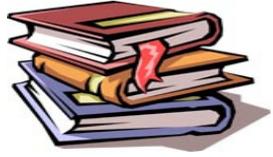




Reminders And Information December 2013

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.mountainparkgov.com.

Sec.38.4 Posting Signs on Poles without consent

It shall be unlawful for any person to post or display in or upon any bridge any sign or advertisement, or to post or display upon any telegraph, telephone or electric company's pole, or upon any public property or the private property of any person any bills, signs or advertisements without the consent in writing of the owner thereof.

While we are compassionate about lost animals, it is against City Code to place notices on City signs. They will be removed within 7 days of posting. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day
January 4, 2012**

It is with the deepest sadness that we have lost one of our young firefighters to an unfortunate accident. David Jeon was a part of the MPVFR family and the Mountain Park Community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and he will be greatly missed by all.

I would like to personally invite each of you to attend our Annual Dinner and Lighting of the Christmas Tree scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m., following our popular "Santa Run." This year we will gather in the Civic Building, so bring your family and favorite dish to share as we usher in the holiday season together.

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

Holiday Closings before the Next Newsletter –

City Hall will be closed Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1.

Council Meeting Dates for December

Work Session – Wednesday, December 11th

Regular Council – Monday, December 16th

Fishing and Boating Permits – Please remember that Permits expire December 31, 2013. Please stop by City Hall to pay fees and acquire your annual permit.

Temporary Parking Permit – Please remember in order to park on the side of the street, you need a Parking Permit. They are available at City Hall for \$5.00 per day.

SIREN TEST – There is a Siren Test the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon.

GARBAGE PICK UP

Waste Management will take up to 8 bags of garbage that exceed the capacity of your container. Please remember to bag all waste and neatly place the bags (up to 8) beside your trash bin. If you have a large amount of garbage or large items, bring them to dumpster day and put them in the roll off container. Dumpster day is typically the first Saturday of each month. Unless it falls on a holiday, then it is the following Saturday. Remember to have your trash bins at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Bins should be removed from the curb by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

What water goes into the City's sewer system?

Water that flows out of your tap and down the drain, water you flush down the toilet, water that runs down the shower drain, water that runs through your dishwasher and washing machine is the water that goes into the city's sewer system and is called sewage. Rain and water that flows down the street goes into the city's storm drains- an entirely different underground system. Water that you use to water your landscaping seeps into the ground and does not go into any sewer system. So, if you had absolutely no outdoor landscaping that needed watering, 100% of the water used inside your home would go into the sewer system. However, since almost all residential homes have some outdoor landscaping, not all water that goes through the water meter into the house goes into the sewer.

SEPTIC TANK OWNERS

"Did you know that running food waste through your sink garbage disposal increases the load on the average home's septic tank by 50%? Compost your food waste and save that septic system for what it was intended for". Want to learn how to compost? Follow this link to learn the basics.

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserves/rrr/composting/basic.htm>

WATER LOSS

There have been many questions asked by those of you whose water usage had increased and could find no obvious reason for it. We have been handing out an informational sheet entitled "Water Loss" that shows just how much water is used and lost for certain things and decided that it would be good information for our newsletter.

WATER LOSS

Dripping Faucet	¼ GPM (gallons per minute)	10,800 Gallons/Month
Leaking Toilet	½ GPM	21,600 Gallons/Month
Drip Irrigation	1 GPM	43,200 Gallons/Month
Watering Garden – 2 hours	5 GPM	18,000 Gallons/Month
2 hours	10 GPM	36,000 Gallons/Month
Unattended water hose (1 night)	10 GPM	5,400 Gallons
Broken Service Line –		
1 night	15 GPM	8,100 Gallons
1 day	15 GPM	21,600 Gallons
1 week	15 GPM	151,200 Gallons
1 month	15 GPM	648,000 Gallons
Stuck Ice Maker	2 GPM	86,400 Gallons/Month
Stuck Check Valve in Washer – 30 min.	8 GPM	240 Gallons
Stuck Float in Watering trough	5 GPM	216,000 Gallons/Month

TYPICAL USAGES

1 Bath = 42 gallons	30 baths = 1,260 gallons
1 Shower = 17 gallons	30 showers = 510 gallons
Laundry (1 Load) = 45 gallons	20 loads = 900 gallons
Flush Toilet = 3 gallons	