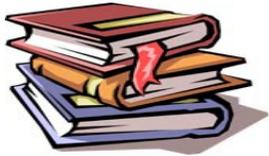




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KNOW YOUR CITY CODE



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.

Section 113 Nuisances and Hazards

Depositing trash, garbage and refuse on private or public property. The depositing and leaving on private or public property of trash, garbage, refuse, scrap building materials, paper, cardboard containers, brick, cement rubbish, tree residue, cans, containers, junk or any other rubbish or trash that is a menace to public health and safety in the city or which unreasonably annoys others.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit the existence of any nuisance on any property within the city.

A Message from Your Mayor

DUMPSTER DAY May 3

As we enter the Spring season in Mountain Park, I hope to see you at the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day Celebration. We are proud and grateful to the Chattahoochee Nature Center for their contribution of their exhibit "Georgia Wildlife Journey" at 1:00 p.m. and I hope to see the Mountain Park residents there to show their support.

On a more serious note, we are saddened that one of our families here in the Park had a house fire and lost nearly everything they owned. The family was unharmed and able to get out but with only the clothes on their backs. Thanks to the efforts of the Civic Club and the caring citizens of Mountain Park, about \$200.00 was raised to help them with their expenses and necessities. This kind of spirit is what we are most proud of when it comes to looking out for each other in our greatest times of need. We sincerely hope for the best for this family.

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

CITY HALL CLOSING

Please be aware that City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2014 in observance of Good Friday.

EGGS, FUR AND FEATHERS

Annual Egg Hunt and Earth Day Celebration

Mountain Park Civic Club will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 am on the Green on Saturday, April 19th. Children under the age of 10, accompanied by an adult, are invited to bring a basket and join in the hunt for prizes and goodies. Immediately following the egg hunt, the Civic Club will sell lunches for the annual Earth Day Picnic.

2014 Earth Day Theme is “Green Cities”

Mountain Park’s Earth Day Celebration will begin at noon and offer hands on activities regarding our watershed, birding, organic gardening, tree planting, park beautification and more. **Games, prizes, arts and crafts will be available for all ages.**

The Chattahoochee Nature Center (CNC) will bring their exhibit “Georgia Wildlife Journey” (1 p.m.) CNC has generously donated entrance passes to the Nature Center (Willeo Road in Roswell) to those participating in Earth Day activities. Expect a visit from Smoky Bear as well (photo-op-alert!)

Residents who wish to exhibit or sell their environmentally inspired projects or products should contact Hope Mays to reserve display/table space (404-697-2129, hopemays@aol.com)

Plan now to enjoy educational entertainment for the whole family right here in your own “Green City” on Saturday, April 19th, 2014.

Earth Day Special! Beyond the Recyclable Bin!!

Bring your throw-aways that can’t go in our recycling, but don’t need to go into the landfill via the dumpster either, to the Earth Day Celebration on the green on April 19th .:

- Large metal items: grills, lawn mowers (fluids removed), file cabinets, etc.
- Small metal items: steel wire coat hangers, screws, nails, punctured helium tanks, etc.
- Electronics: computers, monitors, printers, stereos and speakers (no wood cases), Telephones, cell phones, printer cartridges, etc.
- Plastic: plastic bags and bubble wrap
- Books: hard cover and soft cover books, including textbooks
- Antifreeze and motor oil
- Waste vegetable oil
- Shoes
- Rechargeable and lead acid batteries

- Liquid latex paint (not dried out or mixed with cat box filler) in the original can with the original readable label on it.

These items will be taken to the Roswell Recycling Center for you... Contact Martine Tremblay, 404-647-3242 for information.

WILD ANIMAL REMOVAL

It is important to remember that county animal services in Fulton County and Cherokee County **do not** provide assistance in cases involving wild animals and wildlife management. If you have a wildlife problem with squirrels, bats, raccoons, etc. please call an exterminator, pest control or privately owned wildlife removal company.

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.

COMMUNITY BUILDING RENTAL INFORMATION

Please remember that anybody interested in renting the community building for a scheduled event should contact the City of Mountain Park Recreation Director, Cindy Penick on her cell phone at 678-468-2739. She will have the schedule as to what dates the building is available.

<u>Fees</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Community Building	\$125	\$500
Community Building and Gazebo	\$175	\$650
Deposit (Refundable)	\$250	\$500
Events (150 people)	\$1200	\$1200
Deposit (Refundable)	\$1200	\$1200

VOTER REGISTRATION

You can now register to vote, and/ or update registration information at any of your local libraries, County Board of Registrar's Office or you may go to the Secretary of State website and download the form and mail it in. You can also check on the Secretary of State website at www.sos.ga/MVP if you are unsure if you are registered. **The deadline to register to vote in the Federal Primary Election on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 is Monday, April 21, 2014.**

City of Mountain Park Pool and Sunshelf

The Pool is open the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 24th through Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2014.

Rates will be as follows:

Resident - \$55.00 **Adult** - \$45.00 **Child** - \$220.00 **Family (2 Adult and up to 3 children per household)**
Non-Resident - \$80.00 **Adult** - \$55.00 **Child** - \$330.00 **Family (2 Adult and Up to 3 children per household)**

Adult is 17- 64 years old
Children 2 under are free with a paid adult.
Seniors 65 and older receive a \$5.00 discount.

Punch cards are only sold to residents or property owners and the cost is \$45.00 for 10 punches.

More hours to swim passes are \$20.00 plus \$10.00 for the key if you do not have one already and these are only sold to those that purchased a membership.

Pool tags will be sold at City Hall starting May 5th, 2014 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Leak Adjustment Policy – The Council for the City of Mountain Park has a Leak Adjustment Policy. The Leak Adjustment Request Form is available at City Hall as well as on the website.

Detecting Water Leaks – The homeowner is responsible for the waterlines which extend from the meter to the home. If a leak is detected in this area, the owner should contact a plumber for repairs.

Two Hour Leak Test

Check your meter and write down the reading. During a two hour time frame; make sure that no one is using water in the home. If you have an icemaker; make sure it is turned off. Wait two hours, go back and read the meter again. If the numbers have changed at all, you have a leak and you may need a plumber to make the repairs

Leaking Toilet - Place a few drops of food coloring into the tank of the toilet. **DO NOT FLUSH!!!** If the color shows in the bowl of the toilet within 30 minutes, you have a leak.

Basic Lawn Care

- Set blade higher on lawn mower. This reduces stress to the grass and helps develop a drought and pest resistant root system.
- Use electric powered lawn equipment instead of gas powered whenever possible.
- Try not to seed a lawn on a steep slope or in an area that does not drain well. Sod across the slope to protect the soil from erosion and runoff.

- Return grass clippings to the lawn whenever possible. They provide a valuable source of nitrogen for the grass. Recycling grass clippings should consist primarily of leaf blades which decompose quickly.
- Do not leave clippings on the pavement where they can wash into a water source.

Please find more information at <http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com/html/727.htm>.