



Reminders And Information September 2012

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 <http://www.mountainparkgov.com/>



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 6, 2012**

We appreciate your input in your community. Please consider 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. The City of Mountain Park thrives on community spirit and involvement.

Sincerely,

Jim Still

POOL CLOSING- The Pool closes for the season on September 9. It is open from 11-8 Labor Day weekend, 4- 8 September 4th through the 7th and 11-8 September 8th through 9th. See you next year!

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION – Please visit <http://voter.cherokeega.com/registration.cfm> to learn more about voter registration information.

Advance Voting –
for the General Election on November 6, 2012 begins on **October 15, 2012.**

Register to Vote-
The last day to register to vote in the General Election held on November 6, 2012 is **10/8/12.**

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 mountainparkgov.com 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.

Animal Control For Dogs and Cats

The City of Mountain Park follows Fulton County Animal Ordinance.

- Dogs and Cats must be vaccinated.
- Dogs must be confined to premises of the owner or custodian by fence, wall or other enclosure or restrained by a leash.
- Dogs not on the premises of the owner must be kept on a leash of not more than 6 feet long and must be under the control of a competent person.
- Cats are not subject to the leash law.
- If Cats are a nuisance, Fulton County will pick them up if they are confined in a cage.

Code Compliance is diligent in following up on Animal Control complaints. We appreciate your cooperation. The fine schedule for non-compliance with leash law is 1st Offense \$100, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$200.

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. Please see <http://mountainparkgov.com/departments/administration/68-emergency-utility-payments> to make an emergency payment.**

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 Leaks

“A ‘running’ toilet can waste two gallons of water per minute. Here is a good example; say you had a running toilet that was leaking 2 gallons of water a minute for two weeks; 2 gallons x 14 days x 24 hours x 60 minutes = 40,320 gallons of wasted water. Now how about for 4 weeks or one month; 2 gallons x 30 days x 24 hours x 60 minutes = 86,400 gallons of wasted water. OUCH!

Please visit <http://mountainparkgov.com/public-works/utilities/75-high-water-usage> for possible reasons for high water usage.

Please visit <http://www.watersmart.net/conserve/indoor> to learn ways to conserve water usage.