



Around the Well

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News

Fence Permits

Fence permits are no longer required through the city!

Code Enforcement

We have hired a new Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Inspector. If you have a code-related complaint, call 678-898-6364.

Bulk Pick-Up Service

We regret that bulk pick-up service is no longer offered because the city's vendor cannot offer our residents the service at an affordable rate. However, bulk items can be taken to the county transfer station at 111 E. Spring Street in Monroe.



Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

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

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

All trips must be scheduled by 4:00 pm 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

Community News

Back to School Celebration Join us in Friendship Park on Friday, July 29 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. for our Annual Back to School Celebration. We have partnered with Social Circle City Schools to have teachers and staff on hand for this event. We will have a dunk tank and some giveaways for students. Students can register for school supplies if in-need, to receive at school open house events. Supplies will not be given out at the celebration. To participate, contact Amber McKibben at 770-464-1866.

Summer Concert Series Come out to Friendship Park on Saturday, August 13 for our final summer concert with the Sandy Creek Band! They will perform from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Please join your neighbors for a fun-filled event. For more information on this event and others please call 770-464-1866.

Millage Rate Hearings The City of Social Circle is considering adopting a tentative millage rate of 7.90 mills. All concerned citizens are invited to attend public hearings on the millage rate that will be held at noon and at 6:30 p.m. on July 19 in the Community Room at 138 E Hightower Trail. A third public hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 16, at which time the Mayor and Council will also consider the mill rate for adoption.

Friendship Festival The 28th Annual Friendship Festival will take place on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. We are seeking arts/crafts and food vendors for this event. If interested in becoming a vendor, email Amber McKibben at amckibben@socialcirclega.gov.

Police Chief Corner The Social Circle Police Department is stepping up their enforcement regarding repeated violations of downtown parking. SCPD has received numerous complaints concerning vehicles violating handicap parking spaces and golfcart/motorcycle marked parking spaces. Please adhere to the posted signs that identifies any designated parking spaces in and around the downtown area.

Volunteers The city is happy to receive volunteer help from residents with events and happenings in downtown Social Circle. If interested in getting involved, call Amber McKibben at 770-464-1866 or email amckibben@socialcirclega.gov.

FY 2022-2023 Approved Budget The Approved Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the City of Social Circle is available on our website. Visit <https://socialcirclega.gov/government/budget-and-rates/>. The budget was adopted by City Council on June 21.

Limbs & Leaves Limbs and leaves pickup is a service provided by the city. The equipment used is expensive and hard to repair or replace. Please be sure your limbs and leaves are free of items that can damage the equipment. This includes trash, fencing, wires, metal of any kind, and any other debris that is not meant to go through the equipment. Thank you for your help in keeping Georgia's Greatest Little Town beautiful.

Utility News

Irrigation Meter Information 🌀 Did you know that you can add an irrigation meter for a one-time installation fee of \$300? Please be advised that this installation will be directly beside your existing water meter. Once installed, you will only be charged for the water you use plus a monthly meter fee of less than a couple of dollars. You will not get charged for sewer. Please call City Hall at 770-464-2380 for more information.

Meter Tampering/Damages 🌀 The city has noticed a rash of damages occurring to our water and gas meters. This includes rocks being throw into the meter boxes, damaging the meters beyond repair. Tampering with, or intentionally damaging meters is a serious offense. This can result in a \$300 tampering fee, per meter, to the suspect if known. If you have any leads on who may be causing these damages throughout the city, please contact City Hall at 770-464-2380.

Water and sewer rates have changed 🌀 Unfortunately, costs are rising everywhere for services and we regret that Social Circle is no exception. The water meter fee in the city is increasing from \$1.64 to \$1.68. The water rate in the city per 1,000 gallons is increasing from \$10.51 to \$10.77. The water meter fee outside the city is increasing from \$2.46 to \$2.52. The water rate outside the city per 1,000 gallons is increasing from \$15.75 to \$16.13. Sewer in the city per 1,000 gallons is increasng from \$9.94 to \$10.18. Sewer outside the city per 1,000 gallons is increasng from \$14.91 to \$15.28. Sanitation per bin is increasing from \$16.55 to \$18.74. Senior citizen sanitation per bin is increasing from \$14.91 to \$16.90.

Library

Summer Reading Program

July

- Magician Ken Scott – Friday, July 8 at 10 a.m.
- Tales for Tots – Thursday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m.
- Kids Painting Party- Registration Required – Friday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m.
- Take home craft kits available – Beginning Monday, July 18, while supplies last.
- Family Lego Night – Thursday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m.

City Calendar

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

July 7	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room
July 12	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Committee (2nd Tues.)	City Community Room
July 14	3 p.m.	Social Circle Development Authority	City Community Room
July 14	9 a.m.	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	Welcome Center
July 19	6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	City Community Room
July 20	1 p.m.	Municipal Court	City Community Room
July 26	6 p.m.	Planning Commission. (4th Tues.)	City Community Room
July 28	6 p.m.	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room
Aug. 4	6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room

Library Hours

Monday:	9:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday:	9:00am-7:00pm
Wednesday:	9:00am-6:00pm
Thursday:	9:00pm-7:00pm
Friday:	9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday:	10:00am-4:00pm
Sunday:	2:00pm - 6:00pm

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/

Night Deposit:

Open 24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

- July 25 - Last day to pay past due balances
- July 26 - Cut-off
- July 28 - Due date for current balances
- July 29 - 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

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER TTHM Violations at Social Circle Water System

Our community water system violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. The City of Social Circle routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We recently were notified by the State that our water system exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for the following:

Violation_ID	Compliance Period	Site #	Analyte	Concentration	MCL	
2022 -10922	1Q01/01/2022	501	TTHM	0.082 mg/L	0.080 mg/L	

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. Residents should not be alarmed and do not need to seek alternative water supplies. The supplier is taking corrective actions to ensure that adequate monitoring and reporting will be maintained.

Some people who drink water containing Trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at an increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What happened? What is being done? The purpose of this communication is to keep you informed about your water quality and the actions we are taking to meet state and federal drinking water standards. In June 2022, the City of Social Circle Water System received a notice of violation from the Georgia EPD regarding an exceedance of the Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The TTHM MCL is set at 0.080 mg/L and Social Circle Water recorded a 0.082 mg/L for Site #501 (Interstate 20 Rest Area) during the first sampling quarter of 2022. Areas where TTHMs can form are stretches of dead-end lines where there is little to no usage causing the water to age and TTHMs to form. While the Social Circle Water System is required to notify all customers, the actual number of customers affected by the MCL exceedance is confined to a small number of customers in that area of the I-20 Rest Area at the end of our water system.

Since receiving the notice of violation from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), the Social Circle Water System has worked aggressively to return to compliance. Social Circle Water System has increased sampling frequency from the state-required quarterly sampling to monthly sampling. Additional actions taken by the Social Circle Water System include more frequent flushing of the affected area to reduce water aging and sampling more often to ensure good water quality. All the above-mentioned actions taken will allow the Social Circle Water System to return to compliance and will help prevent noncompliance moving forward.

For more information or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Director, Robbie Groves at 770-464-6908 or rgroves@socialcirclega.gov.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is provided by the **Social Circle Water System**

WSID: GA2970002

Violation IDs: 2022-10922

Date of public notice distributed: July 1, 2022

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