



# Around the Well

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## City News

### City Updates

#### City Hall Offices Closed

Please make note that City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

#### Sanitation/Trash Pick-up

There will not be any trash pick-up on Labor Day, Monday, Sept 6. Service will be delayed by a day the rest of the week. Recycling will run as usual with no delay.

**We have Popcicle Treats for your children and Dog Treats for your fur babies when paying through the drive-thru.**

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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.*

To suggest or submit a city related news item, please email: [communications@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:communications@socialcirclega.gov)

**EPD Burn Ban Change** ♪ The Environmental Protection Divisions Summer Burn Ban ends 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.

**Trees and Shrubs** ♪ As we enjoy a beautiful summer with ample rain, you may have seen an abundance of new growth from your trees and shrubs. If your plants are growing into the streets or sidewalks, please trim them so that pedestrians and vehicles can safely pass, and that visibility is not obstructed. Thank you for your help in keeping Social Circle beautiful and safe.

## 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.

**Gas and Water Meters** 🌀 Please keep any 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. Also, as a reminder, please do not park vehicles, trailers, or anything over the meters.

**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. Please help keep our 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!

**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.

## Community News

**Downtown Filming** 🌀 In late July, Social Circle was chosen as one of the filming locations for the production “Jerry and Marg Go Large”. This project began filming August 10-14 in our Downtown. Crews will be doing prep work through town before the final days of filming on September 2nd and 3rd. Anticipate some traffic delays on these days. We look forward to seeing Georgia’s Greatest Little Town in this film!

**Taste of Social Circle** 🌀 Friday, September 10th from 6-8pm in Friendship Park. Please follow us on Facebook at Downtown Social Circle, GA for information on this event!

**27th Annual Friendship Festival** 🌀 The 27th annual Social Circle Friendship Festival will be Saturday, October 2nd from 10am-4pm in Downtown Social Circle. If you are interested in being a vendor, the deadline for applications is September 17th. Applications are available at the Welcome Center and at the link on our website <https://socialcirclega.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/FF-2021-application.pdf>

**Georgia Cities Week** 🌀 The City of Social Circle will be participating in Georgia Cities week October 3-9, 2021. Stay tuned for more details on activities we will be hosting in celebration of our city! For questions, please call the Welcome Center at 770-464-1866.

## Library News

### Library Events

Thursday, September 16, 10:30 am - Children’s Music & Movements Class

Saturday, September 24, 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](https://socialcirclega.gov) and at City Hall.

Sept 02 6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session	City Community Room
Sept 10 6:00 pm	Taste of Social Circle	Friendship Park
Sept 14 8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	Church at the Grove
Sept 14 10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (2nd Tues.)	Zoom
Sept 14 6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Tues.)	City Community Room
Sept 15 1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed.)	City Community Room
Sept 21 6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	Social Circle Theater
Sept 23 6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room
Sept 28 6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Tues.)	Social Circle Theater

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/socialcirclega) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/socialcirclega) | 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/](https://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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