



# Around the Well

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## News

**Closures** ☞ City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Trash Delay** ☞ The week of Memorial Day there will be a one-day Delay in Garbage pick-up due to the Memorial Day holiday, No delay in the Recycling pick-up.

**May 3, 2022,** ☞ National Teacher Appreciation Day.



### Social Circle Transit Bus Schedule

Please call 770-464-2953 to schedule a ride. M-F 8:00 am-3:30 pm

\$1.00 one way; cash presented to driver upon entering bus.

All trips must be scheduled by 4:00 pm 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

**Code Enforcement** ☞ The placement of leaves, grass, and other yard trimmings and debris in the street makes traveling city streets hazardous for operators of vehicles and motorcycles. A DOT study found that a vehicle traveling 40 mph took 80 feet to stop on wet pavement. The same vehicle took 160 feet to stop, and on wet grass and leaves, it took 250 feet to stop. The combination of wet grass and leaves was found to be like driving on ice. For motorcycle operators, the placement of grass and leaves in the street can cause the motorcycle tires to lose contact with the road surface, which could result in an accident. In the interest of public safety, the city has adopted Ordinance 2021-12, which prohibits yard trimmings and debris from being left on a public street. Information about this ordinance and others can be found at [socialcirclega.gov/government/ordinances-and-zoning/](https://socialcirclega.gov/government/ordinances-and-zoning/).

## Community News

**Voting** ☞ Important voting information for Social Circle voters.

**PRECINCT CHANGE:** Social Circle Precinct will have a new permanent polling location. The location will be South Walton Community Center, 573 Fairplay Dr., Social Circle, GA 30025. Beginning immediately, all Federal, State, County, and City Elections shall be held at this location.

**VOTING OPTIONS:** Absentee by mail. Walton County is now accepting absentee ballot applications for the General Primary, May 24, 2022, Election. If you want to vote an absentee ballot by mail, you may request an application by phone, email, or print the application at <https://www.waltoncountyga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4761/Absentee-Ballot-Application-2021>. You may email the application to [elections@co.walton.ga.us](mailto:elections@co.walton.ga.us), fax it to 770-267-1408 or hand-deliver it to our 1110 E Spring St. Ste. 100, Monroe. The deadline to submit an absentee ballot application is May 13, 2022. Absentee ballot applications will not be accepted after May 13, 2022.

**ADVANCE VOTING:** Advance Voting will be located at Nowell Recreation Center in Monroe and Meridian Park in Loganville. The hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm starting May 2 - May 20. There will be Saturday voting on May 7, 2022, and May 14, 2022, from the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. There will be a manned Ballot Drop Box located inside Meridian Park in Loganville during the hours of advance voting only.

**City-wide Yard Sale** ☞ The City-Wide Yard Sale will take place May 6-8th! If you live in the city, this means that you do not have to have a permit for having a yard sale for this weekend only. If you would like to be on the list, please call 770-464-1866 and provide the address to be added.

**Coffee and Conversations** ☞ Please join us for Coffee and Conversations at Sew Crazy Alterations by Holly, 166 N. Cherokee Rd. on June 1st at 8:30 am. This monthly networking event is open to all. Please come and share what is happening in your business, club, organizations, or church! We hope to see you there!

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** ☞ Come out to Friendship Park on Friday, May 13th as we kick off our summer concert series with the Simply Awesome Band! They will be performing your favorite Motown and Golden Oldies hits! Join us for an evening of fun. For more information on this event and others please call 770-464-1866.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION PARADE** 🌀 This year as part of our Independence Day Celebration, we are bringing back the parade! If you are interested in participating in the parade, please pick up an entry application at the Welcome Center or from our website [socialcirclega.gov](http://socialcirclega.gov). For more information, please call 770-464-1866.

**Boards and Commissions Vacancy** 🌀 There are currently vacancies on the Social Circle Development Authority and the Library Board which are Mayor and Council appointments. If you are interested, please submit an application which can be found on the City's website. [SocialCirclega.gov/boards-application](http://SocialCirclega.gov/boards-application).

**Volunteers** 🌀 There are lots of ways to volunteer for events and happenings downtown. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Amber McKibben at 770-464-1866 or email [amckibben@socialcirclega.gov](mailto:amckibben@socialcirclega.gov).

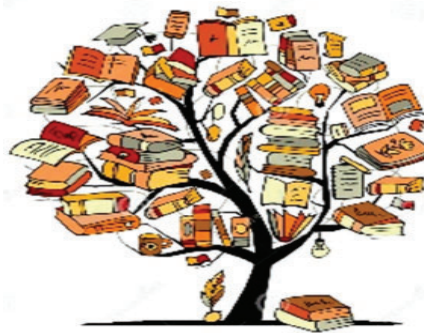
**Fire Chief** 🌀 Georgia's Summer Burn Ban" starts On, May 1st, and is in effect until September 30. Air quality can deteriorate in the summer due to the formation of ground-level ozone. The Summer Burn Ban reduces ozone by prohibiting certain open burning activities from May 1 through September 30 in specific counties. More information can be found on GA's EPD website <https://epd.georgia.gov/.../summer-legal-burn-map>.

**Police Chief** 🌀 **Personal safety**

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Give the impression that you are calm, confident, and know where you are going.
- Trust your instincts. If it doesn't look or feel right, it might not be.
- Always be alert to your surroundings.
- Whenever possible, travel with a friend.
- Stay in well-lighted areas as much as possible.
- Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes, and alleys.
- Walk confidently at a steady pace.
- Make eye contact with people when walking.
- Do not respond to conversations from strangers on the street.
- If you carry a purse, carry it securely between your arm and body.
- Donotuseorwear anything that will impede yourvision or hearing

**Library**

- Tales for Tots Storytime on Thursday, May 12th and May 16th at 10:30 am.
- Library of the year celebration and summer reading kick-off party on , Wednesday, June 1st, at 3:00 pm.
- There is a new seed library where patrons can drop by and grab their favorite food or flower seed to plant for their home garden.



**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.

May 11	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session	City Community Room
May 10	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tues.)	City Community Room
May 10	6:00 pm	Historic Preservation Committee (2nd Tues.)	City Community Room
May 17	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	City Community Room
May 18	1:00 pm	Municipal Court	City Community Room
May 24	6:00 pm	Planning Commission. (4th Tues.)	City Community Room
May 26	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thurs.)	City Community Room
June 02	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Work-session (1st Thurs.)	City Community Room
June 21	6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tues.)	City Community Room

**Library Hours**

Monday:	9:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday:	9:00am-7:00pm
Wednesday:	9:00am-6:00pm
Thursday:	9:00pm-7:00pm
Friday:	9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday:	10:00am-4:00pm
Sunday:	2:00pm - 6:00pm

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook.

W. H. Stanton Memorial Library  
[Website](http://Website) | [Facebook](https://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 (Not Tax Payments)

Online:  
[socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/](http://socialcirclega.gov/payment-options/)

Night Deposit:  
 Open 24/7. Do not deposit cash.

Dates:  
 May. 25 - Last day to pay to avoid cut-off  
 May. 26 - Cut-off  
 May. 27 - Current payment due date  
 May. 31 - 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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