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### December 2021

## City Hall Holiday Closure

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December 10th, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. December 24th, 2021 December 27th, 2021 December 31st, 2021

## Trash Pick-up Delays

No Trash Delays in December.

# Please Everyone be Mindful and Safe during this Holiday Season!





#### 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

# 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** The vacuum truck is now able to vacuum grass clippings. Although the City does still encourage citizens to bag their clippings as often as 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!

**Important Message about Natural Gas Safety**  $\ge$  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. The 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, socialcirclega.gov or call City Hall at 770-464-2380.

# **Community News**

**Holidays in The Circle**  $\stackrel{}{\approx}$  The holidays are quickly approaching. The Welcome Center and City Hall are accepting non-perishable items to keep the Little Free Pantry stocked through the holidays.

**Thank you to our sponsors! >** The Social Circle Mainstreet Commission would like to thank our 2021 sponsors! Thank you all for your generous donations that helped us to host events Downtown the year! We look forward to an eventful 2022!

Presenting Sponsor: IMMEC, Inc.

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Silver Sponsors: Newton Federal Bank, Wayne and Joan McMillan, Conner Smith Reality & Tim Hutcheson-State Farm

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**Secret Santa** *in* The Secret Santa progam is now accepting applications. Applicants must live in Social Circle. Age limitations for Secret Santa are newborn thru 12 years old. Applications can be filled out at the Welcome Center, 129 E. Hightower Trail Social Circle, GA 30025. The hours of operation are Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call 770-464-1866. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards Secret Santa, please visit the Drive Thru at City Hall. If you would like to donate gifts or register to help with the program, please contact the Welcome Center.



Shop Small r This season, direct your focus on our wonderful local small businesses! Help support them by shopping local!



Town?

Main Street Commission • Cemetery Committee • Downtown Development Authority Historic Preservation Commission • Library Board Do You Want to be involved in Circle Development Authority • Tree Board

Georgia's Greatest Little

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/

Social ( Planning and Corridor Commission • Social Circle Housing Authority

## **Library News**

During the month of December the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library will be hosting a Snowman Treasure Hunt. During this event, there will be three snowmen hidden within the juvenile book section for children to find to win prizes for the library treasure chest. But the adults are not being left out. There is one hidden for them to find as well. The prize for adults is that they can chose a free book from the library's book sale section.

Also, while supplies last, children and adult hoilday craft kits are available for pickup!

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.

## <u>City Calendar</u>

Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, are available on the city website at socialcirclega.gov and at City Hall. Dec 02 6:30 pm Mayor & Council Work-session City Community Room me Center

Dec 09	9:00 am	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	Welcome Center
Dec 14	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	Church at the Grove
Dec 14	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing	Cancelled
Dec 14	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Committee	Cancelled
Dec 15	1:00 pm	Municipal Court	City Community Room
Dec 21	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	Cancelled
Dec 23	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	Cancelled
Dec 28	6:00 pm	Planning Commission	Cancelled
Jan 06	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session - Rescheduled for 10th	Cancelled
Jan 10	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session and Organizational Meeting	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 **Online:** socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/ Night Deposit:

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

Dec. 28 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off Dec. 29 - Cut-off Dec. 30 - Current payment due date Jan. 3 - 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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