



# Around the Well

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## City Updates

### Oath of Office, June 19

Newly elected District 3 Council Member Charles Akin was administered the oath of office by Mayor Keener on June 19, 2020 at City Hall.

### Budget Updates

The annual budget was approved on June 16, 2020, and will be posted to our city website the first week of July.

### Do we owe you money?

We have several utility customers who have outstanding checks with the City due to Deposit Refunds. [Check the web site](#) to see if you are one of these individuals.

## Special Dates

Back to School Bash	07/30
Friendship Festival	10/3
Downtown Trick or Treating	10/30
Christmas Tree Lighting	11/20
Social Circle Christmas	12/4

## Utility News

**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.

**Outstanding Balances** ⚡ If you have received a notice from Penn Credit regarding outstanding balances with the City of Social Circle for utilities, these are accurate. These debts have to be resolved through Penn Credit. City staff can give you information about the disconnect date associated with the account, however they will not be able to take payment or resolve any concerns as these accounts are now the responsibility of Penn Credit.

**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.

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## Community Reminders

**Social Circle City Schools** 🔄 No firm dates have been established for restarting school in the Fall. The school will provide an update by Thursday, July 16, on their website regarding detailed plans for the fall.

**2020 Census Online** 🔄 We would like to encourage all citizens to complete the 2020 Census form online. To access the form, visit <https://my2020census.gov/>. Census data is important and equates to dollars for our city and county. Everyone Counts!

## Employment Opportunities

[A link to these \(and other\) opportunities can be found in the red menu on the City website](#)

**Police Officer (Full Time)** 🔄 Performing a full range of law enforcement duties in the patrol, community-oriented policing, crime prevention, investigation, transportation.

**Firefighter/ EMT (Full Time & Part Time)** 🔄 Responsible for the operation of fire apparatus. Responding to emergency scenes to perform fire suppression, emergency medical, rescue, and hazardous materials mitigation duties.

**Landscape & Maintenance Worker (Seasonal)** 🔄 Assists in the landscape maintenance for city properties, and public works services such as leaf collection, chipping, and other similar services.

## Special Thanks

The Social Circle Main Street Commission would like to thank the sponsors whose donations made our fireworks show possible: IMMEC inc, Mayor David and Penny Keener, Morris Realty, Wayne and Joan McMillan, Edward Jones Investments-Patrick Dally, Newton Federal Bank, CertainTeed, Tim Hutchison-State Farm, The Law office of Amy Zapatka, and The Bank of Social Circle. If you are interested in becoming a Main Street Sponsor, please email [amckibben@socialcircle.gov](mailto:amckibben@socialcircle.gov).

## City Calendar

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

July 9	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority	<b>CANCELLED</b>
July 14	8:00 am	Social Circle Mainstreet Commission (2nd Tue)	Church at the Grove
July 14	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing	<a href="#">[ZOOM]</a>
July 14	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission	Community Room
July 14	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council (Called Meeting)	City Hall
July 15	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed)	Community Room
July 23	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu)	Community Room
July 28	6:00 pm	Planning & Corridor Commission (4th Tue)	Community Room
July 29	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council - Work Session (rescheduled)	Middle School Gym
July 29	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council - Regular Mtg (rescheduled)	Middle School Gym

## City Transit in Operation Again

**Transit** 🔄 Transit is operating again. Passenger load is limited to allow social distancing and masks are required. To schedule a ride, or for information, please call 770-464-2953.

## Library Calendar of Events

### Library Hours

Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sun 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

(770) 464-2444

### Utility and Tax Payment Options

#### Phone:

1-877-840-5562 (utility payments only)

#### Online:

[socialcircle.gov/payment-options/](http://socialcircle.gov/payment-options/)

#### Drive-Thru [ONLY]:

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

#### Night Deposit:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

#### Dates:

July 27 - Last day to avoid cut-off

July 28 - Cut-off

July 30 - Current payment due date

July 31 - Late fees applied

### Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

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**City Hall will be closed: Friday, July 3.**