



Reminders And Information September 2011

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.



Article IV. Vegetation. – Weeds, grasses, plants other than trees, bushes, flowers, vegetables or other ornamental Plants higher than 12 inches are considered a nuisance. It is the owner, or tenant's responsibility to manage and/or maintain yard grasses.

If this code is violated the owner will have 7 days from the receipt of notice from the City to remedy the problem. City may notify the owner/tenant through registered mail or by posting notice on the front door of the property. If problem is not corrected within 7 days, the City may have the work performed and send a bill to the owner of the property. Payment is due to the City no less than 15 days after work is done but no later than 45 days. If payment not reimbursed to the City after 45 days, a court summons will be issued.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day is
October 1, 2011**

I enjoyed seeing many of you this month at the Council Meeting and Special Called Meeting. We appreciate your attendance and input in your community. We discussed the need for more citizen participation in organizations such as the Mountain Park Clean & Beautiful Club, Mountain Park Improvement Club, and Mountain Park Watershed Preservation Society. Please take the first step in keeping our community beautiful by adopting your street and ditches from becoming overgrown and not working properly. I am pleased that Scott Mills, Scott Read, Cristina Packham, Ocoee Penick and Gladney Cooper have qualified to run for City Council. I am proud to serve as Mayor for the City of Mountain Park for the next four years. Please make sure you are registered to vote in the upcoming election on November 8, 2011. The City of Mountain Park thrives on community spirit and involvement.

Sincerely,
Jim Still

Advance Voting- will be October 18, 2011 through November 4, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Cherokee County Elections Office, Albert L. Stone Election Building, 400 East Main Street, Canton, GA 30114, or from October 31, 2011 through November 4, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Public Library located at 7735 Main Street, Woodstock, GA 30188. A run-off election, if necessary, will be held on December 6, 2011 or any other day so mandated by the State of Georgia pending approval of the United States Justice Department. This notice is given pursuant to Resolution and Ordinance 308-11 of the City of Mountain Park, Georgia.

Register to Vote-The last day to register to vote in the General Election on November 8, 2011 is 10/11/11.

Tree Removal Requests – No trees may be removed without approval by the City Arborist. The Tree Removal Request form is available on the website at www.mountainpark-ga.gov or at City Hall.

Code Compliance Issues – If you have an issue that you would like addressed by our Code Compliance Officer, please fill out a complaint form at City Hall. Once a complaint has been filed, City Hall sends it our Code Compliance officer for resolution. Complaints are typically handled in the order in which they are received. Safety issues take precedence over other complaints and are investigated as soon as possible. It is the City’s policy to encourage voluntary code compliance by providing the opportunity for compliance. This is generally less expensive, more satisfactory, and more lasting than involuntary compliance. However, when voluntary compliance is not obtained, a citation will be issued.

Utility Payments - In order to avoid a late fee -If your payment is drafted from your bank account, please schedule it for 7 days before the due date. The date you schedule it is the date the bank processes it and mails it to us. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE PAYMENT BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.**

Ditches - The City of Mountain Park encourages residents to maintain their property to the road. It is very important to our stormwater management system that ditches are kept clear of yard waste, debris.

Water Pollution and Maintaining Your Vehicle

Here are some basic steps to reducing water pollution by maintaining your vehicle:

- Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks.
- Take motor oil, antifreeze, and other fluids to be recycled at a participating program.
- Use sawdust or kitty litter to clean up leaks and spills. Never hose down spills into the gutter.
- Don’t dump oil or antifreeze in the streets or drains.
- Service car regularly to prevent leaks.
- Wash your car on your lawn or gravel.
- Use a pan to collect any wasted fluids.
- Use funnels or pumps when handling liquid products or wastes to avoid spills.
- Use plastic tarps and drip pans when working on your car and when it’s leaking.

MOUNTAIN PARK ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Just a reminder the Mountain Park Energy Efficiency Project has less than a year to go before it expires. Please take advantage of this opportunity by completing the initial steps. This will ensure you are prepared should you have an emergency with your current system or eligible appliances. Please email any questions to mountainparkenergygrant@gmail.com.

1. Complete pre-qualification form
2. Complete 7 question pre-audit survey.
3. Collect past 12 months’ utility bills for auditor (gas and electric).
4. Schedule energy audit. Allow 2-3 hours.
5. Complete Governor’s Energy Challenge online survey at www.governorsenergychallenge.org.