



Around the Well

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City Updates

Coffee & Conversations

On February 22, 2022 Pinnacle Bank will host Coffee and Conversations. This is an opportunity for business owners, citizens, clubs, churches, and organizations in Social Circle to network and find out about goings on in Downtown. Please join us at Pinnacle Bank on 2/22 at 8:30 for Coffee and Conversations.



Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

Please call 770-464-2953 to schedule a ride. M-F 8:00-3:30

\$1.00 one way; cash presented to driver upon entering bus.

All trips must be scheduled by 4:00pm on previous day. No Exceptions.

Masks must be worn at all times.

To suggest or submit a city related news item, please email:
communications@socialcirclega.gov

Utility News

Meter Change Outs ⚡ Please be aware that meter change outs are still in process throughout the City. Brief interruptions of service will be noticed as these change outs are performed. These new meters allow radio reads and more accurate usage values for our staff and our customers. These meters will allow staff to pinpoint exactly when spikes in service usage occur, after several months of usage have been recorded. Please be patient as we make these upgrades.

Cemetery Clean-up ⚡ Beginning the third week of February, the City of Social Circle will begin to clean up the Lakewood and Bennie Hill Cemeteries to ensure a respectful appearance and to allow for ongoing maintenance. Subsequent clean-ups will occur on a semi-annual basis during the second week of March and November each year. During the clean-up, the city may remove any live and artificial flowers that are dead, faded, or tattered and broken ornamental items. Families are encouraged to remove any items they wish to keep in advance of the scheduled clean-up.

Community News

Occupation Tax and Business License regulations ⚡ The city has upgraded to a new system for business licenses. We mailed out the business license renewal notices in the middle of December. If you are existing business and did not receive your renewal notice, please call City Hall at 770-464-2380 and ask for Dennise Adams or Barbara Schlageter. We will be glad to provide you with the forms. The administrative fee of \$100.00 shall be required on all businesses. The employee fee is \$10.00 per each employee. The business license is due and payable by January 31st of each year and shall, if not paid by May 1 of each year, be subject to penalties and interest. If you are starting a new business, we welcome you and if you have any questions do not hesitate to call. We will be glad to help get you started.

Downtown Chocolate Walk ⚡ Downtown Social Circle merchants will host a Chocolate Walk on Thursday, February 10th from 6-8pm. Come dine, shop and then visit the participating businesses for some sweet treats! For more information, please call 770-464-1866.

Farmers Market ⚡ We are looking for vendors for the 2022 Social Circle Farmers Market. For more information, please call the Welcome Center at 770-464-1866.

Volunteers ⚡ There are lots of ways to volunteer for events and happenings in Downtown. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Amber McKibben at 770-464-1866 or email amckibben@socialcirclega.gov

Police Chief Corner ⚡ We are here to keep our community safe. On that note, we would like to encourage our citizens to "Get with the #9PMROUTINE." These suggestions to be done at 9 pm each night help to encourage a safer city: turn on outside lights, ensure windows are closed and locked, close overhead garage doors, secure all valuables, close and lock doors on vehicles and buildings, and be sure to remove keys, wallets, garage door openers, and such from vehicles. Share on social media that you are on board with #9PMROUTINE and #SCPD.

Help Keep Our Sewers Healthy ⚡ Flushable wipes are not biodegradable. Even when a wipe claims to be flushable, the wipe does not break down in the same fashion as toilet paper. The wipes are made from high strength fibers that do not lose their strength and do not breakdown with time, which can lead to clogs not only in your household lines, but also in City sewer lines. Our sewer filtering system has had issues clogging up with disposable wipes as well as clogs in the sewer pipes, created by grease and food wastes. Please do not flush or dispose of any wipes into the

Social Circle sewer system. Just because something is labeled flushable, does not mean it should be flushed! Leaving flushable wipes and similar items out of the system will help us continue to provide outstanding sewer service and allow the outflow to run smoother. No one enjoys the smell or sight of a sewer backup.

Main Street Commission • Cemetery Committee • Downtown Development Authority •
Do You Want to be involved in
Social Circle
 Georgia's Greatest Little Town?
 Historic Preservation Commission • Library Board •

The Mayor and Council appoint community members to a number of volunteer Boards and Commissions to provide recommendations and input. If you would like to contribute to your community with your talents, interest, or expertise, please submit an application
SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/

• Planning and Corridor Commission • Social Circle Housing Authority •

Library News

The Azalea Regional Library System has been recognized as Library of the Year for their programming and services that demonstrate knowledge and care for their communities. With a regional headquarters building located in Madison, Georgia, the system's nine member libraries serve around 175,000 residents throughout diverse and unique communities in Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Morgan, Putnam, and Walton Counties. Despite pandemic limitations, Azalea Regional Library System reimagined its services and programs during COVID-19, obtaining grants and launching new services in communities that could otherwise not afford them. Some of those include: launching the PLAY student library card in five of their six counties, starting a Technology Lending Program to meet growing patron remote work and learning needs, growing pandemic services into permanent ways to serve patrons, connecting families with loved ones who are incarcerated, and feeding and clothing families in need. Azalea Regional Library System received many detailed and heartfelt support letters from elected and local officials throughout their region that showed their pride in the library system and appreciation for the work they do. The W.H. Stanton Memorial Library will be hosting a local celebration later this year.

W.H. Stanton Memorial Library has many services that you can take advantage of! This includes curbside service, computer use by appointment, and some in-library services. This digital card enables students to drop by the library and check out five physical items that will not accrue fines. Plus, the card allows online access to all our virtual offerings. Contact the library with questions or for information at (770) 464-2444.

Stay in tune with the happenings at the library by visiting the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library Facebook page. Fun recipes frequent the page, as well as, videos for the kids to enjoy.

City Calendar

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

Feb 03	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room
Feb 08	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	City Community Room
Feb 08	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Committee	City Community Room
Feb 10	9:00 am	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	Welcome Center
Feb 15	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	City Community Room
Feb 16	1:00 pm	Municipal Court	City Community Room
Feb 22	6:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Community Room
Feb 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room
Mar 03	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	To Be Announced
Mar 15	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	To Be Announced

Library Hours

Monday: 9 am - 6 pm
 Tuesday: 9 am - 7 pm
 Wednesday: 9 am - 6 pm
 Thursday: 9 pm - 7 pm
 Friday: 9 am - 6 pm
 Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm
 Sunday: 2 pm - 6 pm

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

W. H. Stanton Memorial Library
 Website | Facebook | 770-464-2444

City Hall: 770-464-2380

Utility and Tax Payment Options

In-person at City Hall Drive - Thru:

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

Phone:

1-877-840-5562

Online:

socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Night Deposit:

Open 24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

Feb. 23 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

Feb. 24 - Cut-off

Feb. 25 - Current payment due date

Feb. 28 - Late fees applied

Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938 or

Text CUT-OFF to 470-900-3966.

Utility Deposit Refunds

Refunds can be applied to account or a

check processed after 12 on-time payments.

Request your refund by calling City Hall

770-464-2380 and press 1

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