



Reminders And Information July 2011

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. 105-147. Prohibited discharges generally.

It is unlawful for any person to throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge, into any component of the city's **stormwater** system, or to cause, permit or suffer to be thrown, drained, run or allow to seep or otherwise discharge, into such system, all matter of any nature excepting only such **stormwater** or surface water as authorized in this article.

(Ord. No. 207, § 8(1), 9-18-1995)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day is
August 6**

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful City this summer. I'd like to take this time to thank the members of the Civic Club, MPVFR, Recreational Department and the citizens of Mountain Park for making the annual 4th of July Celebration a great success. Your time and generosity is an asset to our community.

Sincerely,

Jim Still

MARKET ON THE GREEN- Please join us on Saturday, July 16 from 4:00 to 8:00. Featured products include Produce, Royal Red and Gulf Shrimp and Crab Cakes, Honey, Jams, Breads, Jewelry and more. Contact cristinapackham@yahoo.com if you would like to participate or for more info.

Tips for Your Utility Account

- If you have your check mailed by your bank, please have the due date set at 5-7 business days ahead of the first of the month.
- *To avoid a \$25 late fee, your payment must be received no later than 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd of each month.*
- Late fees are also applied to accounts that are not paid in full for the month

Garbage Pickup on Thursday

Please place your containers on the street no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday the night before and remove them from the street no later than 8:00 a.m. on the following Friday morning.

City Hall will be closed for Labor Day September 5, 2011

POOL TAGS – Don't forget to purchase your season pass at City Hall. It's a great deal at \$53.50 for adults, \$42.80 for children or \$214.00 for a family pass.

CHECK OUT www.mountainpark-ga.gov for City forms, upcoming events and announcements from City Hall.

FOOD FOR KITTIES – City Hall is accepting donations of dry, bagged food for the kitties.

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

Code Compliance Reminders

The Code Compliance Officer for the City of Mountain Park will issue a citation to dog owners whose dogs are found to be off their leashes in public areas.

Please remember residences are required to have street numbers which are clearly visible from the street to pedestrians and vehicles going in either direction. If cited the residence will be fined \$10.00 for each day until in compliance.

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
4. There is a Metal Recycler onsite to take scrap metal

Outdoor Water Use Information

On June 1, 2010, Governor Perdue signed the Water Stewardship Act into law. The law has provisions for landscape watering. You may water landscapes any day between the hours of 4PM and 10 AM. The odd /even schedule is currently still in place for other outdoor uses such as car washing or at home pressure washing. Even addresses may use water for purposes other than landscape watering on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, Odd addresses may use water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. New Landscape Exemption - Newly installed landscape may be watered every day for 30 days without hourly restrictions.

Maintenance of City Ditches

The roads and streets of Mountain Park are lined by ditches which together form an extensive storm water system serving the entire city. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the culvert at your street. 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 in the ditches 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. It's Mother Nature's way of helping your plants fight the drought. (call City Hall or John McLaughlin if you need help setting up a composting program in your yard) 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. Leaves may wash into the culvert opening and can block the free flow of water.

MOUNTAIN PARK ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT –

Eligible projects include - Insulation and Weather Stripping, Appliance upgrades

This is a great time to invest in the energy efficiency of your home and start saving energy and money! Contact mountainparkenergygrant@gmail.com to get details of how to proceed. *This project, program or service is funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, in cooperation with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority"*

KNOW YOUR CODE continued

Sec. 105-142. Findings.

- (a) Uncontrolled **stormwater** drainage/discharge may have a significant adverse impact on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city. More specifically, surface water runoff can carry pollutants and nutrients into receiving waters. The potential impacts of these pollutants and nutrient loadings include:
 - (1) Changing natural ecosystems through sediment and pollutant deposits which affect the quantity and quality of water flow, the destruction of habitats, and the loss of plant and animal life;
 - (2) Posing significant health risks through increased bacteria;
 - (3) Accelerating eutrophication of receiving waters by introducing excessive nutrient loads;
 - (4) Increasing metal deposits creating toxicity for aquatic life;
 - (5) Reducing oxygen levels because of oil, grease and organic matter; and
 - (6) Affecting animal and plant life, adversely, due to changing temperatures of receiving waters.
- (b) Uncontrolled **stormwater** drainage can increase the incidence of flooding and the level of floods which occur, endangering roads, other public and private property and human life.
- (c) Altered land surfaces can change the rate and volume of runoff as follows:
 - (1) Erosion and slumping of streambanks, resulting in widening of streams;
 - (2) Undercut root systems;
 - (3) Increased erosion rates; and

- (4) Uniform and shallow streambeds, providing less varied aquatic habitats.
 - (d) Adverse water quality and quantity consequences described above may result in substantial economic losses. Potential losses include, but are not limited to, increased water treatment costs, as well as state and federal fines associated with water quality violations.
 - (e) Many future problems can be avoided through proper **stormwater management**.
 - (f) Every parcel of real property, both public and private, either uses or benefits from the maintenance of the city's **stormwater** system.
 - (g) Current and anticipated growth will contribute to and increase the need for improvement and maintenance of the **stormwater** system.
- (Ord. No. 207, § 3, 9-18-1995)

Sec. 105-143. Objectives; purpose.

- (a) Protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the shortterm and longterm public health, safety, and general welfare. This objective will be achieved by:
 - (1) Protecting, preserving, and enhancing water quality and fish and wildlife habitat within the city and in downstream receiving waters; and
 - (2) Protecting those downstream from water quality and quantity impacts.
 - (b) Compliance with state and federal **stormwater** regulations developed pursuant to the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987. The objectives of these regulations include:
 - (1) Controlling the quality of water discharged by controlling the contribution of pollutants to the **stormwater** system by **stormwater** discharges associated with commercial and industrial activity;
 - (2) Prohibiting illicit discharges to **stormwater** systems;
 - (3) Controlling the discharge of spills and dumping or any disposal of materials other than **stormwater** into the **stormwater** system; and
 - (4) Controlling, through intergovernmental agreements, contribution of pollutants from one municipal system to another.
 - (c) Requiring development plans to minimize the transport of pollutants to community waters by requiring approval and implementation of **stormwater management** plans for activities which may have an adverse impact on community waters.
 - (d) Establishing procedures which minimize damage from flooding caused by development, while recognizing that natural fluctuations in water levels are beneficial.
 - (e) Requiring construction of drainage systems which aesthetically and functionally approximate natural systems.
- (Ord. No. 207, § 4, 9-18-1995)