



Around the Well

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Early Voting and Locations

Oct 12 - Oct 29 M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sat. Oct 16 & Oct 23 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Social Circle Community Room
138 E Hightower Trail
Social Circle, 30025

Nowell Recreation Center (Permanent)
201 W Spring St.
Monroe, 30655

Meridian Park (Permanent)
105 Generation Blvd.
Loganville, 30052

Rock Gym (this election only)
135 Main St.
Loganville, 30052

Election Day

Nov 2 - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Middle School Activity Center
154 Alcova Dr.
Social Circle, 30025

Your vote counts!



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.

To suggest or submit a city related news item, please email:
communications@socialcirclega.gov

Utility News

How to Check for Leaks ☞ A small leak, about the size of a pin head, dripping at one drop per second can add up to 7 gallons of water a day. A large leak, the kind most often found in toilets, can waste 200 gallons of water or more per day! Check out the following when you suspect a leak:

Faucets:

Check faucets in the bathroom and kitchen periodically. Worn washers are most often the cause of dripping faucets.

Sprinkler Systems:

Broken sprinkler heads or damaged underground pipes are common sources of sprinkler system leaks. Watch your system run at least once per month to spot problems early. Usually, leaks are easy to fix. Do-it-yourself books with easy-to-follow instructions are available at libraries and home improvement stores.

Toilets:

Check toilets for leaks often. The most common causes of a leaking toilet are:

1. Float device set too high, which causes water to run into the overflow tube
2. A warped or cracked flapper

Inexpensive toilet leak kits are available at home improvement stores.

Use your water meter to determine if you have a leak:

- Make sure no water is being used inside or outside (no washing machine filling, no shower running, no watering outdoors, etc.).
- Locate your water meter box. Carefully remove the cover and lift the top of the meter.
- Find the red Leak Indicator on the meter dial. If all your water sources are off and the Leak Indicator is rotating, you may have a leak. Leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water in a just a few days. It pays to fix leaks promptly.

Please Bag Your Grass Clippings and Wet Leaves ☞ The LeafVacuum truck is not able to pick up grass clippings (wet or dry) or wet leaves so we ask that you bag them, and we will pick them up. Do not pile grass clippings or wet leaves with other lawn debris that is left for pickup as they will not be picked up. Please do not include any trash with your grass clippings or wet leaves.

We Need Your Help To 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.

Community News

27th Annual Friendship Festival ☞ The Social Circle Mainstreet Commission would like to Thank our sponsors of the Friendship Festival.

Presenting Sponsor: Immec, Inc.

Platinum Sponsor: Social Circle Ace Home Center

Gold Sponsors: Piedmont Walton
Georgia Plumbing Pros
David and Penny Keener
CertainTeed

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

Georgia Cities Week 🌀 The City of Social Circle will be participating in Georgia Cities Week October 3-9, 2021. Please stop by the Welcome Center or call 770-464-1866 to find out what events are planned and how you can take part in the festivities!

Downtown Trick or Treating 🌀 Join us Downtown on Friday, October 29th from 4-6pm for Downtown trick or treating! Maps of the participating businesses will be on the Downtown Social Circle, GA Facebook page and our city website the week of the event! If you have a business, club or organization that would like to be a part of this event and host a “trunk of treats” as part of the Downtown fun, please email Amber McKibben at amckibben@socialcirclega.gov.

Social Circle Christmas 🌀 On Friday, November 19th we will be hosting the Social Circle Christmas event in Friendship Park from 6-8pm. Please come out and celebrate with us as we kick off the holiday season! There will be visits with Santa, hot cocoa, crafts, and more! Please call the Welcome Center at 770-464-1866 if you are interested in being a part of this event or email Amber McKibben at amckibben@socialcirclega.gov.

EPD Burn Ban Change 🌀 The Environmental Protection Divisions Summer Burn Ban ended September 30th and Senate Bill 119 has changed Georgia’s Outdoor Burn Rules in O.C.G.A. 12-6-90. The law no longer requires a burner to inform the Ga. Forestry Commission online or by phone about their intention to burn leaf piles and yard debris. New Legal Safety requirements are now specified for this type of burning. Effective July 1, 2021 Any person, firm, corporation or association intending to burn hand piled natural vegetation/yard debris in Georgia is required to adhere to FIVE Safety precautions that are mandated by law: Space- 25 feet between the fire and woodlands, Space- 50 feet between fire and structures, Time-Sunrise to Sunset, Attendance- Person responsible stays onsite until fire is completely extinguished and there is no risk of burn escaping, and Reasonable Precautions- Some examples are: tools/measures in place to prevent escaped fire. These include continuous pressurized water source on site; man-made or natural barrier to contain fire, such as bare soil, rocks, bricks, burn barrel, etc.; hand tools or fire containing equipment on site, such as rake or shovel, garden hose, etc.; weather awareness-to NWS red flag warnings, High Fire Danger designation of Very High or Extreme days and other hazardous conditions, low relative humidity, high winds, etc. Other: Agricultural and land clearing burns for residential and commercial development DO require notification to the county forest ranger and a permit IS still required for these type activities. Note: Person responsible is liable for damages to adjacent properties due to fire escape. Unlawful Burn Notices may be issued, and suppression charges may apply if the stated safety requirements weren’t followed and wildfire results.

Library News

It’s time to fall into reading at the W.H. Stanton Memorial Library! Starting Friday, October 1, 2021 families will be able to drop by the library to pick up special Halloween themed take home craft kit goodie bags, while supplies last. Patrons of all ages had so much fun over the summer hunting for the library’s dragon tail that we are bringing it back - Halloween style! Join us for the whole month of October for a special Halloween creature scavenger hunt where participants will search the library for “boos” hidden in books. Patrons who find our special haunted friends will get to pick a prize from our Halloween themed treasure box. 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.

October Library Events

- Tuesday, October 5th, 19th and 26th, 4:00 pm - Walton County Master Gardener Seminar Series
- Thursday, October 14, 10:30 am - Children’s Music & Movements Class
- Saturday, October 23, 10:30 am - Storytime in the Library Garden

City Calendar

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

Oct 02	10:00 am	27th Annual Friendship Festival	Friendship Park
Oct 07	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session	City Community Room
Oct 12	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	Church at the Grove
Oct 12	10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing	Zoom
Oct 12	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Committee	Welcome Center
Oct 14	3:00 pm	Social Circle Development Authority	City Hall
Oct 14	9:00 am	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	Welcome Center
Oct 19	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	Middle School Activity Center
Oct 26	6:00 pm	Planning Commission	Middle School Activity Center
Oct 28	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Hall

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:

- Sept 27 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off
- Sept 28 - Cut-off
- Sept 29 - Current payment due date
- Sept 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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