



Around the Well

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City Updates

Burn Ban Ends 9/30

The Georgia EPD summer burn ban expired on September 30. Before burning you must obtain a burn permit from the Georgia Forestry Commission by calling 1-877-OK2-BURN or online at www.gatrees.org. Campfires or outdoor cooking fires used for recreation are exempt from permits. Burning household garbage or lumber, even in a burn barrel, is illegal at all times in all Georgia counties. Please be responsible with all fires. Please contact the fire department with any questions: 770-464-0621 or visit (epd.georgia.gov/air/open-burning-rules-georgia).

Sewer System Video Work

The sewer camera work was delayed due to tropical storm Irma and should be starting in early October. The contractors will be accompanied by City of Social Circle employees. We will announce dates and locations on the City Facebook page and web site.

Gas Rebate Rally Continues

For more information contact Robbie Groves at 770-464-2380. For more details visit: (socialcirclega.gov/rebates-for-old-appliances/) (RebateRally.com).

Upcoming Events

Chili Cook-off and Art in the Alley
Saturday, November 11th, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Shop Small Saturday
November 25th

Social Circle Christmas
Saturday December 2nd

Live Nativity
Sunday December 10th

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

23rd Annual Friendship Festival October 7 ~ The Friendship Festival celebrates its 23rd year and 2017 also marks '185 years of Friendship in Social Circle'. Booths open at 9:00 am. The parade starts at 10:00. Booths, entertainment and food continue until 2:00 pm.

Fire Department, Shire Partner for Mutual Benefits ~ Shire and the Social Circle Fire Department have formed a partnership that provides safety support for Shire's operations while providing the fire department with tens of thousands of dollars of specialized training and equipment that will have broader impact across the community. The two organizations are participating in joint hazmat (hazardous materials) and confined space entry training programs that are providing needed skill sets to Shire employees and Social Circle firefighters that are typically only found in major metro fire departments.

Fire Department Receives Grants ~ The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) awarded the City of Social Circle Fire Department two grants totaling more than \$14,000. The grant funds will be spent on turn-out gear for the fire department and emergency warning devices.

Property Taxes ~ Property tax statements will be going out Sept 25 this year. The earlier date will allow you more time to pay. Tax payments will be due Oct 20 and will be past due Dec 20. The statement will look different this year since we are using new software to generate the bills.

Early Voting Starts October 16 ~ Early voting for the 2017 elections will run from October 16 through November 3. Voting will take place at City Hall between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Election day is November 7 and voting will take place at the Social Circle Community Room. The last day to register to vote is October 10.

Downtown News

Downtown Park Named ~ At the September meeting, the Mayor and City Council chose "Social Circle Friendship Park" as the official name for area formerly known as "the parking lot across from Ace". We will be moving forward with creating a green space for the community to enjoy concerts, movies, events/activities, farmers market and maybe a game of Frisbee or family picnic. If you or your business are interested in being involved in building Friendship Park please contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

Community Calendar

Social Circle Business Coffee Call ~ Come meet fellow business owners from Social Circle and share what your business can offer to the community at our next Coffee Call on Thursday, October 5 at 9:00 am at Pinnacle Bank. For more information or if you are interested in hosting a Coffee Call please email vhardy@socialcirclega.com.

Coffee with a Cop ~ Join us on Tuesday, October 17 from 9:00 am - 10:100 am at the Social Circle Police Department. Come discuss concerns, ask questions and get to know your police officers. There will be no formal agenda, so come by when you can!

Citizen Firearm Class October 21 ~ The next Citizen Firearm class will be held Saturday, October 21. This class is designed for those individuals who want to become familiar with how to properly use a firearm. This course will include classroom and range instruction and the legal and lawful explanation of the use of force. To register come by the Police Department or contact Randy Downs (rdowns@socialcirclega.com)

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Veteran's Day Ceremonies November 10 🌀 The Social Circle City Schools Veteran's Day ceremonies will be on Friday, November 10, 2017. The Primary/Elementary School program will be at 9:00 am in the Elementary School gymnasium and the Middle/High School program will be at 1:30 pm in the High School gymnasium. Please join us to pay tribute to all our veterans on this very special day.

Chili Cook-off and Art in the Alley November 11 🌀 Our second annual Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, November 11 at Social Circle Friendship Park. This year we will also host our first Art in the Alley to showcase local artists and to offer hands-on art projects in Dally Square. We are looking for cooking teams and artists to participate. For more information email vhardy@socialcirclega.com, call (770) 464-1866 or visit SocialCircleGA.gov/city-events/chili-cook-off/

Coffee with the City Manager 🌀 Stop by the City Hall conference room on Wednesday, November 1, any time between 8 am - 9 am, to visit with the City Manager and discuss any ideas or concerns you have about City business or just to chat.

Social Circle Christmas December 2 🌀 Social Circle Christmas will be Saturday, December 2nd from 4:00 -8:00 pm. Activities will include a visit with Santa and The Grinch, lighting of the Christmas Tree, train rides, Christmas crafts, carolers, carriage rides, s'mores and more! If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of Social Circle Christmas or participate contact vhardy@socialcirclega.com

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Notices

Important Message from the City 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, 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.

Election Signs 🌀 Election season is upon us, and candidates will soon be placing signs around town. All signs are regulated by the City sign ordinance, including political signs. Please see our website for more details. (socialcirclega.gov/political-sign-regulations/) If you have any questions please contact Barbara Schlageter, (bschlageter@socialcirclega.com).

City Calendar

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

October 9	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
October 10	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm
October 12	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conference Rm
October 17	8:00 am	Main Street Commission	City Hall Training Rm
October 17	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
October 17	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
October 18	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
October 23	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
October 26	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room

Library Calendar of Events

Tales for Tots

* NEW DAY *

Mondays, October 2 & 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Story Time with Renee Hanna

Wednesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, October 31 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.

The Library will be closed for
Columbus Day: Monday, October 9

Friendship Festival Annual Book Sale

Preview Sale

Friday, October 6, 10 a.m. – Noon

(\$10 Admission Fee)

Regular Sale

Friday, October 6, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 8: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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uncleremus.org/stanton

For more info call (770) 464-2444

Drive-thru window: Monday,

October 16, 8:30 am - 4.30 pm.

Siren Testing: Wednesday, November 1,

10:00 am.

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