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City Hall Holiday Closure

January 17th, 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Trash Pick-up Delays

No Trash Delays in January.

In light of our recent severe weather concerns, we encourage our citizens to be prepared. Walton County offers alerts for residents that can be sent out during severe weather. These alerts may also include missing persons, and evacuation alerts. To sign up to recieve these notifications please visit the Walton County link below.

https://www.waltoncountyga. gov/526/Community-Notifications



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: <u>communications@socialcirclega.gov</u>

Utility News

Thank you to our Citizens \Leftrightarrow We at the City would like to thank our citizens. As the temperatures continue to drop, water main breaks have a higher potentional of occuring. City employees are here to serve and provide repair services as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, at times these repairs can be lengthy and take longer than anyone would like. The safety of the public while traffic is redirected and the safety of our employees is our highest priority. Thank you all for your patience as these repairs are made.

Meter Change Outs $\stackrel{}{\sim}$ Please be aware that meter change outs are still in process throughout the City. Brief interuptions of service will be noticed throughout the City as these change outs are performed. These new meters allow radio reads and more accurate usage values for our staff and our customers. These meters will allow staff to pinpoint exactly when spikes in service usage occur. This information may help to determine leaks quicker and with more accuracy. Please be patient as we make these upgrades.

New City Ordinances Regarding Grass Clippings & During the November 16th, 2021 Council Meeting, a new ordinance regarding leaves and grass clippings was passed. This ordinance prohibits blowing grass clipping and leaves into roadways, sidewalks, or ditches. This is for everyone's safety. First time violators will be be warned, and continued violation will result in citations. This will be enforced by our Code Enforcement. Please leave within three feet of the curb or road following these restrictions. Please also be aware, yard debris should not obstruct ditchs, sidewalks, or roadways when set out for pickup.

Vacuum Truck - Grass Clippings & Leaves $\stackrel{>}{\sim}$ The vacuum truck is now able to vacuum grass clippings. The City does still encourage citizens to bag their clippings when possible. It is always very important to be sure there is no trash in the piles to be vacuumed up. Trash can cause damage to the machine and can't be properly disposed of with the leaves and clippings. Thank you for helping to keep our city beautiful!

Community News

Fire Safety - Heating Tips $\stackrel{}{\sim}$ As the temperature changes and it gets colder outside the fire department has some tips for heating safety. Follow these heating tips to you help maintain a fire-safe home this winter. For more information visit usfa.fema.gov

Space Heaters

- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing, and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.

Fireplace

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 10 feet from your home.

Wood Stove

- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

Furnace

- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



Library News

W.H. Stanton Memorial Library has many services that you can take advantage of! This includes curbside service, computer use by appointment, and some in-library services. We also want to remind all of our Social Circle City School students that every student now has access to their very own library card through PLAY. This digital card enables students to drop by the library and check out five physical items that will not accrue fines. Plus, the card allows online access to all our virtual offerings. Contact the library with questions or for information at (770) 464-2444.

Stay in tune with the happenings at the library by visiting the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library Facebook page. Fun recipes frequent the page, as well as, videos for the kids to enjoy.

City Calendar

| Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, are available on the city website at <u>socialcirclega.gov</u> and at | | | | | |
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| City Hall. | | | | | |
| Jan 06 | 6:30 pm | Mayor & Council Work-session | Cancelled | | |
| Jan 10 | 6:30 pm | Mayor & Council Work-session & Organizational Meeting | City Community Room | | |
| Jan 11 | 8:00 am | Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.) | Cancelled | | |
| Jan 11 | 6:00 pm | Historic Preservation Committee | Cancelled | | |
| Jan 18 | 6:30 pm | Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.) | City Community Room | | |
| Jan 19 | 1:00 pm | Municipal Court | City Community Room | | |
| Jan 25 | 6:00 pm | Planning Commission | City Community Room | | |
| Jan 27 | 6:00 pm | Tree Board (4th Thurs.) | City Community Room | | |
| Feb 03 | 6:30 pm | Mayor & Council Work-session | To Be Announced | | |
| Feb 10 | 9:00 am | Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle | Welcome Center | | |
| Feb 15 | 6:30 pm | Mayor & Council Work-session | To Be Announced | | |

Library Hours

| Monday: | 9 am - 6 pm |
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| 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 |
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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 Online: socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/

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

- Jan. 25 Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
- Jan. 26 Cut-off Jan. 28 - Current payment due date
- Jan. 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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