



# Around the Well

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## Library News

Gardening with the Walton County Master Gardeners

Free Spring 2022 Seminar Series

Tuesday's From 4-5 p.m

Mar 15 Plant Propagation

Mar 22 Building a Raised Bed

Mar 29 Creating a Pollinator Garden

Apr 19 Insect Friends & Foes

Apr 26 Native Plants

W.H. Stanton Memorial Library

407 W. Hightower Trail, Social Circle Ga 30025



## Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

Please call 770-464-2953 to schedule a ride. 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)

## Utility News

**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](http://www.Georgia811.com), [socialcirclega.gov](http://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

## Community News

**Occupation Tax and Business License Regulations** ⚡ The city has upgraded to a new system for business licenses. We mailed out the business license renewal notices in the middle of December. If you are an existing business and did not receive your renewal notice, please call City Hall at 770-464-2380 and ask for Dennise Adams or Barbara Schlageter. We will be glad to provide you with the forms. The administrative fee of \$100.00 shall be required on all businesses. The employee fee is \$10.00 per each employee. The business license is due and payable by January 31st of each year and shall, if not paid by May 1 of each year, be subject to penalties and interest. If you are starting a new business, we welcome you and if you have any questions do not hesitate to call. We will be glad to help get you started.

**St. Patrick's Day Beer Crawl** ⚡ Come celebrate with us in Downtown Social Circle on Thursday, March 17th for the St. Patrick's Day Beer Crawl! Grab some dinner and do some shopping, then visit the participating restaurants to grab a signature drink for St. Patrick's Day! For more information on this event please call 770-464-1866.

**Coffee and Conversations** ⚡ Please join us for Coffee and Conversations at Morris Realty on March 29th at 8:30am. This is a wonderful networking opportunity for businesses, churches, clubs and organizations. Please RSVP by calling 770-464-1866.

**Volunteers** ⚡ There are lots of ways to volunteer for events and happenings in Downtown. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Amber McKibben at 770-464-1866 or email [amckibben@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:amckibben@socialcirclega.gov)

## Police Chief Corner

Constantly watching over your children's every move may not be possible, even at home. With that said, here are some useful rules worth laying down to make sure that they stay out of harm's way even when you are not immediately present:

- Do not open the door for strangers. Instruct your kids to keep the doors always locked and secure, and only open the door for familiar faces. Let them know that if any stranger rings the doorbell, they should stay quiet and not open the door. This is especially important if your kids are old enough to be home alone.
- If you haven't already, consider installing some security cameras so that your family members can safely and easily see who's at the door. Be familiar with the family emergency contact list. Every household should have an emergency contact list, neatly written out or printed and stowed away somewhere central. This way, if a disaster strikes, family members can easily refer to it and contact others if needed. Let your children know where they can access this list and how to use it if they need to.
- Main contact information should ideally be memorized (such as parents' phone numbers) but other family members' contacts like grandparents, aunts, and uncles in the immediate area can be noted on this emergency contact list. In addition to family contacts, also include the phone numbers of local paramedics, fire departments, police stations, family doctors, and close friends to be extra prepared. It is recommended to have emergency numbers easily accessible in various places throughout your home.

Main Street Commission • Cemetery Committee • Downtown Development Authority •

Do You Want to be involved in  
Social Circle

Georgia's Greatest Little Town?

The Mayor and Council appoint community members to a number of volunteer Boards and Commissions to provide recommendations and input. If you would like to contribute to your community with your talents, interest, or expertise, please submit an application

SocialCircleGA.gov/boards-application/

• Planning and Corridor Commission • Social Circle Housing Authority •

Social Circle Development Authority • Tree Board •
Historic Preservation Commission • Library Board •

**Fire Chief ** Reminder of the annual ban on open burning begins May 1, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) open burning ban will be in effect for 54 Georgia counties. The open burning ban has been in place during the summer ozone season since 2005. The ban prohibits citizens and businesses from burning yard and land-clearing debris during the summer ozone season, which runs from May 1 through September 30. This is in addition to the rule that prohibits the burning of household garbage. Burning household garbage is never allowed anywhere in Georgia. Recreational activities such as campfires and grilling are exempt from the open burning ban. Burning of vegetative materials at agricultural operations is also exempt. Citizens can access more information on the open burning ban by visiting <https://epd.georgia.gov/> and clicking on "Open Burning Rules for Georgia" under Popular Topics, or by calling the EPD District Office serving their area.

## 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.*

Mar 03	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room
Mar 08	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	City Community Room
Mar 08	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Committee	City Community Room
Mar 10	9:00 am	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	Welcome Center
Mar 16	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	Middle School Activity Center
Mar 16	1:00 pm	Municipal Court	City Community Room
Mar 22	6:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Community Room
Mar 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room
Apr 07	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room
Apr 19	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	City Community Room

## Library Hours

Monday:	9 am - 6 pm
Tuesday:	9 am - 7 pm
Wednesday:	9 am - 6 pm
Thursday:	9 pm - 7 pm
Friday:	9 am - 6 pm
Saturday:	10 am - 4 pm
Sunday:	2 pm - 6 pm

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

**W. H. Stanton Memorial Library**

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | 770-464-2444

## City Hall: 770-464-2380

### 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 (Not Tax Payments)

**Online:**

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

**Night Deposit:**

Open 24/7. Do not deposit cash.

**Dates:**

Feb. 23 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

Feb. 24 - Cut-off

Feb. 25 - Current payment due date

Feb. 28 - 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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