by the Police Department.

**South Cherokee Bridge Open** 🌀 The South Cherokee Bridge over the CSX RR tracks is open! We wish to thank GDOT for completing this project with State funds. We wish to thank ERSnell for delivering the project on time and with excellent attention to the needs of the adjacent residents. We thank our merchants for keeping their businesses operational during the closure, and we thank our residents for their patience. If you have any questions, please contact Barry Parsons at 770-464-6912, [bparsons@socialcirclega.com](mailto:bparsons@socialcirclega.com).

**Important Dates for Elections 2019** 🌀 Early voting will be held from Oct 15 - Nov 1 at the Social Circle City Hall, 166 N Cherokee Road, Social Circle Georgia during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm) on weekdays.

On election day, Nov 5, polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM 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.

**Library News** 🌀 The W.H. Stanton Memorial Library is very excited to offer even more new programs and events in the upcoming months. Beginning Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm, we will host a monthly family game night. Families may choose from an array of games to play such as Clue, Disney Family Feud, Trivial Pursuit, Marvel Monopoly, or Candy Land, just to name a few. If you are an avid history fan please join us Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 pm as guest speaker Steve Brown discusses Walton County and Social Circle history. Join us for Story time with a Roofer presented by Barrelle Roofing on Wednesday October 16 at 10:00 am. Also, make sure to mark your calendars for our first ever Local Author Expo. Stop in Thursday, November 14th from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm to meet some of our talented local authors and learn about their unique literary works. We are still taking applications for this event if you or someone you know is interested in being one of our featured authors. Please check our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, for more information about our fun filled library programs and events.

The Social Circle Transit takes any Social Circle resident to medical and government locations in Monroe and Covington M-F mornings. The bus leaves for Monroe at 8:30 and 10:30 and picks up in Monroe at 11:00 for the return trip. Bus leaves for Covington at 9:30 and 11:30 and picks up in Covington at 12:00 for return trip. Call 770-464-2953 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

## Community Calendar

**Christmas in the Circle, December 6** 🎄 You're invited to join us Downtown for Christmas in the Circle on Friday, December 6 from 6:00 -9:00 pm. If you or your business would like to participate please contact [amckibben@socialcirclega.com](mailto:amckibben@socialcirclega.com).

## Downtown News

**Thank you to our City-Wide Clean-Up Partners** 🎉 We've met twice a year since the fall of 2007 to clean up our city and it's been such a heartening experience to see dedicated Social Circle citizens coming out year after year to help beautify our city. Our kickoff cleanup event on Saturday was very well attended and we thank everyone who participated. We were especially pleased to see so many students involved in this very worthy civic event. We collected over 150 bags of trash. Thanks also to Freshway Market for providing the water and to an anonymous donor for the biscuits. To everyone: Thanks so much for helping to make Social Circle "Georgia's cleanest little town!" Also, thank you to the volunteers who found and reported a leak which turned out to be a water main break that may not have been found until the situation got much worse.

**Thank you to our Friendship Festival Sponsors** 🎉 Special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Immec, Inc and all our loyal sponsors: Social Circle Ace Home Center, TDS Auto Service, David and Penny Keener, Hal & Becky Dally, MHB Paving, Morris Realty, Co, Georgia Plumbing Pros, Conner Smith Realty, Church at the Grove, Edward Jones, Newton Federal, Wayne and Joan McMillan, First Baptist Church of Social Circle, Crossroads Baptist Church, CertainTeed, Pinnacle Bank, John & Jean Anchors, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Fellowship Baptist Church, The Church at Stanton Springs, Knox Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, and Tim Hutcheson State Farm. With your help, our 2019 Friendship Festival was a huge success!

## School News

**High School Graduation Rate at 92%** 🎉 SCCS is very excited to announce that our graduation rate for the 18-19 school year was 92%. We are very proud of the graduating class of 2019. Our parents, community, and all of our school employees have supported these students and their hard work. In the Social Circle City Schools, we emphasize the importance of having a plan for your life after high school. We will only award diplomas to students who have met the state requirements for graduation and have a concrete plan for a career, college, or in the military. We look forward to all of the wonderful ways that these graduates will continue to make great contributions in our community and the world!

**Veterans Day Programs Scheduled** 🎉 Please make plans to join us for our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11th, at 10 am, in the high school gym. All four schools will participate in the united ceremony at the high school.

**SCPS Important Dates** 🎉 Oct. 7-11: Pre-K Week; Oct. 14-18: Fall Break; Oct. 21-Oct. 25: Red Ribbon Week; Oct. 21 -Nov. 1: Parent Conferences; Oct. 29: Trunk or Treat SCPS & SCES at Social Circle Elementary (5:30-7:00).

### City Calendar

Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, available on the city website [socialcirclega.gov](http://socialcirclega.gov) and at City Hall.

October 8	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue each month)	Church at the Grove
October 8	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue each month)	Library
October 8	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue each month)	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
October 15	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
October 15	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
October 22	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues each month) [Canceled]	Community Room
October 23	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday) [Rescheduled]	Community Room
October 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu each month)	Community Room

**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/](http://SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/) to submit an application.

## Library Calendar of Events

**Early Bird Book Club**  
September 24, 10:30 am

**Tales for Tots**  
October 3 & 31, 10:30 am

**Music & Movement**  
October 10 & 24, 10:30 am

**Pajama Movie Morning "Aladdin"**  
October 17, 10 am

**Quilting Club**  
October 9 & 23, 9:30 am

**Family Game Night**  
October 22, 5:30 pm

## 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/](http://socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/)

### Drive-thru:

Oct 25, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

### Night Deposit:

24/7. **Do not deposit cash.**

### Dates:

- Oct 28 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
- Oct 29 - Cut-off
- Oct 30 - Current payment due date
- Oct 31 - 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

**Mayor** ..... Hal Dally  
770-317-1638 ..... [hdally@socialcirclega.com](mailto:hdally@socialcirclega.com)

**District 1** ..... Traysa Price  
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**District 2** ..... Tyson Jackson  
770-885-9483 ..... [tjackson@socialcirclega.com](mailto:tjackson@socialcirclega.com)

**District 3** ..... (vacant)

**District 4** ..... Steve Shelton  
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**City Manager** ..... Adele Schirmer  
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**Fire Chief** ..... Ken Zaydel  
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**Public Works Director** ..... Barry Parsons  
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**Finance Director** ..... Jennifer Fricks  
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