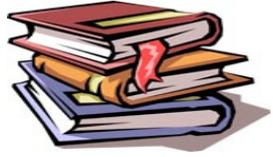




Reminders And Information February 2014

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.



SEC. 42-47. Fishing

No person may fish in either of the lakes without a city-issued permit and State fishing license. No person shall place in the lakes a trot line, seine, net, electrical device, dynamite or other substance or device declared to be illegal by the State Game and Fish Division.
(Code 1982, § 4-3-7; Ord. No. 185-A-96, §2, 6-17-1996)

SEC. 42-48. Hunting

No person shall hunt on or from the waters of any lake in this city and the lakes of this city are hereby designated as a refuge for waterfowl of every kind and description.
(Code 1982, § 4-3-8)

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the effort by our Public Safety Director and MPVFR for their efforts to keep all our citizens safe and at their homes during this recent inclement weather event. Our volunteers shuttled folks from Mountain Park Elementary School and Publix to their homes on Tuesday so they would be warm and at home during the rest of this dangerous ice storm. Leaders of the community will be assessing the City's handling of this storm and determining how we can do an even better job the next time Mother Nature takes a swing at us.

Thank you to all those people who reached out to friends and strangers to assist each other when it was truly needed.

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

Holiday Closings Before the Next Newsletter –
City Hall will be closed Monday, February 17, 2014.

SIREN TEST – There is a Siren Test the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon. We are served by Cherokee and Fulton Counties, so you may hear 2 sirens.

VOTER REGISTRATION – You can now register to vote, and/ or update registration information at City Hall. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, go to www.sos.ga/MVP.

Winter Storm Preparation Tips

1. Check your local weather for updates on the storm's expected time of arrival.
2. Check your supply of food and necessities (bread, bottled water, toilet paper). If you do not have a three day supply, plan a trip to the store.
3. Locate and test your flashlights to make sure they are in working order.
4. Locate matches, candles, extra batteries, oil lamps or battery-operated lanterns.
5. Locate your supply of salt or ice-melt. Place it next to your front door.
6. Charge your cell phones for maximum battery charge in case of a power outage.
7. Gather extra blankets, gloves, mittens, winter hats and scarves. Put them where they can easily be reached in case of an emergency.
8. Check your back up heat source and put it in a convenient place. (Kerosene heater, firewood, matches.) Make sure you have enough fuel.

If you are able to safely clear your driveway, area in front of your property, please do so as soon as possible. The City of Mountain Park will clear main roads as soon as possible. The severity of the road conditions may make it impossible to clear smaller streets. Please check for updates on the City website.

YOUR DITCHES ... OUR STORM WATER SYSTEM

The roads and streets of Mountain Park are lined by ditches which together form an extensive storm water system serving the entire city. Please do your part and help us maintain the City's ditches and keep them free flowing.

1. Include the ditches in the front of your house in your yard maintenance schedule. Keep them open to allow the free flow of water.
2. Keep all vegetation trimmed and pruned. This will help with drainage as well as keeping vegetation out of the City right of way.

3. **Please do not rake leaves into the ditches.** Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. Its Mother Nature's way of helping your plants fight the drought. If composting is not an option you can bag them and bring them to the dumpster by the pool the first Saturday of each month.

4. Keep your driveway culverts open and free flowing. Remove loose leaves from the ditch around your culvert openings. Fall and winter rain storms wash the leaves to the culvert opening and can block the free flow of water.

5. If your storm drains, culverts, or ditches are blocked please call City Hall for assistance in clearing them. 770-993-4231

UTILITY RATE INCREASE

As stated in last month's newsletter, the utility rates will be increasing this month by \$.25/1000 gallons. Rates are:

Water

0 – 2500 gallons	\$13.85
2500 – 4500 gallons	\$11.85/1000 gallons
4500 – 8500 gallons	\$18.85/1000 gallons

Sewer

0 – 4000 gallons	\$28.00
4000 up	\$12.50/1000 gallons

MOUNTAIN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 for existing members as well as anybody else interested in joining the Mountain Park Community Garden. The meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Building.

NEXT DUMPSTER DAY

The date of the next dumpster day is Saturday, March 1, 2014.

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting for those residents interested in keeping a Civic Club here in Mountain Park on Thursday, February 20, 2014 in the Civic Building at 7:00 pm. We urge all interested residents to attend.

COYOTE SIGHTINGS

We want to make the residents aware that there have been sightings of Coyote on the roads of Mountain Park. We are greatly concerned for the welfare of your children and your animals and ask that you be mindful of this.