



# Around the Well

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## City Updates

### Please Update Your Utility Account Number

If you use bill pay through your bank to pay your City utility bill, please update your account number to ensure your payment gets properly credited to your account. The new account will have this format: xxx-xxxxx-xx. Please call City Hall if you have questions, 770-464-2380.

### Save the Date!

Join us Friday, July 27, 2018 at 11:00 am for the groundbreaking for the new library expansion. The library will relocate temporarily to the Blue Willow Village beginning in August. We appreciate the assistance of everyone in helping arrange for a temporary location, and this location should be most convenient for the public during the library construction period. The library expansion is funded in part by SPLOST funds.

### Upcoming Events

#### Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, July 11, 8-9 am  
City Hall Conference Room

#### Back to School Bash

Monday, July 30, 5-7 pm  
Downtown, Adams Street

#### Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, August 1, 8-9 am

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)

**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** ⚡ To ensure our crews provide the best service possible, please: ⚡ Do not put trash, rocks, metal, dirt, and items that may damage the blades on the leaf and brush machine and cause equipment failure and costly repairs preventing the crews from providing service to you. ⚡ Separate leaf and brush piles and keep limbs to approximately 4 inches or less in diameter. ⚡ If the piles are too big, they can delay service to other citizens. Crews normally spend 15 minutes on a leaf or brush pile, so large brush piles may take multiple weeks to be cleared. ⚡ 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 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. ⚡ If crews find an issue with your pile of leaves or brush, they will leave a hang tag. Please read the tag, take the appropriate actions and then call City Hall for pickup or wait until your next scheduled pickup day. ⚡ 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.

## Downtown News

**Friendship Festival Vendor Registration is Open** ⚡ The 24th Annual Friendship Festival will be held on October 6 from 10 am - 4 pm. Please visit [socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/](http://socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/) for links to applications as well as a link to pay for your booth online. Early bird booth prices are \$75 for vendors, \$50 for non-profits and \$140 for food vendors through August 31. Contact [friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com](mailto:friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com).

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**Thank You to the Independence Celebration Sponsors** 🌟 Special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Immecc, Inc and fellow sponsors: DART Container, Piedmont Healthcare and Piedmont Physicians, Social Circle ACE Home Center, CertainTeed, Mayor Hal and Becky Dally, MHB Paving, Church at the Grove, The Law office of Amy Zapatka, Newton Federal Bank, Tim Hutcheson State Farm, Georgia Plumbing Pros, Patrick Dally-Edward Jones, Councilman David and Penny Keener, The McMillan Family, Knox Chapel, Georgia Power, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, B & H Wrecker Service, Rockdale Baptist Church, Shots Fired, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Pinnacle Bank, Conner Smith Realty, JK Design, TDS Auto, Standridge Color, Covington News, Fat Boys Golf Carts, New Rock Wesleyan Church and The Posner Family. With your help, our 2018 Independence Celebration was a success!

## Community Calendar

**Burk Field Playground Ribbon Cutting, July 7** 🌟 Join us on July 7 at 9:30 am for the ribbon cutting for the new Burk Field playground on Vine Circle. The playground is paid for by \$50,000 in City Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds and is a cooperative project between the City, community, and the Kiwanis Club of Social Circle.

**Back to School Bash** 🌟 The 2018 Back to School Bash will be Monday, July 30, 5-7 pm downtown on Adams Street between E Hightower Tr and Sycamore Ave. We want all Social Circle students to have the tools they'll need to start off the new school year ready to learn. We need local business and individual sponsorships and volunteers to help the afternoon of the event. Supplies may be dropped off at the Welcome Center. [socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/back-to-school-bash/](http://socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/back-to-school-bash/)

## Police Department News

**Stop Scrollin' and Rollin'** 🌟 Just a reminder that the hands-free driving law went into effect July 1, 2018. This legislation prevents motorists from holding cellphones while behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. The Social Circle Police Department will have a 90-day grace period for drivers beginning in July, but this will not be the case for all jurisdictions. For more information, see: <http://socialcirclega.gov/services/police/>

**Citizens' Police Academy** 🌟 The Police Department will offer their second Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) starting on September 4. This program gives the residents and corporate citizens of Social Circle a chance to see the inner workings of the City of Social Circle Police Department, and learn about the available services, resources and programs they offer. Participation in the program is free. Applicants are required to be 21 and participation 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](mailto:rdowns@socialcirclega.com).

**Citizen Firearm Safety Course** 🌟 The next Citizen Firearm class is scheduled for Saturday, September 15. This class is designed for those individuals that want to become familiar with how to properly use a firearm. This course will include classroom and range instruction. This course will also provide the legal and lawful explanation of the use of force. To register, visit [socialcirclega.gov/services/police/citizen-firearm-class/or](http://socialcirclega.gov/services/police/citizen-firearm-class/or) call Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or e-mail at [rdowns@socialcirclega.com](mailto:rdowns@socialcirclega.com).

## School News

**School Open House Schedule** 🌟 **Primary School:** Tuesday, July 31, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. **Elementary School:** Monday, July 30, 3-6 pm. **Middle School:** 6th graders: Thursday, July 26 "Redskins Boost" (all students should attend) - 9 am -12 pm; 6th grade parents: Thursday, July 26, 12 - 1 pm, Activity Center; 7th and 8th graders & parents: Friday, July 27, 1-3 pm. **High School:** Monday, July 30, 2-4 pm. School starts Wednesday, August 1.

### City Calendar

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

July 9	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
July 18	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
July 17	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Church of the Grove
July 17	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
July 17	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
July 23	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
July 26	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
August 9	8:30 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Room
Canceled		Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Room

## Library Calendar of Events

### Tales for Tots

*Special Summer Schedule:*  
Every Tuesday in July!!

### Summer Reading Program

Fridays in July at 10:30 am

**July 6** – Puppets, Singing, & Magic with Keith Karnok

**July 13** – Our Favorite & Magical Magician: Ken Scott

### Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, July 1 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.

### Major Book Sale!

**\$5/Bag until inventory is gone!**

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For more info call (770) 464-2444

### Drive-thru window open:

Monday, July 23

8:30 am - 12:00 pm and

1:00 - 4:00 pm

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**City Manager**..... Adele Schirmer  
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**City Clerk** ..... Susan Roper  
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