




# Around the Well

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## Downtown BINGO

 Bingo cards are available at participating Downtown Businesses and the Welcome Center. Make a purchase at a participating business and they will stamp your card. **CARD MUST BE STAMPED AT TIME OF PURCHASE!** There are other fun things to do to fill up a row or the entire card! All the spaces that are not business related will be checked and stamped at the welcome center. Turn your card in once you have at least one entire row stamped. The more rows stamped increase your chances of winning! We will draw a winner once a month to receive up to \$100 in Downtown Dollars!!

Downtown Dollars can also be purchased at the Welcome Center and be given as gifts for use in any of the participating Downtown businesses!




## Special Dates

Christmas in the Circle	12/18
City Hall Closed	12/24 & 25
City Hall Closed	1/1

## Community Updates

### Christmas in The Circle: Friday, December 18, 6-8pm

We rescheduled our celebration due to inclement weather, so come Downtown and enjoy a Holly Jolly Christmas experience with Santa, train rides, cookie decorating, s'mores and arts & crafts activities for the kids.

**Shop Small**  This season, direct your focus on our wonderful local small businesses! Help support them by shopping local!



### Stanton Memorial Library On Tuesday, December 1,

the library will be handing out adult and children's holiday craft kits while supplies last. Patrons can make a curbside appointment to pick them up or they can stop in during their TCOB hours as posted on the website.



The city is currently taking applications for a vacancy on the Library Board. If you are interested in applying, download an application at <https://socialcirclega.gov/documents/board-application-2020/>.

## City Reminders

### Important Message about Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas, America's most popular home heating fuel, is increasingly popular for use by homeowners, schools, businesses, factories and electric power-generation plants because it is efficient, clean, reliable and a relative bargain compared to alternative energy sources. In our community, City of Social Circle provides natural gas to more than 1100 customers through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines, typically 2-inch in diameter, branch into household service lines which are typically half-inch to three-quarter inch in diameter and buried 12- to 18-inches below the surface.



To protect you and others in the community; federal and state government, along with your utility provider have made your safety a high priority. Any time you dig or move earth in any way, you are required to "Call Before You Dig" 48 hours before beginning any digging. When you call 811, they will contact utility owners who will locate all buried utility lines on your property, so you can safely dig and prevent a potentially hazardous condition. Failure to use the 811 system is a known cause of pipeline accidents. Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake. For more information, see [www.Georgia811.com](http://www.Georgia811.com), [socialcirclega.gov](http://socialcirclega.gov) or call City Hall at 770-464-2380.

Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas. A chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak. Some of the signs of a gas leak include seeing bubbling water, hearing a hissing or blowing sound from a pipeline or appliance, dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area, dirt or dust blowing from the ground, or the smell of rotten eggs. If you smell gas, or just think you might be smelling gas, leave the area immediately and call your local gas provider at 770-464-2380 or 911 from a neighboring home or business. Never turn on or off switches or use a flashlight or phone in the presence of the gas smell, because an electric spark could ignite the gas, causing an explosion. Do your part to familiarize yourself and your family with these natural gas safety tips and continue to enjoy the value, comfort and benefits of America's cleanest, most efficient energy source!

This message is brought to you by City of Social Circle as a public service. To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call 770-464-2380.

### Walton County Transportation Plan - Input Requested

Walton County has hired the firm of Sycamore Consulting to provide a long term transportation plan for the roadway improvement needs of the County, including the Cities within the County. There is a steering committee established that includes representatives from across the County and each of the Cities. The purpose of the plan is:

- ▶ Develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) that makes economic sense to the County and City elected leaders that can be delivered over time
- ▶ Serve as a roadmap for transportation network development to serve existing and future needs
- ▶ Build consensus on the list of projects that will shape the economic future
- ▶ Deliver an efficient, effective, realistic and "common sense" CTP that can be successfully implemented with projected available funding

It is expected that the plan will be developed over the next twelve months. There will be a website established by the consultant which will be publicly available and linked to the websites of each City and the County, through which the public can follow the plan recommendations and provide comment.

If you would like to provide input on needed transportation improvements, please feel free to provide those suggestions to Mayor David Keener, Councilmember Tyson Jackson or City Manager Adele Schirmer. These individuals are on the steering committee and their contact information is provided in the right column.

### City Calendar

Info for ALL meetings is available at [www.socialcirclega.gov](http://www.socialcirclega.gov) and at City Hall.

Dec 5	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council - Work Session	Community Room
Dec 8	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing	ZOOM
Dec 8	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission	CANCELED
Dec 10	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu)	Community Room
Dec 15	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council (Regular Mtg. 3rd Tue)	TBD (see website)
Dec 9	1:00 pm	Municipal Court	Community Room
Dec 22	6:00 pm	Planning & Corridor Commission (4th Tue)	Social Circle Theater
Jan 12	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue)	Church at the Grove
Jan 12	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing	ZOOM
Jan 12	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission	Community Room

### Library Calendar of Events

#### Library Curbside Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri ..... 10 am - 5 pm  
 Thu ..... 1-7 pm  
 Sat ..... 10 am - 2 pm

Patrons can now make appointments to use the library computers, and free wifi is still available in the parking lot.

#### Utility and Tax Payment Options

**Phone:**

1-877-840-5562 (utility payments only)

**Online:**

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

**Drive-Thru [ONLY]:**

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Night Deposit:**

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

**Dates:**

- Dec 28 - Last day to avoid cut-off
- Dec 29 - Cut-off
- Dec 30 - Current payment due date
- Dec 31 - Late fees applied

#### Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

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City Hall Closed Dates: November 26/27, December 24/25

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