



Around the Well

July 2019

Vol 10 No 7

City Updates

Volunteers Needed!

All the wonderful events we hold each year are made possible through the help of our awesome volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amber McKibben at amkibben@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Social Circle Needs You!

We have several boards and commissions with vacancies. If you would like to contribute to your community with your talents, interest, or expertise, please see SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/ to submit an application.

Upcoming Events

Back to School Bash

Thursday, July 25, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Downtown

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, August 7, 8:00 - 9:00 am
City Hall Conference Room

25th Annual Friendship Festival

Saturday, October 5
Downtown

Kiwanis Chili Cook-off

Saturday, October 26
Downtown

Social Circle Christmas & Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6
Downtown

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

Remodeled Library is Open! ⚡ We would like to thank our local community and supporters for truly embracing and supporting our newly renovated facility. There is still time for children to stop by the library and sign up for our Summer Reading Program which gives them the opportunity to win awesome prizes just for reading books.

Citizens' Police Academy Registration Open ⚡ Registration is open for the Fall 2019 Citizens' Police Academy (CPA). 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. Please call Lt. Randy Downs at 770-464-2366 or e-mail at rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

Utility News

Water System Upgrades Result in Marked Improvements ⚡ The phase 1 upgrades to the water system are complete. Crews are in the process of landscaping and cleaning up all construction areas. The upgrades to the water system have improved residential water pressures and fire hydrant flows downtown and results have exceeded modeling predictions. In addition, these upgrades have improved water quality throughout the water distribution system. Phase 2 of these upgrades will start this fall.

(continued)

More Ways to Get Your Utility Bill ☺ You may now receive updates about your utility bill via phone, text or email! Please contact City Hall at 770-464-2380 so we can update your information. A copy of your utility bill will be sent to you via email before the bills are mailed out. If your bill is overdue, you can be notified by text message or phone call with the information you will need to pay the bill online to avoid cut-off.

Community Calendar

Library Summer Reading Program Schedule ☺ Our Summer Reading Program, "A Universe Of Stories," is underway. Join us for these fun events!

- July 5, 2:00 pm Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths
- July 9, 2:00 pm Children's painting Class
- July 11, 2:00 pm Magical Poodle Show
- July 12, 10:30 am Kids Yoga Class
- July 16, 10:30 am Jedi Training Class. Learn fitness techniques to improve their Jedi Forces
- July 19, 10:00 am Inflatable Planetarium. Drop in anytime between 10 and 12 to explore the wonders of the universe.
- July 24, 10:00 am Pajama Movie Morning- "Dumbo". Wear your favorite pj's and bring your pillows and blankets. Light snacks will be provided
- July 26, 10:30 am The Magical Mr. McClure with special Star Wars Guest

2020 Census Complete Count Committee, July 12 ☺ The City Council has adopted a resolution establishing a 2020 Complete Count Committee in support of the 2020 Census. The first meeting will be July 12, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the City Hall conference room. This meeting will feature a workshop about the program presented by our census representative. We need people from all over the community to serve on the committee. If you would like to be a part of this important program, please contact Barbara Schlageter, bschlageter@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-6905.

Back to School Bash, July 25 ☺ Join us for the Fourth Annual Back to School Bash on July 25, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm downtown. 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. We are accepting donations at City Hall and the Welcome Center. Contact Amber McKibben, amckibben@socialcirclega.com, 770-464-1866.

Friendship Festival, October 5 ☺ Vendor registration is open for our 25th Annual Friendship Festival scheduled for October 5 from 10 am - 4 pm. Please visit socialcirclega.gov/downtown-events/friendship-festival/ for links to applications and online payment. Early bird booth prices are \$75 for vendors, \$50 for non-profits and \$140 for food vendors through August 31. For more information contact friendshipfestival@socialcirclega.com.

School News

Open House Schedule ☺ Primary School - July 31, 1:30-3:00 pm; Elementary School - July 30, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Middle School - July 29th, 6th grade students 8:00 am-12 pm, parents 11am -12 pm. 7th & 8th grades students & parents 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. High School - July 30, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. **School starts August 1.**

City Calendar

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

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

City Hall will be closed: Monday, Sept 2, Thursday, Nov 28, Friday, Nov 29, Tuesday, Dec 24, and Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019

Library Calendar of Events

Early Bird Book Club

July 30, 10:30 am

Tales for Tots

July 11, 18, 25 - 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.

Utility and Tax Payment Options

In-person at City Hall:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone:

1-877-840-5562

Online:

socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

Drive-thru:

July 19, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 4 pm

Night Deposit:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

July 23 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

July 24 - Cut-off

July 30 - Current payment due date

July 31 - Late fees applied

Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

Utility Deposit Refunds

Richard Adams, H Strickland, Virgil Pearson,
Judy Spitteler, Joseph Brewer, Jr., Amanda
Smith, Thomas Wallace, Harry Rowe, James
Bolen, Michael C Davis, Georgia Atlanta North,
Kaleidoscope of Learning

Mayor Hal Dally
770-317-1638 hdally@socialcirclega.com

District 1 Traysa Price
770-728-5893 tprice@socialcirclega.com

District 2 Tyson Jackson
770-885-9483 tjackson@socialcirclega.com

District 3 David Keener
404-713-1279 dkeener@socialcirclega.com

District 4 Steve Shelton
678-410-7971 jsshelton@socialcirclega.com

City Manager Adele Schirmer
770-464-6901 aschirmer@socialcirclega.com

City Clerk Susan Roper
770-464-6902 sproper@socialcirclega.com

Police Chief Tyrone Oliver
770-464-2366 policechief@socialcirclega.com

Fire Chief Ken Zaydel
770-464-0621 firechief@socialcirclega.com

Public Works Director Barry Parsons
770-464-6912 bparsons@socialcirclega.com

City of Social Circle

City Hall

PO Box 310

(mailing address for USPS)

166 N Cherokee Rd

(physical address for UPS, FedEx)

Social Circle, GA 30025

socialcirclega.gov