



Around the Well

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City Updates

Utility Bill Payment Options

You can now pay your utility bill online or by phone 24 hours a day. You can also sign up to receive your bill by email. For more information, visit our web site. (socialcirclega.gov/services/utilities/city-bills-and-payment-options/)

Seeking Volunteers

All the wonderful events we hold are made possible through the help of our amazing volunteers. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, including events and helping at the Welcome Center. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Upcoming Events

City-wide Clean-up

Saturday, September 29, 8:00 am
Community Room

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, October 3, 8-9 am
City Hall Conference Room

Friendship Festival

Saturday, October 6, 10 am - 4 pm

Rotary Fair

October 10 - 13
Middle & High School

Social Circle Citizen's Academy

Tuesday, November 13, 6-8 pm

Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 24

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

Rebates for Old Appliances ~ The Social Circle gas department wants you to round up your old appliances in exchange for new natural gas appliances. The Rebate Rally is a special natural gas appliance event held by natural gas providers across the state of Georgia each year. Local governments, water heater manufacturers, local contractors, and local businesses have partnered to promote the understanding of natural gas appliance savings, benefits and efficiencies. Social Circle is participating in the 2018 Rebate Rally Campaign during September and October. Promotions include a \$400 rebate on natural gas tankless water heaters, a \$200 rebate on a natural gas tank water heater, \$50 rebate on natural gas stove, lights or logs. The City of Social Circle offers 0% interest financing on the purchase and installation cost of natural gas water heaters, stoves and dryers. Qualified residential customers can obtain an application from City Hall. For more information contact Robbie Groves at 770-464-2380. SocialCircleGA.gov and RebateRally.com.

Help Stop Illegal Dumping ~ We have noticed garbage and other items being dumped illegally around town. City Crews are spending time, at tax-payers' expense, cleaning it up. Our garbage collection service will pick up some large items left by the curb with your regular garbage. Tires, construction material, paint cans, carpet and padding will not be picked up. If you are aware of someone dumping trash, please contact City Hall at 770-464-2380.

North Cherokee Water Line Project Update ~ The North Cherokee water line improvements are underway and will be completed by the middle of November, 2018. Crews will be working on Clark, Juniper, West Hightower, North Cherokee to Heritage Park, Heritage Park, and from the intersection of Cherokee and Hightower to Dogwood. Crews will work to keep traffic disruptions to a minimum. Please be careful and patient when traveling in those areas during construction.

The new water line installation will increase line pressure and improve water quality. All residents who live in the areas where the water lines are being upgraded should ensure they have a pressure reducing valve installed on their water service line entering their house. The increased pressure may rupture pipes in older homes and damage fixtures, and injure the people using them. Most plumbing codes require water pressure reducing valves on domestic systems where the municipal water main pressure exceeds 80psi. The City highly recommends that homeowners contact their plumber or expert to ensure they have a pressure reducing valve on their water service line. For more information please contact Barry Parsons, bparsons@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6912.

Emergency Notifications ~ The Social Circle Fire Department is continuing to test our siren system each Tuesday at noon, unless the weather is bad and a siren test could be mistaken for an actual alarm. The Fire Department will also be adding additional sirens to the system. We recommend that everyone sign up for Walton County emergency notifications. Notifications will be sent by phone, text message and email. waltoncountygga.gov/526/Community-Notifications#CivicReadySignup

Construction Projects Updates ~ **N Cherokee Sidewalk:** Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. Construction is funded with a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant that was awarded to the City several years ago. For more information contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

Library: Renovation is underway! This project, which your SPLOST funds are helping to pay for, will be finished by next summer. The Library is open at its interim location in the Blue Willow Village.

South Cherokee Water, and Sewer relocation: Scheduled to start in October.

Adopt-A-Spot and Help Beautify Our City ~ We are looking for organizations and individuals to plant flowers and maintain various areas around the City to help keep our City looking beautiful year around. If you are interested, please contact Robbie Groves at 770-464-2380, or rgroves@socialcirclega.com.

Don't Tether Your Dog ~ Dogs should be kept in a fenced area or attached by a cable or leash at least ten feet in length to a trolley system at least 30 feet long and 4-7 feet off the ground. Do not tether a dog to a stationary object except temporarily while in the visual presence of the owner.

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Downtown News

Farmer's Market Now Open 🌿 Come down to Friendship Park (across from Ace) and shop for locally grown produce at our farmer's market. The market will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am - 6 pm between now and November 17, except for the day of the Friendship Festival.

A Big Thank You! 🌿 Thank you to the Rotary Club of Social Circle, Main Street Foundation, Crossroads Baptist Church, and Citrusolution for your contributions to the Back 2 School Bash!

Community Calendar

Rotary Fair 🌿 The Rotary Club of Social Circle is excited to present the 15th Annual Social Circle Fair on the Social Circle Middle School/High School campus October 10-13. Advance sheets of tickets will go on sale soon at Social Circle Ace, Bank of Social Circle, or Pinnacle Bank. You may purchase advance discount tickets for a \$10.00 a sheet, instead of \$20 per sheet during the fair. There will be live entertainment and delicious fair food Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The proceeds from this event are used to provide scholarships to graduating SCHS seniors and monthly Ferst Foundation books to children from birth to 5 years old who reside in our school district.

City-Wide Clean-up 🌿 The kick-off for our semi-annual city-wide cleanup will be Saturday, September 29 at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your friends and neighbors before setting out to clean up our beautiful city before the Friendship Festival. Everyone is invited. Encourage your friends and neighbors. The more volunteers, the more areas can be addressed. We encourage every neighborhood to be included in the effort and in participation, contact Jenny Watt at (770) 464-1866 or jlwatt@socialcirclega.com to sign up. Wear your work clothes. Biscuits and coffee will be provided.

Friendship Festival October 6 🌿 The Friendship Festival celebrates its 24th year. Vendor applications and information about volunteer opportunities are available on our website, (socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/) or you may contact the Welcome Center at 770-464-1866 or email friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com

Register Now for Social Circle Citizen Academy! 🌿 Want to learn more about the City? This is an interactive program that focuses on educating citizens about the City's governmental operations. Elected officials and City staff will host unique and informative sessions designed to give a hands on inside look into City operations. You will learn about the City Advisory Committees and Commissions and get an inside look of the City Budget development process. The class will meet the second Tuesday each month from November through May from 6 to 8 pm. If you are interested in this program please complete the application, which is available online and at City Hall. The program will be limited to 20 participants, and is anticipated to be offered annually. For more information please contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

Chili Cook-off and Tail Gate Party November 24 🌿 Social Circle Main Street is partnering with Kiwanis of Social Circle in their inaugural Ga vs. Ga Tech Tailgate party and Chili Cook-off to be held Saturday, November 24 at Friendship Park. Cooking will start at 8 am and gates will open to the public at noon. Tasting tickets will be \$6/person. We will be showing the game on a big screen at the event. We are looking for cooking teams and vendors to participate. For more information contact Jenny Watt, jlwatt@socialcirclega.com, call (770) 464-1866 or visit SocialCircleGA.gov/downtown-events/chili-cook-off/

School News

Social Circle Primary School 🌿 Grandparents' Luncheon & Fall Book Fair will be held September 4-7, 2018. Check with the school for dates and times.

Social Circle Elementary School 🌿 Book Fair - September 10-14. Grandparents Luncheons will be at 11:00 am. 3rd grade - Sept. 11, 4th grade - Sept. 12, 5th grade - Sept. 13.

City Calendar

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

September 10 7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
September 11 8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Church of the Grove
September 18 5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
September 18 6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
September 19 1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
September 24 6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
September 27 6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
October 18 10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
October 9 6:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm

Library Calendar of Events

WE ARE OPEN!

Please visit us at our temporary location
216 & 218 Village Circle
(behind the Blue Willow and
2 doors down from Hot Rods)

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Location: TBD

Until further notice, our programs for children are temporarily postponed.

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.

*Like us on Facebook to keep up with
all of the activities going on at your library!
<https://www.facebook.com/WHStantonMemorialLibrary>
For more info call (770) 464-2444*

Utility Payment Options

City Hall: M-F 8:30am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 1-877-840-5562

Online: municipalonlinepayments.com/socialcirclega

Drive-thru: Monday, September 24, 8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm

Tax bills will be mailed out mid-September and are due Oct 20.

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