



# Around the Well

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## City Hall Holiday Closure

November 25th, 2021  
November 26th, 2021  
December 24th, 2021  
December 27th, 2021  
December 31st, 2021

## Trash Pick-up Delays

Trash pick-up on November 25th and 26th will be delayed by one day.  
No Trash Delays in December.

## Walton County Election Results for City of Social Circle

### **City Council District 1:**

Adolphus Gaither - votes 60  
Traysa Price - votes 105

### **City Council District 2:**

Nathan Boyd - votes 91

### **Board of Education Chairman:**

John M. Callahan - votes 359

### **Board of Education - District 2:**

Rico Jackson - votes 40

### **Board of Education - District 4:**

Sabrina Sanford-Flint: votes 102

**Thank you for your participation!**



## **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)

## 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.

**Please Do Not Blow Grass Clippings into the Streets** ☞ Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding. Grass clippings blown into the street can also create hazardous conditions for drivers, motorcyclists, and bicyclists.

Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution.

Did you know that storm drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants? There is no treatment to remove the debris from the water before it reaches nearby lakes, streams, or rivers. The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding.

When you blow your lawn waste into the street, it can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues by clogging curb inlets and pipes, which can cause water to back up and flood within the drainage system or the creek.

Why are grass clippings and leaf litter harmful? When yard waste is discarded within the stormwater drainage system, it will decompose. Decomposing yard waste can supercharge the creek with nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, causing algae blooms resulting in low dissolved oxygen.

When yard waste is discarded within the stormwater drainage system, it can bring harmful chemicals into the creek, including fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides. While these chemicals can be used to protect grass, they will harm aquatic life and cause additional adverse effects to water quality when released into streams.

*Please be advised that it is the responsibility of the property owner or tenant to maintain property all the way to the curb. Just because it is in the right of way does not mean it is the city's responsibility to maintain that area.*

**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

**Holidays in the Circle** ☞ The Holidays are quickly approaching. The Welcome Center and City Hall are excepting non-perishable items to keep the little free pantry stocked through the Holidays.

**Social Circle Christmas** ☞ Come out to Friendship Park on November 19th from 6-8pm for our Social Circle Christmas Celebration! We will have the lighting of the tree, plus lots of Christmas crafts and activities, visits with Santa and the grinch, hot chocolate, smores and the live nativity. If you are interested in being a vendor, you must offer a Christmas themed craft or activity. Please call the Welcome Center at 770-464-1866 for more information!

**Secret Santa** ☞ The Secret Santa program is now accepting applications. Applicants must live in Social Circle. Age limitations for Secret Santa is 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.

**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

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.

## City Calendar

Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, are available on the city website at [socialcirclega.gov](http://socialcirclega.gov) and at City Hall.

Nov 04 6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session	City Community Room
Nov 09 9:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	Church at Stanton Spring
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Nov 09 10:00 am	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing	Canceled
Nov 09 6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Committee	City Community Room
Nov 16 6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	Social Circle Theater
Nov 17 1:00 pm	Municipal Court	City Community Room
Nov 23 6:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Community Room
Nov 25 6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room
Dec 02 6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session	City Community Room
Dec 09 9:00 am	Downtown Development Authority of Social Circle	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/](http://socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/)

Night Deposit:

Open 24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:

Nov. 22 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off

Nov. 23 - Cut-off

Nov. 29 - Current payment due date

Nov. 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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