



Around the Well

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City Updates

Water Quality Report

The 2016 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available on the web and at City Hall upon request. This report addresses compliance of the City Drinking water with Water Quality requirements. (<http://socialcirclega.gov/documents/2016-water-quality-report/>)

Exchange Zone Established

As a result of recent events, the Social Circle Police Department has created a safe exchange zone in front of the Social Circle Police Department. The exchange zone, which is covered by 24-hour surveillance video, can be used for child custody, private property and e-commerce transactions.

Alcova Roundabout

ATT has been working to relocate their facilities from the pole that is in conflict with the roundabout. As of June 13, the last copper splice was completed and removed. The ATT fiber relocation is in progress and is scheduled to be cut over to the new poles on July 14. The remaining cables will be removed and cleared the following week, enabling the pole to be removed by Georgia Power. There are approximately three weeks of roadway and sidewalk construction work remaining to complete the roundabout project once the pole is removed. We appreciate the patience of the community during this construction project, and look forward to the improved traffic patterns and pedestrian safety that will result. For information on this project, please contact Barry Parsons, Public Works and Water Resources Director (770-464-2380).

Summer Mowing

With the plentiful rain we have had this spring, the grass is growing rapidly. Your City crews are working continually to mow City properties and rights of way. Please help keep your City looking good by mowing to the curb or street edge in front of your property when you mow your lawn. By working together we can all save tax dollars and contribute to the charm of Social Circle. Thank you for your assistance!

To suggest a news topic, an update topic or to submit news items of community interest, please email aroundthewell@socialcirclega.com

Underground Gas Pipe Maintenance ⚡ As your natural gas distributor, the City of Social Circle is required, in accordance with federal regulations, to make you aware of certain safety recommendations regarding your underground natural gas piping. The City of Social Circle operates our gas system with an emphasis on safety. We are required to design, operate, and maintain our underground natural gas pipeline system in accordance with prescribed federal safety standards.

The gas department **does not** maintain the gas piping downstream of the gas meter. This is the responsibility of the customer who owns that piping. If the buried pipe is not properly maintained, it may be subject to **corrosion** (if the piping is metallic) and/or **leakage**. To ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of these lines, the buried piping should be checked periodically. You (or the building owner) are advised to contact a licensed plumber or heating contractor to assist you in locating and inspecting your buried gas piping. If any unsafe condition is found, repairs must be made ASAP. The Yellow Pages are an excellent source for listings of licensed plumbers and heating contractors. If we can answer any questions regarding this notice, please call Social Circle City Hall at 770-464-2380. You may disregard this notice if you do not have buried piping beyond the gas meter.

Call 811 Before You Dig ⚡ Should you plan to dig around buried piping, especially buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance and all digging should be carefully done by hand in the vicinity of the pipe. You must contact the Georgia One Call Center at 800-282-7411 (or 811) three days before any digging by you or your contractor so that all buried cable may be located. This is a free service. **Flag colors and what they represent:** red: electric power lines, cable, conduit and lighting cables; orange: telecommunication, alarm, or signal lines, cable or conduit; yellow: natural gas, oil, steam, petroleum or other gaseous or flammable materials; green: sewers and drain lines; blue: drinking water; purple: reclaimed water, irrigation, and slurry lines; pink: temporary survey markings, unknown/unidentified facilities; white: proposed excavation limits or route.

Leaf and Brush Collection ⚡ Collection of leaves and brush is now weekly again in all areas of Town on your scheduled pickup day. We want to thank you for being patient while we got all the equipment ready to better serve you. City crews have been working very hard to get back on schedule and provide you the best service possible for leaf, grass clippings, and brush removal. To keep things running smoothly, we want to work as a team to ensure services are provided in a timely manner and equipment is in top working order. The following are some tips for ensuring our crews provide the best service possible:

1. Do not put trash, rocks, metal, dirt, and items that may damage the blades on the leaf and brush machine. These items can cause equipment failure and costly repairs preventing the crews from providing service to you.
2. Separate leaf piles from brush piles and keep limbs to approximately 4 inches or less in diameter.
3. Crews will normally spend 15 minutes on a leaf or brush pile. If they spend longer than that then the piles are too big causing the crews to get behind delaying service to other citizens. However, they can spend 15 minutes each week on a large pile until it is gone.
4. If you see our trucks pass your leaves and brush without picking it up, the trucks are full and need to be emptied. They will return to finish your piles. If they miss your pile by mistake, call City Hall to request a pick up.
5. If you forget to put your pile of leaves and brush next to the road on your scheduled pickup day crews will pick it up the following week on your scheduled day of pickup.
6. If crews find an issue with your pile of leaves or brush, they will leave a hang tag. Please read the tag and take the appropriate actions. Once you have, call City Hall for pickup or wait until your next scheduled pickup day.
7. There will be times when your leaf and brush pickup may be delayed due to equipment failure and weather. However, we will make every effort to pick them up in a timely manner.

Pool Guidelines ⚡ With the summer heat our thoughts turn to cooling off in a pool. The City of Social Circle has adopted the State code regarding swimming pools which requires that owners obtain permits for pools. Any aquatic vessel that has a water depth of under 12 inches and is drained and filled daily is not required to have a permit. All other aquatic vessels will require a permit. In addition, all pools are required to have a barrier, a permanent fence, wall, building wall, or combination that surrounds the aquatic vessel and obstructs the access to the vessel. The purpose of the barrier is to provide significant restricted access and reliable latching devices on entry points to an aquatic vessel so that children cannot gain access unless an adult provides such access. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Schlageter, 770-464-6905 or bschlageter@socialcirclega.com.

Downtown News

New Businesses Coming Soon ⚡ Downtown Social Circle is growing! Keep an eye out for these new businesses coming soon to downtown: The White Rabbit Home & More opened June 1. They are located at 136 Sycamore Street in the space formerly occupied by Georgia Power. The Southern Way Salon and Gifts next door to Miller Insurance opened June 6. Sacred Grounds Corner Cafe on the corner where Wiley General Store was located is scheduled to open the first week in July. Goodfellas restaurant on Sycamore is scheduled to open in July.

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School News

Teachers Awarded Grants 🌟 Kelli Waldrop, Sallie Robinson, and Ryan Clark, three teachers at Social Circle Elementary, have each been awarded \$10,000.00 in Tiny Grant funds from the state. The grants will provide fourth and fifth grade students access to the benefits of blended learning. Growth-mindset, along with goal-based blended learning will ignite student motivation in math and science and will serve as a school-wide model for preparing 21st century learners. Students will begin working toward individual goals using a combination of online learning programs that provide real-time formative data for the teacher, alongside cross-curricular work.

School Open House Schedule 🌟 Primary School: Tuesday, August 1st, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm. Elementary School: Monday, July 31, 5:30pm -3rd Grade; Tuesday, August 1st, 12:00-2:00 pm - 4th and 5th grades. Middle School: Monday, July 31st, 1:30 - 3:00 pm for 6th grade; Tuesday, Aug 1st from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for 7th and 8th grades. High School: Tuesday, August 1st, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. School starts Wednesday, August 2.

Community Calendar

Coffee with the City Manager 🌟 Come to the City Hall Conference room on Wednesday, July 5 and Wednesday August 2, 8 am - 9 am, no appointment necessary. Feel free to stop in if you have an idea or concern about City business or just want to chat.

Milkshake with a Cop 🌟 This month join us on Thursday, July 13 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Hot Rod's Diner behind the Blue Willow Inn. Hot Rod's will be offering \$1 off any milkshake during that time. The Coffee with a Cop program gives citizens a chance to meet the Social Circle Police officers to discuss concerns, ask questions and get to know your police officers. There will be no formal agenda, so drop in when you can!

Thank you to our Independence Day Celebration Sponsors 🌟 With your help, Social Circle and its visitors enjoyed a wonderful evening. Special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Immecc, and fellow sponsors; Goodyear, IsoNova, Piedmont Healthcare and Piedmont Physicians, Ginn Motors, First Baptist Social Circle, TDS Auto Services, Social Circle Ace Home Center, Orwell Electronics, CertainTeed, Viper Security Technologies, Church at the Grove, Knox Chapel Baptist Church, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Pinnacle Bank, Standridge Color, Foster Concrete, The McMillan Family, B&H Towing and Wrecker, Covington Ford, Conner Smith Realty, MHB Paving, JK Design, Covington News, Main Street Foundation, Georgia Power, 88.9 The Reach, Fat Boys Golf Carts, The Walton Tribune, Atlanta Fire and Restoration, ABM Education Services, Willy's Mex Mex Grill, Lemontree Academy, Tim Hutcheson Agency, Councilman David and Penny Keener, Stephens Oil, San Food and Gas, Dally Law, Edward Jones – Patrick Dally, Posner Family, Robert Foxworth, Blue Willow Inn Restaurant

Social Circle Business Coffee Call 🌟 Make plans to join us August 17th at 9:00 am at Rustic Home & Decor and Barbed Wire and Lace for our first Coffee Call of the year.

Back to School Bash 🌟 The Social Circle Main Street Commission is excited to announce plans for the 2017 Back to School Bash. Our goal is to collect school supplies from local businesses, industries, churches and neighborhoods. Our hope is to impact all Social Circle city students and we need your help! We are looking for local business and individual sponsorships and volunteers to help the afternoon of the event. One addition we are excited to offer this year is a food pantry and clothes closet. This event is a gift to our kids. We want to offer them the tools they'll need to start the 2017-2018 school year off prepared and ready to learn. The Back to School Bash will be held on Monday, July 31, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm downtown on Cherokee between the red light and Sycamore Ave.

Citizens' Police Academy 🌟 The Police Department will offer their first Citizens' Police Academy starting in September. The Social Circle Citizens' Police Academy will give the residents and corporate citizens of Social Circle a chance to see, understand and interact with the inner workings of the City of Social Circle Police Department. Participants will learn about the available services, resources and programs offered by the Social Circle Police Department. Participation in the program is free. Applicants are required to be twenty-one (21) years of age and must provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance into the program is subject to review of the applicant's background, including a criminal history inquiry. For more information please call Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or e-mail at rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

Friendship Festival October 7 🌟 Our 23rd annual Friendship festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 and promises to be bigger and better than last year with more vendor spaces opening up. We are currently looking for vendors of all kinds. Booth spaces are discounted through August 31, 2017. You can find information on the Friendship Festival and vendor applications online (<http://socialcirclega.gov/city-events/friendship-festival/>) or at the Welcome Center. Payments should be made when the application is turned in.

Looking for Performers 🌟 We are looking for musicians and other performers who would like to perform for free at city events throughout the year. Please email vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

City Calendar

Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, available on the city website www.socialcirclega.gov and at City Hall		
July 10 7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
July 11 8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm
July 13 10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conf Rm
July 18 8:00 am	Main Street Board (2nd Tuesday each month)	Sacred Grounds
July 18 5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
July 18 6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
July 19 1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
July 24 6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
July 27 6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room

Library Calendar of Events

Summer Reading Program Events

Fridays @ 10:30 am:

July 14

Ken Scott, Magician

July 21

Barry Stewart Mann Storyteller & Actor

Tales for Tots

Tuesdays, July 11 & 18
at 10 am

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, July 25
at 10:30 a.m.

Library Hours

MWF 9 a.m.– 6 p.m.
Tu & Th 9 a.m.– 7 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

For more info call (770) 464-2444

The Library will be closed
Tuesday, July 4th
for Independence Day.

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uncleremus.org/stanton

The drive-thru window at City Hall will be open Monday July 24, 8:30 am - 4.30 pm.

Deposit refunds:

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