



Around the Well

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City Updates

FY2022

Budget Calendar

The City budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was presented to the City Council during the meeting on April 20th and made available on the City web site. Public comment on the proposed budget document was received at the May 18th council meeting. There will also be a public hearing opportunity at the June 15th council meeting. The interactive budget document can be found at socialcirclega.gov.

City Hall Offices Closed

Please make note that City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

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470-900-3966



Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

Please call 770-464-2953 to schedule a ride or questions.

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.

Coffee with the City Manager

Wednesday, July 7th, 8am to 9am

Get yourself a cup of coffee and call into the City Manager during this hour at 770-464-6901

To suggest a news topic, an update topic, or to submit news items of community interest, please email communications@socialcirclega.gov

Community Calendar

Summer Concert Series ☞ Join us the 2nd Friday of the month in Friendship Park for our Summer Concert Series! Our next date is June 11th!

Independence Day Celebration ☞ The Social Circle Independence Day Celebration will be held in Downtown Social Circle on Saturday, June 26th from 12 to 10pm. Please join us for a day of fun with a car show, vendors, entertainment, food and fireworks! For more information, please call 770-464-1866 or email amckibben@socialcirclega.gov.

The Georgia Rental Assistance Program (GRA) ☞ The Georgia Rental Assistance (GRA) program has now expanded eligibility to include renter households that receive a monthly federal subsidy, such as Housing Choice Voucher, Public Housing, and Project Based Section 8. Program eligibility is limited to the renter's portion of the rent. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) launched this program in March 2021 to assist landlords and renters affected during the COVID-19 pandemic, and this new update provides an opportunity to provide much-needed financial assistance. For a list of necessary documents, visit their website at georgiarentalassistance.ga.gov or call 404-679-4840 (RENT).

Citywide cleanup ☞ Many thanks to everyone who came out and volunteered to help tidy up our City May 22. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Utility News

Help Keep Our Sewers Healthy ☞ Flushable wipes are not all biodegradable. Even when a wipe claims to be flushable, the wipe does not break down in the same fashion as toilet paper. The wipes are made from high strength fibers that do not lose their strength and do not breakdown with time, which can lead to clogs not only in your household lines, but also in City sewer lines. Our sewer filtering system has had issues clogging up with disposable wipes as well as creating clogs in the sewer pipes by combining with grease and food wastes. Please do not flush or dispose of any wipes into the Social Circle sewer system. Just because something is labeled flushable, does not mean it should be flushed! Leaving flushable wipes and similar items out of the system will help us continue to provide outstanding sewer service and allow the outflow to run smoother. No one enjoys the smell or sight of a sewer backup.

Bag Your Grass Clippings ☞ The Leaf Vacuum truck is not able to pick up grass clippings (wet or dry) or wet leaves. Please bag all grass clippings and leave the bags for pickup. Do not pile grass clippings with other lawn debris that is left for pickup.

Help Us Watch Out for Snakes! ☞ Please keep the bushes and grass trimmed around the gas and water meters on your property and keep pine straw away from water meters. This makes it easier to get an accurate reading while avoiding the possibility of snake encounters. The warm winter means more snakes, which are out and about and may be hiding in bushes, pine straw, or tall grass.

Irrigation Meters ☞ Do you water your grass in the summer or wash your vehicles? If so, you can add an irrigation meter for a one time installation fee of \$300. If you add an irrigation meter you will only charged for the water you use and no sewer charges. It will take approximately one week to be installed beside your existing water meter. In the winter months if you prefer, you can have the irrigation meter turned off by sending us an email or calling customer service. There will be a \$20 reconnect fee when you notify us by email or call when you are ready for meter to be turned back on.

Sanitation/Trash pick-up ☞ The July 4th holiday falls on a Sunday this year so there will not be any delays or interruption in trash service.

Popsicle Treats ☞ Any children with you when paying bill via the drive-thru that can give us a fun fact about Social Circle or their favorite part about living in Social Circle, we will give them a popsicle treat.

Dog Treats ☞ We also have treats for your fur babbies when paying through the drive-thru.

City Reminders

Annual Summer Burn Ban in Effect 🌀 A ban on outdoor burning runs from May 1 through Oct 30 in 54 Georgia counties, including Walton County. The GA Forestry Commission will not issue any burn permits for hand piled brush, yard debris, or air curtain destructors. During the hot summer months, ground level ozone increases, which can negatively impact air quality and people's health. Burning yard and land clearing debris may produce smoke and particulate matter that are linked to lung and heart disease in humans. For more information, visit GaTrees.org or the Georgia EPD site.

Summer Mowing 🌀 With the plentiful rain we have had this spring, the grass is growing rapidly. Your City crews are working continually to mow City properties and rights of way. Please help keep your City looking good by mowing to the curb or street edge in front of your property when you mow your lawn. By working together we can all save tax dollars and contribute to the charm of Social Circle. Thank you for your assistance!

Leaf and Brush Collection 🌀 To keep things running smoothly, we want to work as a team to ensure services are provided in a timely manner and equipment is in top working order. Please do not put trash, rocks, metal, dirt, and items that may damage the blades on the leaf and brush machine. These items can cause equipment failure and costly repairs, preventing the crews from providing service to you. If the trucks pass by your house without picking up, more than likely it is because the trucks are full and need to be emptied. There are times when it may be delayed due to equipment failure and weather. We will make every effort to pick up in a timely manner, but please be patient with our employees; they are all working diligently to keep our City working on an up to date regular schedule.

Bulk Item pick up & disposal 🌀 Two household items that do not fit into your cart will be picked up on your weekly designated garbage collection day. Examples of items approved for pick up are sofas, chairs, mattresses, box springs, loveseats and appliances (due to contract clarification).

Examples of items not approved as bulk items and will not be picked up by city or sanitation contractor (must be disposed of properly by resident):

- Automotive parts such as tires and oil filters
- Construction & Demolition waste such as carpet, shingles, concrete, siding, building materials, pallets, toilets, sinks, and paint cans
- Propane tanks, flammable liquids, or ammunition
- Yard debris. The City collects yard debris on a different schedule.

Pool Guidelines 🌀 With the summer heat our thoughts turn to cooling off in a pool. The City of Social Circle adopted the State code regarding swimming pools which requires that owners obtain permits for pools. Any aquatic vessel that has a water depth of under 12 inches and is drained and filled daily is not required to have a permit. All other aquatic vessels will require a permit. In addition, all pools are required to have a barrier, a permanent fence, wall, building wall, or combination that surrounds the aquatic vessel and obstructs the access to the vessel. The purpose of the barrier is to provide significant restricted access and reliable latching devices on entry points to an aquatic vessel so that children cannot gain access unless an adult provides such access. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Schlageter, 770-464-6905 or bschlageter@socialcirclega.gov.

Library Summer Events

Friday, June 11, 10:00 am - Southeastern Reptile Rescue Show at Friendship Park

Wednesday, June 16, 10:00 am - Panola Naturalist Virtual Creature Feature Show

Thursday, June 17th & July 22, 5:30 pm - Children's Music & Movements Class

Saturday, June 26, & July 10, 10:30 am - Storytime in the Library Garden

Friday, July 16th, 10:30 am - Magician Ken Scott at Friendship Park

Drop by the library each week through the end of the summer for a free take home craft (while supplies last).

City Calendar

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

June 3	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Millage Rate Public Hearing & Work-session	Social Circle Theater
June 8	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue)	Church at the Grove
June 8	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tue)	Zoom
June 8	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tue)	City Community Room
June 15	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue)	Middle School Activity Center
June 16	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wednesday)	City Community Room
June 17	1:00 pm	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	City Community Room
June 22	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues)	Middle School Activity Center
June 24	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thu)	City Community Room

Library New Hours

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

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

W. H. Stanton Memorial Library

Website | Facebook | 770-464-2444

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:

June 23 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

June 24 - Cut-off

June 29 - Current payment due date

June 30 - 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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