



Around the Well

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City Updates

Donations Requested

Please support the Social Circle Fire Department's Secret Santa by donating money (checks payable to Social Circle Secret Santa) or new toys. Drop off new toys any time all year long at SC Fire Department. You can take monetary donations to the Fire Department or to Pinnacle Bank.

The Mayor's Christmas Motorcade program relies on citizen participation to donate gifts for the patients of the state's hospitals serving persons with developmental disabilities and behavioral health. Donations will be accepted at the Welcome Center. See the City website for a list of requested items or call 770-464-1866.

Upcoming Events

Rotary Fair

October 10 - 13

Middle & High School

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, November 7, 8-9 am

City Hall Conference Room

Social Circle Citizen's Academy

Tuesday, November 6, 6-8 pm

Shop Small Saturday

Saturday, November 24

Chili Cook-Off & Tail Gate Party

Saturday, November 24

Social Circle Christmas & Tree Lighting

Friday, November 30

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

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.

Construction Projects Updates *N Cherokee Sidewalk:* Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. For more information contact Adele Schirmer, City Manager, aschirmer@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6901.

North Cherokee Water Line: The North Cherokee water line improvements are expected to 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. 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.

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: A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 5th. Estimated time to start is two weeks from this date.

Malcom and Fairplay Drive water and sewer project: Construction is underway and is estimated to be completed by the end of October.

Citizens are urged to be mindful of workers and obey all construction signs for the safety of the workers and citizens.

Police & Fire News

Prescription Drug Take Back Day *The Social Circle Police Department will be participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, on Saturday, October 27, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. You may come to the lobby of the Police Department during that time to turn in any prescription drugs that are expired or that you no longer use. For more information, contact Lt. Randy Downs, rdowns@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-2366.*

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Downtown News

Thank you to our Friendship Festival Sponsors 🌟 Special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Immec, Inc and fellow sponsors: DART Container, Shire, Piedmont Healthcare and Piedmont Physicians, Social Circle ACE Home Center, CertainTeed, Mayor Hal and Becky Dally, MHB Paving, Fowler Flemister Concrete, Church at the Grove, The Law office of Amy Zapatka, Newton Federal Bank, Tim Hutcheson State Farm, Georgia Plumbing Pros, Patrick Dally-Edward Jones, First Baptist Church Social Circle, Councilman David and Penny Keener, The McMillan Family, Knox Chapel, Georgia Power, Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, The Church at Stanton Springs, Pinnacle Bank, Conner Smith Realty, JK Design, TDS Auto, Viper Security Technologies, Georgia Connector Magazine, Covington News, The Walton Tribune, Fat Boys Golf Carts, New Rock Wesleyan Church and the Social Circle Theater. With your help, our 2018 Friendship Festival was a huge success!

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 \$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.

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 first 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 10 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

High School Graduation Rate at 93.88% 🌟 SCCS is very excited to announce that our graduation rate for the 17-18 school year was 93.88%. We are very proud of the graduating class of 2018. Our parents, community, and all of our school employees have supported these students and their hard work. In the Social Circle City Schools, we emphasize the importance of having a plan for your life after high school. We will only award diplomas to students who have met the state requirements for graduation and have a concrete plan for career, college, or in the military. We look forward to all of the wonderful ways that these graduates will continue to make great contributions in our community and the world!

Veterans Day Programs Scheduled 🌟 Please make plans to join us for our annual Veteran's day Ceremonies on November 9th. Elementary beginning at 9 am and Middle & High School beginning at 1:30.

City Calendar

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

October 8	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
October 9	6:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority (2nd Tue in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	City Hall Conf Rm
October 11	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	Church of the Grove
October 16	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
October 16	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
October 17	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
October 18	10:00 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu bi-monthly)	City Hall Conf Rm
October 22	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
October 25	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room

Library Calendar of Events

WE ARE OPEN!

As of this printing, we still do not have Internet capabilities for our patrons. But, don't give up! AT&T keeps telling us that it will be any day. Meanwhile, we are settled into our new environment and still offer a wide selection of materials to be checked out to our faithful patrons along with making copies and faxes. So, come and see us soon. We appreciate your visits and business.

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Member's home. Call for directions
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.

Utility and Tax Payment Options

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

Phone: 1-877-840-5562

Online: socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-thru: Monday, October 22, 8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm

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