



Around the Well

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City Updates

FY2022 Budget

The City budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was presented to the City Council during the public meeting on June 15th and adopted by mayor and council. The interactive budget document can be found at socialcirclega.gov.

City Hall Offices Closed

Please make note that City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Sanitation/Trash Pick-up

The July 4th holiday falls on a Sunday this year so there will not be any delays or interruption in trash service.

TextMyGov

470-900-3966



Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

Please call 770-464-2953 to schedule a ride or questions.

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.

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, July 7th, 8am to 9am

Grab yourself a cup of coffee and stop by to greet the new City Manager during this hour.

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

Welcome to Mr. Eric Taylor - New City Manager

The City of Social Circle would like to welcome Mr. Eric Taylor as the new City Manager starting July 6. Mr. Taylor most recently was the Senior Assistant City Manager for Johns Creek, Ga., and has also held positions in Smyrna, Avondale Estates and Marietta. We look forward to him and his family becoming a part of Georgia's Greatest Little Town. Please plan to come and meet Mr. Taylor at a Reception on Thursday, July 29th from 4-6:30 PM at the Church at the Grove.

City News

City Hall Roof Construction ☞ The roof at City Hall will be under construction at some point during the month of July. Please be aware and patient while this is being done.

Utility News

Utility Rate Increase ☞ The newly approved budget for FY2022 has a slight increase that will be reflected on your August bill.

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.

Help Keep Our Sewers Healthy ☞ When you dump oil and grease down the drain, the liquid moves through the pipes and cools and hardens, clinging to the sides of the pipe walls and causing the pipes circumference to narrow. Eventually, the hardened grease can form a blockage that blocks the pipes in your home or throughout the City causing sewage backups. Please put used fats, oil and grease into containers and put into the garbage.

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.

Bag Your Grass Clippings ☞ The Leaf Vacuum truck is not able to pick up grass clippings (wet or dry) or wet leaves. Please bag all grass clippings and leave the bags for pickup. Do not pile grass clippings with other lawn debris that is left for pickup.

Help Us Watch Out for Snakes! 🐍 Please keep the bushes and grass trimmed around the gas and water meters on your property and keep pine straw away from water meters. This makes it easier to get an accurate reading while avoiding the possibility of snake encounters. The warm winter means more snakes, which are out and about and may be hiding in bushes, pine straw, or tall grass.

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!

Community News

Independence Day Celebration 🎆 Thank you to the following sponsors of our 2021 Independence Day Celebration! Without the generous donations from these sponsors, we would not be able to have the wonderful events in Downtown Social Circle!

Presenting Sponsor: Immec Inc.
Platinum sponsor: Social Circle Ace Home Center
Gold Sponsors: Georgia Plumbing Pros
David and Penny Keener
CertainTeed
Silver Sponsors: Wayne and Joan McMillan
Newton Federal Bank
Conner Smith Realty

Friendship Park Summer Concert Series 🎵 Our final summer concert will take place on July 9th in Friendship Park from 7-9 pm. The July concert will feature the Sandy Creek Band featuring Josh Millwood. Please come out and join us for an evening of fun and music in Friendship Park!



The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and do what they are supposed to do...Keep-People-Alive.
 Go ahead! We are counting on you to get vaccinated!
 You, your family, your business, your community, and your future are all *Worth a Shot*.
 To find available shot locations near you, please visit www.vaccinespotter.org/GA/ and enter your zip code.

Library Summer Events

- Saturday, July 10, 10:30 am - Storytime in the Library Garden
- Friday, July 16, 10:30 am - Magician Ken Scott at Friendship Park
- Thursday, July 22 10:30 am - Children's Music & Movements Class
- Friday, July 30, Time and location TBA - Social Circle Back to School Block Park

Drop by the library each week through the end of the summer for a free take home craft (while supplies last).

City Calendar

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

July 1	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session	Social Circle Theater
July 13	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue)	Church at the Grove
July 13	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue)	Zoom
July 13	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue)	City Community Room
July 15	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority	City Hall Conference Room
July 20	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue)	Social Circle Theater
July 21	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	City Community Room
July 22	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thur)	City Community Room
July 27	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues)	Social Circle Theater

Library New Hours

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

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

W. H. Stanton Memorial Library

Website | Facebook | 770-464-2444

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:

- July 26 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
- July 27 - Cut-off
- July 29 - Current payment due date
- July 30 - 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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