



# 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 16 council meeting. A video of the budget presentation at the May 27 Council meetings is available on our Facebook page. There will be two public hearing opportunities June 16 at noon and 6:30 pm in the Middle School Activity Center.

**We Love Dogs** 🐾 The beautiful weather has increased dog-walking throughout the city. Please be a good citizen and neighbor by picking up after your dog, especially those walking dogs on sidewalks in and around downtown and neighborhoods.

## Downtown Grants 🐾

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Social Circle Main Street Commission, Social Circle DDA and Social Circle Foundation stepped up to help businesses in town that were the hardest hit. There were 2 grants established between the 3 groups. The Downtown Grant was established by the Social Circle Main Street Commission and they provided a total of \$17,000 that was distributed amongst 16 businesses. The DDA Stabilization grant was a joint effort by the SCDDA and SC Foundation and they distributed \$13,000 in relief funds to 13 businesses. Thanks to the members of each board for their generosity and willingness to help our Downtown businesses.

## 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

**Water System Upgrade** 🐾 The city will be implementing waterline and water system upgrades near Friendship Park. This project will likely affect traffic flow, therefore, please exercise caution when traveling on South Cherokee in this area.

**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.

**Bulk Item Garbage Pick-up** 🐾 Please dispose of only 2 bulk garbage items per week. If there are more than 2 bulk items in your garbage, then there will be a fee of \$35.00 per pick-up load.

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)

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## Community Reminders

**CSX Railroad Track Repair** ⚡ CSX has notified the city that track repair on **Highway 11** is scheduled for **June 17-19, 2020**. While repairs are being made, traffic on the Social Circle Parkway will be detoured through town on North and South Cherokee Road. There will be a hard closure at the railroad tracks and traffic will be unable to cross that intersection.

There will be "No thru truck" signage posted on the parkway with additional detour signs in advance of the closure to route trucks through downtown. The contractor will be in town on Sunday putting out the detour signage.

Please notify your staff and drivers of this closure where possible so that they can be familiar with the detour routes to make deliveries and get to work.

**Library Announces Curbside Pickup Service** ⚡ The W.H. Stanton Memorial library is excited to announce our new curbside pickup service. Simply place your books on hold through your PINES account @ <http://gapines.org> or on the PINES app and as soon as we receive the item/s, we will call you to set up a pickup time. Patrons are limited to 5 items per transaction and our pickup schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 10am-2pm, and Thursdays 3pm-7pm. The library has also kicked off its annual summer reading program and will host weekly virtual programs every Tuesday morning at 10am on our library Facebook page. You can also sign up for the summer program and log reading hours for prizes @ <https://azalealibraries.beanstack.org/reader365>. We would also like to encourage our patrons to take this opportunity to complete the 2020 Census form online. To access the form, visit <https://my2020census.gov/> and remember that census data equates to dollars for our city and county. Everyone Counts! We would also like to thank the community for your continued support and patronage as we navigate a new way of serving you and your literary needs.

## City Calendar

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

June 9	8:00 am	Main Street Commission	Church at the Grove
June 9	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing	Canceled
June 9	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission	City Community Room
June 11	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority	City Community Room
June 16	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session	Middle School Activity Center
June 16	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting	Middle School Activity Center
June 17	9:00 pm	Municipal Court	City Community Room
June 23	6:00 pm	Planning and Corridor Commission	City Community Room
June 25	6:00 pm	Tree Board	City Community Room
June 27		Independence Celebration	Canceled

**City Hall will be closed:** Monday, Sept 7, Thursday, Nov 26, Friday, Nov 27, Thursday, Dec 24, and Friday, Dec 25, 2020.

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

## Library Calendar of Events

### Library Hours

Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sun 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

(770) 464-2444

### 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:

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

#### Night Deposit:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

#### Dates:

June 28 - Late fees applied

### Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

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