



Around the Well

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City Updates

Census 2020: Social Circle Counts!

Be assured that your personal data cannot be shared with anyone - not immigration, not law enforcement and not agencies that determine your eligibility for government benefits. The Census takes place in April, 2020. It's important for all of our residents to be counted. 2020census.gov/ Contact Barbara Schlageter, 770-464-6905, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com.

City Council Meetings on Facebook

You can now view City Council work session and regular meetings on the City of Social Circle's Facebook page. The meetings will be streamed live and a recording will be available for viewing at any time after the meetings. The next City Council Meeting will be Nov 19.

Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day Program

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

Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 30
Downtown

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, December 4, 8-9 am
City Hall Conference Room

Christmas in the Circle

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

City Hall Thanksgiving Food Drive ☞ Join the City Hall Thanksgiving Food Drive to help families in need. Bring donations to City Hall until November 22, 2019. We will accept any non-perishable food items. We will also be collecting food for Christmas.

Fire Department's Secret Santa ☞ Make Christmas Brighter This Year for Social Circle Kids! Please support the Social Circle Fire Department's Secret Santa by donating money (checks payable to Social Circle Secret Santa) or new toys. Drop off new toys any time all year long at SC Fire Department. You can take monetary donations to the Fire Department or to Pinnacle Bank. You can also support the Secret Santa program all throughout the year by rounding up your utility payment. The money from the round-up program will be divided equally between the Secret Santa program and the Back to School Bash.

Mayors' Christmas Motorcade ☞ The City of Social Circle will help to make the holiday season special for residents of Georgia's hospitals serving persons with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs by participating in the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade program. The program relies on citizen participation to donate gifts for the patients, many of whom would not receive gifts or be recognized. Donations will be accepted at City Hall and the Welcome Center. See the City website for a list of requested items. For more information, please contact Jenny Watt, jlwatt@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-1866.

Help Low-income Georgians Stay Warm This Winter ☞ Each year, thousands of low-income Georgians struggle to pay their heating bills. The City of Social Circle is partnering with the Heating Energy Assistance Team (HEAT), Inc., a nonprofit organization that is Georgia's oldest statewide fuel fund. Your tax-deductible gift to HEAT will help an elderly couple living on a fixed income, a single parent caring for small children, or a family whose primary bread winner lost a job. To donate visit heatga.org or send donations payable to HEAT, P.O. Box 451008, Atlanta, GA 31145. For more information, call HEAT at 678-406-0212 or visit heatga.org.

Library to Host Local Author Expo ☞ The W.H. Stanton Memorial Library's first Local Author Expo is Thursday, November 14 from 5:30 - 7:00 p. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet and greet some talented local authors. The Friends of the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library will be providing light refreshments and speaking with anyone interested in joining their organization. There are still a few local author openings so please contact the library if you or someone you know is interested in participating as one of our featured authors. We are also excited to announce our special program, Giving Back through Fines Forgiveness, which runs from December 9th-23rd and supports both the local Student Success Alliance and Companion Animal Rescue. Patrons may bring in designated items and receive up to \$10.00 in fines forgiveness. All items must be new/unopened and fines forgiveness applies to W.H. Stanton Memorial Library card holders only. However, even if you don't have any library card fines, we will still happily accept donations for these benevolent organizations. Please contact the library for more information.

Social Circle Needs You! ☞ In January of each year, the Mayor and Council appoint community members to a number of volunteer Boards and Commissions to provide recommendations and input. There are currently openings on several boards. The City Council tries to ensure that each advisory board or commission has representation from every district in the City. If you are interested, but not appointed, please try again. To contribute to your community with your talents, interest, or expertise, please see SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/ to submit an application and learn more about what each of the boards does.

Council Meetings will be Gun-Free 🌀 To protect the safety of all, the Social Circle City Council voted to make the monthly Council meetings gun-free starting with the November 19 meeting. Police officers will be present at all meetings. Attendees will enter through the door at the back of the Police Station. Everyone will be scanned before entering or re-entering the Community Room to assure no weapons are brought into the meeting. We appreciate everyone's patience as we implement this practice to enhance the safety of all who attend these meetings.

Burn Ban Lifted; Permits Required 🌀 The temporary ban on all outdoor burning has ended. Georgia Forestry will issue burn permits on a day-by-day basis depending on weather conditions. Burn permits are required for outdoor burning of natural vegetation such as hand piled leafs and limbs and can be obtained at 877-OK2-BURN or online at gatrees.org. Permits must be obtained prior to burning. Campfires and cooking fires are exempt and do not require a permit.

Georgia EPD Declares Level 1 Drought Response 🌀 Worsening drought conditions throughout most of the state have prompted a Level 1 Drought Response declaration from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). You may only water between 4 pm and 10 am. Personal food gardens, new seeded lawns or turf planted within 30 days may be watered during the day. Drip irrigation and hand watering with a hose or container may also be done at any time. Check our website and Facebook page for further information and tips for water conservation.

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. Activities will include a visit with Santa, Christmas crafts, decorated cookie station, carolers, s'mores and more! Many activities will require a small fee. The Downtown shops will be open to assist you with your Christmas shopping. If you or your business would like to participate please contact amckibben@socialcirclega.com.

Citizen Academy Rescheduled for Spring 2020 🌀 The Social Circle Citizen Academy gives you a up-close look at how things get done in our City's government. Citizens will learn how the various departments function, what the boards and commissions do and even participate in a mock City Council meeting. To register please complete the application online (socialcirclega.gov/documents/citizen-academy-2019-registration/) or 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.

School News

Veterans Day Programs Scheduled 🌀 Please join us as we celebrate Veterans Day at SCHS. We will have one consolidated Veterans Day program in the high school gymnasium hosted by the SCHS JROTC unit on Monday, November 11, 2019, at 10:00 AM. Our guest speaker is Dr. Robbie Hooker, Superintendent of Social Circle City Schools, and entertainment will be provided by our primary school and elementary school students.

City Calendar

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

November 7	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue) [Rescheduled]	Church at Stanton Springs
November 12	6:00 pm	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue)	Library
November 12	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue)	Community Room
November 19	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue)	Community Room
November 19	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue)	Community Room
November 20	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
November 26	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues)	Community Room
November 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu) [Cancelled]	Community Room
December 12	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
January 9	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Thurs in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

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.

City Hall will be closed: **Thursday, Nov 28, Friday, Nov 29**, Wednesday, Dec 11, 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Dec 24, Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019, Wednesday, Jan 1, 2020, Monday, Jan 20, 2020, and Friday, Apr 10, 2020.

Library Calendar of Events

Early Bird Book Club
November 26, 10:30 am

Tales for Tots
November 7 & 21, 10:30 am

Music & Movement
November 14, 10:30 am

Local Author Expo
November 14, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Quilting Club
November 6 & 20, 9:30 am

Family Game Night
November 19, 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/

Drive-thru:

Nov 15, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit:

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

Dates:

Nov 21 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

Nov 22 - Cut-off

Nov 26 - Current payment due date

Nov 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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