



Around the Well

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City Updates

FY2022 Budget Calendar

The City budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will be presented during the City Council meeting on April 20th and will be made available on the City web site. Public comment on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be received at the April 20th council meeting. Public comment on the proposed budget document will be received at the May 18th council meeting. There will also be a public hearing opportunity at the June 15th council meeting.

Prevent Sewer Clogs

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 pipe's 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.

District 3 Seat Vacancy

The City Council of Social Circle is seeking letters of interest from citizens to fill the vacant District 3 Council seat for the balance of the current term which ends January 2022. Under the City Charter, the vacancy must be filled by Council appointment because the remainder of the term is less than 12 months. The District 3 Council seat will be on the ballot during the regular election of November 2, 2021 .for the term beginning January 2022.

Upcoming Events

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, April 7th, 8am to 9am

Get yourself a cup of coffee and call into the City Manager during this hour at 770-464-6901

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

Important Message 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 678-758-4256.

TextMyGov - a Citizen Service - Coming Apr 1st ⚡ We are excited to inform you of a citizen service coming soon. TextMyGov is an automated system that citizens can use to find out information about your City's many services or to help report concerns to the City. For example you may text the number with a report about a pothole. It will automatically ask questions about the location, and your contact information. You may also respond with descriptions or pictures to allow for better service. This will then alert a City employee to respond to your concerns with the information you provided. This can be used for a variety of resources, including but not limited to the due date of your utilities.

Firearms Safety Training ⚡ On Saturday, March 27, 2021, the Social Circle Police Department will be hosting a Citizen Firearms Training Course. This course is designed to acquaint the student with their firearm and to understand how to safely handle, operate and use them in a self-defense situation. Please go to the Social Circle web page and download a Firearms Safety Course



application. Once the application is filled out please drop the application by the Social Circle Police Department. You can also e-mail the application once completed to rdowns@socialcirclega.gov. If you have any questions please contact Sergeant Randy Downs at 770-905-4028 or 678-245-9653. This course is limited to (10) students and applications must be received no later than Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Community Calendar

Farmer's Market in Friendship Park 🌿 A Farmer's Market in Friendship Park will be opening on March 25th, every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9am to 6 pm. There will be 3 new vendors coming to the market this year, stop by and welcome them.

What's Hoppin' in the Circle 🌿 March 17th through March 26th we will be highlighting 2 downtown businesses each day as part of our "What's Hoppin' in the Circle" Event. If you shop or dine in the daily highlighted business, save your receipt and you can enter daily in our grand prize drawing which will be held at the Movie in the Park on March 26th. The easter bunny will be making random visits to the daily highlighted businesses and if you are there shopping or dining, you could win a prize! Hoppin' in the Circle will conclude on March 26th with the showing of the movie "HOP" at 6pm in Friendship Park. For more details on the promotion and movie, please visit the Downtown Social Circle, GA Facebook page or call the Welcome Center at 770-464-1866

The Lions and the Lion-Hearted Golf Tournament 🌿 The annual golf tournament to support the Social Circle Police Department and the Social Circle Lions Club will be held on Friday, April 30 at The Creek at Hard Labor.

Concert Series in Friendship Park 🌿 A concert will be presented in Friendship Park on the 2nd Friday of the month in May, June, and July. The first concert will be on Friday, May 14th with local favorites Chris, Jon, and Scott.

City Reminders

Leaf and Limb Pickup 🌿

Since the leaves are beginning to let loose and fall from the trees, now is a great time to remind everyone of the leaf and brush pickup schedule:

- ▶ **Monday:** North of East Hightower Road and east of North Cherokee Road.
- ▶ **Tuesday:** West of North Cherokee Road and north of West Hightower Trail and Alcova Drive.
- ▶ **Wednesday:** South of Alcova Drive and West Hightower Trail and west of South Cherokee Road.
- ▶ **Thursday:** East of South Cherokee Road and south of East Hightower Trail.
- ▶ **Friday:** Make up day to pick up brush and leaves that were missed during the week due to equipment malfunctions, emergencies, etc.

If you pile leaves or brush after your designated day of pick up listed above, city crews will pick them up on your designated day the following week, not on Friday make up days. Special requests will be handled through work orders only by calling city Hall (770-464-2380). View the pickup map online at socialcirclega.gov/leafpickup.

City Calendar

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

March 9	8:00 am	Main Street Commission Board (2nd Tue)	Church at the Grove
March 9	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue)	Library
March 9	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue)	Community Room
March 16	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue)	Middle School Activity Center
March 17	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	Community Room
March 23	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues)	Middle School Activity Center
March 25	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu)	Community Room
March 27	8:00 am	Mayor and Council - Retreat (4th Sat)	High School
April 1	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (1st Thurs)	Community Room

City Hall will be closed: Friday, April 2, 2021 for Good Friday.

Library Calendar of Events

OUR STACKS ARE OPEN!

Monday: 1pm to 5pm
Tuesday: 1pm to 5pm
Wednesday: 1pm to 5pm
Thursday: 1pm to 5pm
Friday: 1pm to 5pm
Saturday: 12pm to 2pm

Follow the W. H. Stanton Memorial Library on Facebook. Visit the link below.

[W. H. Stanton Memorial Library](#)
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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:

24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

Mar 22 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
Mar 23 - Cut-off
Mar 25 - Current payment due date
Mar 26 - Late fees applied

Utilities cut off in error?

Call 770-464-6938

Utility Deposit 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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