



# Around the Well

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## City News

### City Updates

#### First Day of School

The first day of classes for students at Social Circle City Schools will be Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

#### City Hall Offices Closed

Please make note that City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

#### Sanitation/Trash Pick-up

There will not be any trash pick-up on Labor Day, Monday, Sept 6. Service will be delayed by a day the rest of the week. Recycling will run as usual with no delay.

## TextMyGov

470-900-3966



### Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

Please call 770-464-2953 to schedule a ride or questions. M-F 8:00-3:30

\$1.00 one way; cash presented to driver upon entering bus.

All trips must be scheduled by 4:00pm on previous day. No Exceptions.

*Masks must be worn at all times.*

To suggest or submit a city related news item, please email: [communications@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:communications@socialcirclega.gov)

**City Safety** 🌀 The Social Circle Police Department would like to remind everyone of the following 9 p.m. routine in efforts to help prevent crimes of opportunity:

1. Remove all valuable items from vehicles. Roll up windows and lock the doors.
2. Bring in or secure all valuables in the yard.
3. Close overhead garage doors and lock any outside garage doors.
4. Close and lock doors on the house.
5. Ensure all windows in the house are shut and locked.
6. Turn on outside lights.
7. Post that you've completed the #9PMRoutine on social media and tag #SCPD.

**Trees and Shrubs** 🌀 As we enjoy a beautiful summer with ample rain, you may have seen an abundance of new growth from your trees and shrubs. If your plants are growing into the streets or sidewalks, please trim them so that pedestrians and vehicles can safely pass, and that visibility is not obstructed. Thank you for your help in keeping Social Circle beautiful and safe.

**Golf Carts** 🌀 Just a reminder to be alert and aware of golf carts on our streets. Golf carts are legal in the city limits where the speed limit is 35mph or lower. You must have a low speed vehicle permit issued by the city.

## Utility News

**Utility Rate Increase** 🌀 The newly approved budget for FY2022 has a slight increase that will be reflected on your August bill.

**Help Keep Our Sewers Healthy** 🌀 When you dump oil and grease down the drain, the liquid moves through the pipes, cools and hardens, clinging to the sides of the pipe walls causing the pipe 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.

**Bag Your Grass Clippings and Wet Leaves** 🌀 The Leaf Vacuum truck is not able to pick up grass clippings (wet or dry) or wet leaves. Please leave the bags for pickup. Do not pile grass clippings with other lawn debris that is left for pickup.

**Gas and Water Meters** 🌀 Please keep any bushes and grass trimmed around the gas and water meters on your property and keep pine straw away from water meters. This makes it easier to get an accurate reading while avoiding the possibility of snake encounters. The warm winter means more snakes, which are out and about and may be hiding in bushes, pine straw, or tall grass. Also, as a reminder, please do not park vehicles, trailers or anything over the meters.

**Summer Mowing** 🌀 With the plentiful rain we have had this spring, the grass is growing rapidly. Your City crews are working continually to mow City properties. Please help keep our City looking good by mowing to the curb or street edge in front of your property when you mow your lawn. By working together we can all save tax dollars and contribute to the charm of Social Circle. Thank you for your assistance!

**Natural Gas Fun Facts** 🌀 Make the switch to a natural gas grill and never worry about switching out propane tanks again! With instant heat at the turn of a knob and no lugging around heavy tanks, you'll wonder why you didn't get one sooner. Let natural gas help you achieve that perfect smokey taste you've been craving at your next cookout, and you'll instantly be promoted to grill master of the family. For More information, please contact City Hall, 770-464-2380 and ask about how to switch to a natural gas grill.

**Hot Weather Alert** ☞ Due to the extremely hot weather we are experiencing at this time, please limit your children, the elderly, and your pets outdoor time. Also, don't forget to stay hydrated as well.

## Community News

**Coming Soon - Taste of Social Circle** ☞ September 10th, 6:00 pm at Friendship Park

**Back to School Block Party Special Thanks** ☞ The Social Circle Main Street Commission would like to thank the sponsors whose donations made our Back to School Block Party possible:

- IMMEC, Inc. ❖ Social Circle Ace Home Center ❖ CertainTeed ❖ Piedmont Walton ❖ David and Penny Keener ❖ Georgia Plumbing Pros ❖ Newton Federal Bank ❖ Wayne and Joan McMillan ❖ Conner Smith Realty ❖

Become a Main Street Sponsor today, email [amckibben@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:amckibben@socialcirclega.gov).

## Library News

Social Circle City Schools have partnered with the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library and AZRLS to bring every student enrolled in SCCS a library card of their very own! Officially launched in June, the PLAY (PINES Library Access for Youth) digital card provides seamless access to the library's virtual and physical collections. These digital cards are tied to each student's unique school ID and allows them the ability to check out five physical items without being charged overdue fines, with fees only for lost, damaged, or long overdue materials. Some virtual offerings include Tutor.com for live one-to-one tutoring and homework help, Overdrive and the Libby app for eBooks and eAudio, and eREAD Kids eBook collections and research databases via GALILEO.

PLAY eliminates many barriers to access and ensures that all students have the means to access resources and services that support their educational development and growth. Teachers and students may also use PLAY to access library resources directly from the classroom, enabling educators to include the local library as a curriculum resource.

PLAY student patrons are also granted free access to books and other materials in 300 library branches and affiliated service outlets throughout the State of Georgia. Students have access to both physical and digital resources offered by their local libraries, as well as access to library resources in PINES participating libraries throughout the state. Please contact the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library for more information about PLAY and the many free resources and services available to all Social Circle residents.

### Library Summer Events

- Thursday, August 12, 10:30 am - Toddler Music & Movements Class
- Saturday, August 21, 10:30 am - Storytime in the Library Garden

## City Calendar

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

Aug 03	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session	City Community Room
Aug 10	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	Church at the Grove
Aug 10	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tues.)	Zoom
Aug 10	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tues.)	City Community Room
Aug 12	1:00 pm	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	City Community Room
Aug 17	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	Social Circle Theater
Aug 18	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed.)	City Community Room
Aug 24	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues.)	Social Circle Theater
Aug 26	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room

### Library Hours

- Monday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Tuesday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Thursday: 9 pm - 7 pm
- Friday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm
- Sunday: Closed

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

**W. H. Stanton Memorial Library**  
Website | Facebook | 770-464-2444

### 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/](http://socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/)

**Night Deposit:**  
**Open 24/7. Do not deposit cash.**

- Dates:**
- Aug 25 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
  - Aug 26 - Cut-off
  - Aug 30 - Current payment due date
  - Aug 31 - Late fees applied

**Utilities cut off in error?**  
**Call 770-464-6938 or**  
**Text CUT-OFF to 470-900-3966.**

### Utility Deposit Refunds

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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