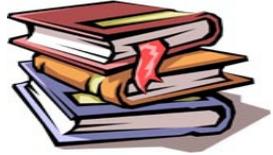




Reminders And Information November 2014

KNOW YOUR CITY CODE

We are using this section of our newsletter to familiarize residents with content found in the official City Code book. We will periodically print selected sections. See back for additional City Code. For a full version of the City's Code, please visit www.mountainpark-ga.gov



Noise Ordinance:

Noise means any sound which annoys or disturbs or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.

Sec. 113-45. - Enumeration.

The acts contained in this article, among others, shall constitute a violation of this article; but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

- (1) *Air conditioners.* The maintenance of any refrigeration machinery or air conditioning, consisting of air compressors or rotating or reciprocating machinery, in such a manner as to create a **noise** disturbance across a residential real property boundary shall be a violation of this article.
- (2) *Construction or repairing of buildings.* It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, drilling, or demolition work on **weekdays between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**, such that the sound therefrom creates a **noise** disturbance across a residential real property boundary, except for emergency work of public service utilities or by special variance. **No home construction shall be allowed on Saturday or Sunday except for construction between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.**
- (3) *Domestic animals.* It shall be unlawful for any person owning or keeping an animal to allow that animal to continuously (**exceeding 15 minutes in duration, or greater than five minutes between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.**) or repeatedly (**consisting of 15 minutes over the course of one hour**) howl, bark, whine or make other loud **noises** plainly audible from inside any adjacent or nearby residential structure owned by any person other than the animal owner.

Please view the entire ordinance on the City Website.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day:
December 6, 2014**

Don't forget to check out the 'Food Truck Friday Night' down by the Lakeside Pavilion on November 14th from 6-9pm. Come see your friends/neighbors and make new friends while enjoying food from the many different food trucks that will be there. We are working on getting some live music for that evening as well as a nice bonfire to warm up with. There will be some adult beverages for those over 21 years of age and plenty of things for the kids to enjoy as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. We are blessed to live in a beautiful community especially during the holiday season.

*Sincerely,
Mayor Jim Still*



November Closings- City Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 20, 2014 and Friday, November 21, 2014. We hope you and your family have a happy and blessed holiday!

Upcoming events and entertainment:

- **Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9am-4pm** the Civic Club will be holding a neighborhood yard sale on the Green. **Anyone who wants to sell on The Green can pay \$10 to the Civic Club** (as a fundraiser) and get a table and chair to use. You don't have to stay until 4 pm, you may leave whenever you are ready. Rain date will be the following Saturday. **Anyone who wants to piggyback on The Green rummage sale and sell from their own yard or home will need to get a \$5 permit from City Hall.** You will not be covered under the Civic Club. If you send us your address via www.facebook.com/MPCivicClub, or e-mail, we will put your location on a city map that we will be handing out to customers on The Green, letting them know you are choosing to sell from home. We will have a donation jar at The Green to help defray any map costs. **All payments of \$10 to be on The Green can be cash, or made out to the Mountain Park Civic Club and left at City Hall. Last pickup and chance to let us know you want to join The Green or be on the map will be the afternoon of November 7, 2014 at 3:30 pm.** We will be posting notices of the event on the AJC website and Craig's list.
- **Saturday, November 8, 2014** *The Art Center West* will be hosting its 4th annual Chili Cook-off event. It will take place at Leita Thompson Memorial Park at 1355 Woodstock, Rd. Roswell, GA 30075 from 1-3pm. **The cost is \$20** and will earn you a handmade ceramic bowl to taste each of the competitor's chili from, \$5 worth of tickets that can be used to purchase additional items such as drinks, hot dogs, etc. **Addition family members can also join the taste test for only \$5 after you've made the initial \$20 contribution.** There will be family fun for everyone! Hayrides, inflatables, treats, music, hands-on pottery activities and demonstrations, and more!
- **November 14, 2014 from 6-9pm** we will be hosting our very first, 'Food Truck Friday Night'!! There will be a variety of food trucks to order from as well as adult beverages for anyone over the age of 21. We are trying to arrange for a band to play during the event and will have a bonfire to sit around to keep warm! We hope to see you!

WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY INFORMATION:

Be sure to have containers out the night before or by 6 a.m. as routes normally run ahead of schedule.

YARD WASTE

1. Yard waste placed in anything other than paper or plastic waste containers and not sealed or properly sized, weighed, bundled and bound will not be picked up.
2. No more than eight bags can be out for pickup, including normal waste container.
3. Twigs, grass clippings, pine straw, leaves, light yard waste should be sealed.
4. Branches, heavy brush, tree limbs must be 3 feet or less in length and less than 6 inches in diameter. They must be tied into bundles and not weigh more than 50 lbs.
5. These bundles must be stored out of sight from neighbors and street until 24 hours before normal waste pickup time.
6. **The removal of brush, tree limbs and other yard waste larger than stated above is the responsibility of the homeowner.**

City Dumpster

As a service to our residents, the City of Mountain Park provides a dumpster on the first Saturday of every month. This is a first come, first serve basis. In order to ensure that it is available to all please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. You must provide proof of residency in the City of Mountain Park.
2. One truckload or trailer load per residence.
3. All yard debris must be cut into 3 feet sections or less
4. There is a Metal Recycler onsite to take scrap metal
5. Resident is responsible for putting items in the dumpster.
6. **DO NOT DUMP ITEMS NEXT TO DUMPSTER** – You will be fined.



Join the Clean Water Campaign

<http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com>

The mission of the Clean Water Campaign is to educate the general public about the sources of water pollution due to storm water runoff, and its negative effects on our water supply, recreational opportunities, aquatic ecosystems and quality of life. The Campaign encourages the protection of our lakes and streams by showing residents and businesses how to reduce the impact of those activities that lead to storm water runoff, nonpoint source pollution and polluted runoff.

Septic Systems

Septic systems depend on a balance of living organisms that digest and treat waste. If your home has a septic system, be sure to keep it maintained and working properly. Poorly functioning septic tanks can cost thousands of dollars to repair and allow water that contains harmful bacteria and high levels of nutrients to leak into the ground and that eventually pollute our rivers, lakes and streams.

How Does my Septic System Work?

Wastewater from your home enters the septic tank where it stays long enough for solids to settle to the bottom of the tank. Bacteria break down these solids over time. The remaining liquid from the tank flows out into the drainfield where it slowly seeps into the soil. Bacteria in the soil and natural filtration through the ground finish the job of treating the wastewater from your home. The non-digestible solids, or sludge, remain in the tank and eventually need to be pumped out by a licensed contractor.

Residential septic systems can function properly for many years without problems. However, regular inspection and maintenance of your septic system as well as proper household habits can help ensure that your system will remain problem-free for decades.

What Can YOU Do?

Here are some simple steps you can take to maintain your septic system, maximize its efficiency, reduce problems and expenses and provide protection for rivers, lakes and streams.

Household Tips for Septic System Owners

- Only flush human waste and toilet paper down the toilet!
- Never flush diapers, feminine hygiene products, condoms, cigarette butts or cat litter down your toilet—these items will not break down in the septic tank and may end up clogging the system.
- Don't pour household chemicals, yeast, sugars, oil-based paints and solvents down the drain. All of these items can harm helpful bacteria in your septic system.
- Minimize the use of a garbage disposal by disposing of food wastes in the trash, and avoid pouring fats and grease down the drain. Doing so will extend the life of your septic system.
- Reduce the amount of wastewater going to your septic system by taking shorter showers, running full loads of laundry and repairing leaks. You will conserve water while at the same time preventing the flooding of your drainfield.

Septic System Maintenance

- Septic systems should be inspected at least every three years by a licensed contractor.
- When sludge in the tank reaches a certain point, the tank will need to be pumped out as recommended by your inspector.
- Never plant trees or other vegetation other than turf grass over your drainfield.
- Avoid overwatering the grass over the drainfield—doing so will saturate the ground and reduce the ability for the wastewater to be able to percolate into the soil.
- Similarly, direct downspouts or other drainage away from the drainfield area to avoid creating overly damp soil conditions.

Not sure you have a septic system? Contact [your county health department](#) to check if that you have septic system and its location on your property.

Fulton County Animal Ordinance

The City of Mountain Park has a contract with Fulton County Animal Control (404)-794-0358. Here are some highlights from the ordinance.

1. Dogs and Cats over 4 months old **must** be licensed and vaccinated.
2. A tag and collar **must** be worn by the dog/cat at all times.
3. No more than 4 animals are allowed at each residence.
4. Dogs **must** be on a leash in public areas or when off the premise of their owner.
5. The Leash may not be more than 6 feet long and must be controlled by a competent person.
6. Dogs **must** be confined to the premise of the owner or other person having custody of the dog by a fence, wall or other enclosure, or restrained by a leash.

The Code Compliance Officer for the City of Mountain Park will issue a citation to dog owners whose dogs are found to be off their leashes in public areas.



Utilities Payments- As a reminder, utility bills are due on the first of each month. If you have your check sent from the bank, please have it processed 5-7 business days before the due date.



Beautiful Fall Leaves

Mountain Park is in the middle of another beautiful display of fall leaf color. The colors are spectacular! In another 3-4 weeks, all the colorful leaves will have fallen to the ground and leaf cleanup will begin. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you gather up your fallen leaves.

1. Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. Your plants will love the compost as will Mother Nature.
2. **Please do not place your leaves in the roadside ditches.** The ditches are the storm water system serving the entire city and need to remain open and free of branches so they can carry storm runoff away. Please keep your driveway culverts clear and flowing as well. *Report blocked storm drains, culverts, and ditches to City Hall at 770-993-4231.*
3. If composting is not an option, please bag the leaves and bring them to the dumpster by the pool the first Saturday of each month.