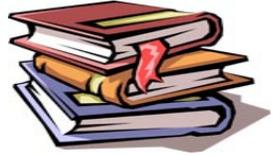




Reminders And Information August 2015

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.



DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF RAIN WE HAVE HAD THIS PAST SPRING, WE FELT IT IMPORTANT TO INFORM OUR RESIDENTS OF THE PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS OF MOSQUITOES AS THEY WILL BE PLENTIFUL!!

Sec. 113-192 – Keeping water in which mosquitoes may breed.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for have, keep, maintain, cause or permit within the City any collection of standing water in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed unless such collection of water is so treated as to effectively prevent such breeding.
- (b) The collection of water prohibited by subsection (a) of this section shall be those contained in ditches, pools, ponds, excavations, holes, depressions, open cesspools, privy vaults, fountains, cisterns, tanks, shallow wells, barrels, troughs (except horse troughs in frequent use), urns, cans, boxes, bottles, tubs, buckets, defective house roof gutters, tanks of flush closets or other similar water containers.

Sec. 113-193 – Treatment of collections of water

The method of treatment of any collections of water that are specified in this section directed toward the prevention of breeding of mosquitoes shall be approved by the health officer and may be one or more of the following:

- (1) Screening with wire netting of at least 16 meshes to the inch each way, or with any other material that will effectively prevent the ingress and egress mosquitoes.
- (2) Complete emptying every seven days of unscreened containers followed thorough drying and cleaning of such containers.
- (3) Using a larvicide approved and applied under the direction of the health officer.

- (4) Covering completely the surface of the water with kerosene, petroleum or paraffin oil once every seven days.
- (5) Cleaning and keeping sufficiently free of vegetable growth and other Obstructions, and stocking with mosquito-destroying fish.
- (6) Filling and draining to the satisfaction of the health officer, his agent or accredited representative.
- (7) Proper disposal by removal or destruction of tin cans, tin boxes, broken or empty bottles and similar articles likely to hold water.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day is
September 5**

On November 3, 2015 we will hold a municipal election. If anybody is interested in qualifying for one of three seats on the City Council or Mayor, the qualifying dates are August 31st, September 1st and 2nd from 9:00 am – 5 pm at City Hall. The fee to qualify is \$27.00 for Council and \$35 for Mayor. The elected official will serve a four year term beginning January 1, 2016. If you are new to the City of Mountain Park or have not voted recently, please visit <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/> to verify that you are registered to vote. If you are not currently registered please be certain to do so and let your voice be heard on the many issues facing our city, county and country today by exercising your right to vote for your leaders.

Jim Still

Pool Hours August to September

Up to Labor Day

Daily 11 am – 8 pm (1 lifeguard on duty)

Last three Saturdays and Sundays in September

Saturday – Sunday 11 am – 8 pm (1 lifeguard on duty)

Pool closes Sunday, Sept 27, 2015 at 8 p.m.

CITY HALL IS CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7th for Labor Day

PROHIBITED VEHICLE PARKING

It is a code violation to park a vehicle in the city rights of way or in such a manner as to encroach on the paved or unpaved city streets. (Sec 58.125)

Code Compliance will issue a citation for this violation. The fine schedule for parking unlawfully is: First Offense \$25.00 2nd Offense \$50.00 3rd Offense \$100.00

A temporary parking permit may be obtained through City Hall during regular business hours at least 24 hours prior to the effective date. There is a \$5.00 fee per 24 hour period. (Sec 58-128).

DUMPSTER DAY INFORMATION

As a service to our residents, the City of Mountain Park provides a dumpster on the first Saturday of every month. This is a first come, first serve basis. In order to ensure that it is available to all please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Must provide proof of residence in the City of Mountain Park.
2. One truckload or trailer load per residence.
3. All yard debris must be cut into 3 feet sections or less

Utility Payments - In order to avoid a late fee -If your payment is drafted from your bank account, please make sure to schedule it so that City Hall receives your payment by the first of the month. Payments are considered late if not received by 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd of the month.

Please make every effort not to misplace your Utility Bill.

Thank you.

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

City of Mountain Park Utilities Appeals Process

- Customers may qualify for Appeals due to: high usage due to defective meter, leak, Undue hardship, late fees, incorrect meter reading, etc. If Appeals fall within Leak Adjustment Policy or One Late Fee Removal per year, they are adjusted by City Hall. All others must appear before Council at Work Session, normally the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Customer contacts City Hall to appear before the Council at Work Session.
- Account is put on Appeals Status and is exempt from late fees until decision by the Council.
- Customer is asked to pay their average amount until decision is made by Council.
- City Hall will notify customer with date and time of meeting.
- City Hall will provide Council with Account History and Notes.

- Customer must appear at Work Session Meeting.
- Customer must provide support documentation if applicable.
- Council will report decisions to City Hall.
- Adjustments may include payment plan, late fees forgiven, Adjust to average rate, Reduce rate to lower tier, or any other adjustment decided by the Council.
- City Hall makes adjustment to Account and notifies customer of decision by the Council.

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.

SIGNS

No signs of any kind are permissible in the cities rights of way and therefore cannot be placed there. If signs are found in the right of way, they will promptly be removed by City Hall.