



# Around the Well

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## News

### Summer concert

Join us in Friendship Park Saturday, Aug. 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Josh Millwood and the Sandy Creek Band featuring April Allen will perform. No outside alcohol is permitted. Local restaurants will sell drinks in the park for this event Call 770-464-1866 for details.

### Friendship Festival

Plans are underway for the 28th annual Friendship Festival set for Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Vendor spaces are available. Email [amckibben@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:amckibben@socialcirclega.gov) for details or visit the City website for the application.

### Social Circle Transit

Need a ride? We got you covered! Call 770-464-2953 for information on how to schedule a ride anywhere within the city limits. We also make trips to Covington and Monroe on certain days of the week for medical and government appointments.

### Circle Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

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

\$1 one way; cash presented to driver upon entering bus.

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

To suggest or submit a city related news item, please email:

[communications@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:communications@socialcirclega.gov)

## Community News

**Police Chief's Corner** It's time for Back-to-School! As part of our commitment to students' safety, the Social Circle Police Department suggests these School Zone Driving Safety Tips:

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school busses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Never make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text while driving in a school zone.
- Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is hands-free, while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.

**Millage Rate Hearings** The City of Social Circle is considering adopting a tentative millage rate of 7.90 mills. Citizens can attend the third and final public hearing on the millage rate at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16 in the Community Room, 138 E Hightower Trail. The City Council will vote on the proposed mill rate following the public hearing.

**Pollinator Day in Friendship Park** The Walton County Master Gardeners will host Pollinator Day on Aug. 20, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Friendship Park. Learn about pollinators, pollination and the essential role pollinators play in the food supply. Kids can enjoy bubbles, face painting, puzzles, storytelling and other activities. Children will receive an "I am a citizen scientist sticker" and a pollinator plant. This is a free event.

## Utility News

**Irrigation Meter Information** Residents can add an irrigation meter for a one-time installation fee of \$300. This installation would be directly beside your existing water meter. Once installed, you would only be charged for the water you use plus a monthly meter fee of less than a few dollars. You would not get charged for sewer. Call City Hall at 770-464-2380.

**Underground Gas Pipe Maintenance** As your natural gas distributor, the City of Social Circle must make safety recommendations regarding underground natural gas piping. The City operates its 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 - 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 should contact a licensed plumber or heating contractor to assist in locating and inspecting buried gas piping. If any unsafe condition is found, repairs must be made immediately. Call City Hall at 770-464-2380 for more information. Please disregard this notice if you do not have buried piping beyond the gas meter.

**Call before you dig** 🚧 If you plan to dig around buried gas piping, first dial 811 or call the Georgia One Call Center at 800-282-7411 three days before you or your contractor dig so that all buried cable may be located. This is a free service. Flags mark where cables are buried. Flag colors represent various types of buried lines. Red denotes electric power lines, cable, conduit and lighting cables. Orange is for telecommunication, alarm, or signal lines, cable or conduit. Yellow represents natural gas, oil, steam, petroleum or other gaseous or flammable materials. Green means there are sewers and drain lines. Blue is for drinking water. Purple is for reclaimed water, irrigation, and slurry lines. Pink shows temporary survey markings and unknown facilities. White denotes proposed excavation limits or route.

### Library

Cool off with a good book during the “Dog Days” of August.  
Visit W.H. Stanton Memorial Library.

- Tales for Tots – Thursday, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25 at 10:30 a.m.
- Take home craft kits available – Beginning Monday, July 18, while supplies last.
- Family Lego Night – Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- Book Club – Friday Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. (The book title to be decided.)

### 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. 4	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room
Aug. 9	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tues.)	CANCELLED City Community Room
Aug. 9	8:00 a.m.	Social Circle Main Street Commission	City Community Room
Aug. 11	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	Welcome Center
Aug. 16	6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	City Community Room
Aug. 17	1:00 p.m.	Municipal Court	City Community Room
Aug. 23	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission. (4th Tues.)	City Community Room
Aug. 25	6:00 p.m.	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room
Sept. 1	6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room



### Library Hours

Monday:	9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	9:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

[W. H. Stanton Memorial Library](http://W.H.StantonMemorialLibrary.com)  
[Website](http://socialcirclega.gov) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/socialcirclega) | 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:  
Aug. 24 - Last day to pay past due balances  
Aug. 25 - Cut-off  
Aug. 30 - Due date for current balances  
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

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**Finance Director** ..... Jennifer Fricks  
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**Downtown Director** ..... Amber McKibben  
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