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Social Circle Community News

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UTILITY RATES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

| WATER | RATE | SEWER | RATE | GAS | RATE | GAS | RATE | GAS | RATE |
|---|---------|---|---------|---|---------|--|----------|---|------------|
| First 2000 Gallons (Inside City) | \$34.33 | First 2000 Gallons (Inside City) | \$32.55 | Residential Base Charge | \$12.60 | Industrial Base Charge | \$70.00 | Very Large Industrial Base Rate | \$2,261.56 |
| Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Inside City) | \$17.20 | Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Inside City) | \$17.47 | Residential Distribution Charge (per MCF) | \$5.70 | Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF) | \$4.82 | Very Large Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF) | \$2.78 |
| First 2000 Gallons (Outside City) | \$51.45 | First 2000 Gallons (Outside City) | \$48.82 | Commercial Base Charge | \$21.00 | Large Industrial Base Charge | \$394.31 | | |
| Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Outside City) | \$25.76 | Each Additional 1000 Gallons (Outside City) | \$26.22 | Commercial Distribution Charge (per MCF) | \$5.70 | Large Industrial Distribution Charge (per MCF) | \$3.75 | | |

Beginning July 1, 2025, utility customers of the City of Social Circle will see an increase in their utility rates. This adjustment is a part of the City’s plans to upgrade and strengthen its utility system. To cover the upfront costs of these necessary upgrades, the City secured a bond, which must be repaid over time. Utilities are not funded through taxpayer dollars. Instead, they rely upon customer rates.

The upcoming rate adjustments will help finance the repayment of the bond and several critical upgrades, including:

- Water Line Replacements: Replace aging water distribution lines to prevent leaks and improve overall reliability. Projects are already underway on Lakewood Drive and Cannon Drive.
- Water Treatment Plant Renovations: Upgrade and replace equipment to ensure high-quality drinking water.
- New Wastewater Treatment Facility: Replace the current facility that was built in 1962. This will expand capacity and ensure compliance with environmental regulations for sustainable wastewater management.
- New Water Tower Construction: Add a new water tower to increase storage capacity and improve water pressure on the north side of town.
- Other projects aimed at maintaining and improving the City’s essential services.

Previous City Councils have deferred critical utility projects, resulting in a neglected system that requires a lot of costly emergency repairs. To avoid more of these costly emergency repairs, the current City Council has chosen to address the deteriorating utility infrastructure. By proactively investing in the utility system, the City aims to provide long-term benefits and reliable service to its residents.

For more information about the rate adjustments and planned projects, residents are encouraged to visit the City’s official website or contact City Hall.

Meetings for City Council, Municipal Court, Commissions, and Boards

July 8 at 6:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission meets in the City Community Room at 138 E Hightower Trail.
July 14 is the deadline to submit for the August 26 Planning Commission meeting.
July 15 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor and Council hold work session in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.
July 15 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and City Council meet in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.
July 16 at 1:00 p.m. Municipal Court will be held at the City Community Room, 138. E Hightower Trail.
July 22 at 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.
July 24 at 6:00 p.m. Tree Board meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail.
July 28 is the deadline to submit for the August 12 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

City Hall will be closed July 4 for Independence Day



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Social Circle Birthday Celebration

The City of Social Circle is turning 193, and the entire community is invited to join the celebration on Saturday, August 2 from 6–10 p.m. at 506 Fairplay Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025. This exciting event promises an evening full of family-friendly fun, local flavor, and a festive atmosphere that captures the spirit of Georgia's Greatest Little Town. Attendees can enjoy live music by Mark Ware, delicious offerings from a variety of food vendors, fun activities for kids, and a wide selection of local vendors and community booths. The night will conclude with a spectacular fireworks show that's sure to light up the sky and cap off the celebration in style. Bring your chairs, and your friends—it's going to be a birthday to remember!

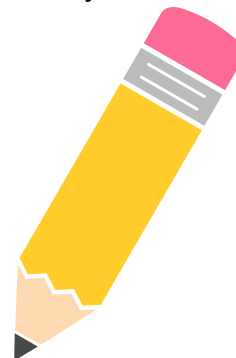
Want to participate? Email events@socialcirclega.gov for an application!
Hosted By: Social Circle Mainstreet Commission & The City of Social Circle

Back 2 School Bash

Social Circle City Schools is hosting a Back 2 School Bash on August 1 from 6–8 PM—and you're invited to be part of the fun! Businesses, churches, and nonprofits are encouraged to host a booth with a game, activity, or giveaway to help us kick off the school year with excitement and community spirit.

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W.H. Stanton Memorial Library

Messy Art Mondays - July 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 1:00 p.m.
Christmas in July - July 11 at 10:30 a.m.
Spider-Punk Storytime - July 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Mini Drones Event - All Day July 23
Adult Book Club - July 25 at 10:30 a.m.
Teem / YA Book Club - July 25 at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF SOCIAL CIRCLE GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is given that a general election shall be held in the City of Social Circle to elect Social Circle Council Members for Districts 1 and 3 and Social Circle City School Board Chairman and Social Circle School Board Members for Districts 2 and 3.

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the South Walton Community Room located at 573 Fairplay Dr., Social Circle, GA.

Pursuant to OCGA 21-2-132, all persons desiring to run for office shall qualify in the office of the City Clerk, (City Hall is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm weekdays) at 166 N Cherokee Road, Social Circle, Georgia beginning at 8:30 AM on Monday, August 18, 2025, and ending at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Those desiring to qualify shall file a Notice of Candidacy and pay a qualifying fee equal to 3% of the annual salary of the office sought. The qualifying fee for City of Social Circle Council Member Districts 1 and District 3 is \$216.00. The qualifying fee for Social Circle City School Board Chairman and Members District 2 and District 3 is \$18.00.

Advanced voting will open Tuesday, October 14, 2025, and will close on Friday, October 31, 2025. Advanced voting in Social Circle will be held in the South Walton Community Room located at 573 Fairplay Dr., Social Circle, GA. Other locations are Felker Park, 725 S. Madison Ave., Monroe, GA and Meridian Park, 105 Generation Blvd., Loganville, GA. They will be open Monday – Friday from 8AM – 5PM. In addition, Saturday voting will be held on October 18, 2025 and October 25, 2025 at the same locations from 9AM – 5PM. If you wish to vote by mail, you can contact Walton Elections Office at 770-267-1337.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in the General Election may register to vote through the close of business on October 6, 2025. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Election Day at the South Walton Community Room located at 573 Fairplay Dr., Social Circle, GA. If there is a need for a runoff election it will be held on December 2, 2025, at the South Walton Community Room located at 573 Fairplay Dr., Social Circle, GA.

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