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## "Georgia's Greatest Little Town"



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#### **Social Circle Community News**

#### Buy or sell at the City-Wide Yardsale May 5-7



Ready to declutter your space? Consider selling your once valued treasures to appreciative bargain hunters during the Citywide Yard Sale May 5-7. Residents are not

required to have a yard sale permit, but they should call 770-464-1866 by May 2 to be included on a list of participants. Email Downtown Director Amber McKibben at amckibben@socialcirclega.gov for details.

#### **Application deadlines for Planning**

The deadline to submit applications for the June 22 Tree Board meeting and the June 27 Planning Commission meeting is May 15. June 9 is the deadline for the July 11 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Email Community Development Department Director Ashley Davis at adavis@socialcirclega.gov for details.



## Fire Safety: Burn Ban began on May 1



Social Circle Fire Chief Ken Zaydel reminds residents that Georgia EPD's annual burn ban began on May 1, and will be in effect until Sept. 30.

The ban - which includes Walton and Newton counties - covers 54 Georgia counties, primarily in the northern half of the state. Please refrain from burning yard and land clearing debris. Smoke can adversly impact air quality and increase ozone levels during hot summer months. Ozone is formed when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides react in the presence of sunlight. A major source of these pollutants is the burning of fuels and other combustible materials. Georgia EPD has identified open burning as a significant contributor of the pollutants that form ozone.

The risk of wildfires also increases during the summer, according to the Georgia Forestry Commission. Failure to adhere to the burn ban during May - September may result in fines, according to Georgia EPD. For more information, visit the Georgia Forestry Commission's website at gatrees.org.

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

May 4 at 6:00 p.m. Tree Board Special Called Meeting in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail May 9 at 8:00 a.m. Mainstreet Commission meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail May 9 at 6:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commssion meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and City Council work session is in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail May 16 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor and City Council Meeting held in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail May 17 at 1:00 p.m. Municipal Court held in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail May 23 at 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail May 25 at 6:00 p.m. Tree Board meets in the City Community Room, 138 E. Hightower Trail

## Celebrate Cinco de Mayo May 5



## Enjoy food, beer, and live music

Celebrate the culture and heritage of Mexico on May 5 in downtown Social Circle. Cinco de Mayo commemorates Mexico's victory over France in 1862, at the Battle of Puebla when the two countries were at war. Participating restaurants will have drink specials and there will be a concert featuring the Amy Rae Band in Friendship Park. The fun is from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Downtown Social Circle.



#### We offer easy options to pay your utility bills

You can pay utility bills at City Hall's drive-thru Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Or pay online at socialcirclega.gov or by phone at 1-877-840-5562. The night deposit is open 24/7. Please do not deposit cash. The last day to pay past due balances is May 24. The cut-off date is

May 25. The due date for current balances is May 30. Late fees will be added to bills on May 31.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 29.



#### **CITY LEADERS**

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#### Join us at W. H. Stanton Memorial Library



# Summer Reading Program sign-up begins May 26!

Homeschool Hour - Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Quilting Club - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Storytime - May 6 at 10:30 p.m. Tales for Tots - May 11, 25 at

10:30 a.m.

Family Lego Night - May 16 at 5:30 p.m. Children's Music & Movement - May 4, 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Teen&Pre-Teen After School - May 15 at 3:15 p.m. Book Club - May 25 at 5:30 p.m. and 26 at 10:30 a.m.