



March 2024 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

As spring draws near, we're gearing up for a vibrant season in our wonderful community! With that in mind, I wanted to touch base on a few items.

I'm sure a lot of you have noticed a flurry of activity in and around our Community Building. The results of the newly repainted inside of our Community Building are fantastic. Recently the roof was cleaned, and the mold and stains are gone. Currently the exterior is being prepped for painting that will hopefully be finished within the next week or so. This is a long overdue project, and these actions will ensure our community space is not only functional but also aesthetically pleasing for all. In the near future, additional items will be completed that will include, but is not limited to, new windows, gutter extensions, the cleaning of the side yard near the fire dept bay and many other items to enhance the surroundings. A huge thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

As a friendly reminder, don't forget to download our official app, MyMountainPark, to stay updated on community news, events, and important announcements. If you happen to be around City Hall, we'd love for you to drop by and say hello!

Additionally, we want to ensure that all residents have access to immediate assistance, especially during urgent after-hours situations. To facilitate this, we have added a new phone number for after-hour situations that require urgent attention. Please note that while this number is available for non-life-threatening emergencies, for any life-threatening or dangerous situations, always dial 911 without hesitation. Be sure to mention you live in Mountain Park that is next to Roswell. The number is 678-234-1464.

Let's make this spring a season of growth, positivity, and strengthened community bonds. Reach out to help a neighbor, give a wave or a smile to people you see. We are not only a wonderful city...we are family. Together, we can continue to make Mountain Park the wonderful place it is.

Thanks, and stay well.

Mayor Bill

Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club invites you to join us in 2023, mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Civic Club is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and enjoy planning, and supporting your community through various service activities, projects, and fun community events.

Our upcoming meeting is Tuesday, March 19th @ 7PM in the community building.



And please join us for Coffee with Neighbors on Saturday, March 16th from 9:30AM-11:00AM in the community building.

Yearly membership is \$5.00/person or \$15.00 per family of 3 or more.

Hope to see you there!

COME & JOIN THE FUN!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Mtn Park Civic Club

Saturday March 30 | 11 AM

The Green

Bring your bunnies & Easter bonnets!



MPVFR MESSAGE



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High winds and heavy rains have caused “live wire down” incidents.



MPVFR has responded to two live wire incidents in the month of February. One on Cherry Street, and the other on Spruce Street.

Downed power lines pose significant risks, and it's crucial for fire departments to handle such incidents with care. Here's why:

Electrocution Hazard: Downed power lines can still be **energized**, even if they're not sparking or humming. Electricity spreads outward through the ground and touching a live power line can be lethal. Firefighters must assume all wires are energized until proven otherwise.

Hidden Danger: The electricity in downed power lines is invisible. Firefighters can't visibly see the current, but they can observe the actual power line lying on the ground as a warning signal.

Expert Involvement: Firefighters must wait for the **power company** to de-energize the lines. Attempting to handle the situation without expert assistance can lead to serious injury or even death.

Safety comes first. Firefighters must wait for Cobb EMC to de-energize the lines to keep themselves and the public safe.

Mountain Park Volunteer Fire Rescue needs you!

Please consider who you know that might want to volunteer. Also, we are looking for city residents to assist with recruiting, Grant writing, leading a CERT team, and starting a nonprofit benevolent org.

Benefits To Becoming A Volunteer Firefighter/Emergency Medical
Opportunity to learn and build your resume

Serve your local community

Build more than just friendships

A sense of pride

A flexible schedule for work-life balance

Great opportunity for career growth

There are many ways to help
Contact Craig.miceli@mpvfr.org

Code Compliance/Enforcement



Unlike public safety personnel like firefighters or law enforcement officers, a code compliance/enforcement officer's role can vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In some jurisdictions, a code enforcement officer may enforce one or all types of violations. These can include parking, animal, zoning, health, housing, property maintenance, business licensing, stormwater issues, building codes or other types of enforceable codes.

Code compliance/enforcement officers enforce the jurisdiction's established code requirements, ordinances, and zoning laws, as well as any adopted codes such as state codes or model codes. Code compliance/enforcement officers frequently receive complaints from citizens, other city departments and outside agencies. We investigate those complaints and if they confirm violations, then we will work with property owners to ensure that they comply with local regulations.

In Mountain Park, majority (probably between 80 – 90%) of what will be enforced derives from citizen complaints. Any and all of your concerns are welcomed and will be addressed. To use the motto from the Homeland Security public awareness campaign, "If You See Something, Say Something." If you were to make a complaint to City Hall (or to me directly via email), you can remain anonymous if you wish. Upon receiving your complaint(s), a case is opened, and the investigation begins. Some complaints can be handled and resolved in one visit to a location. Other complaints can and will take time to investigate, research, make contact, and follow-up visits before a resolution can be reached.

Full transparency here, in cases where it will take me time to get a resolution, it can appear to the complainant that there is nothing happening or that the complaint has been ignored. I can assure you that that is not the case. I am working diligently to give each case/complaint the attention that they deserve but please note that I am working on multiple cases/complaints at one time. Specialized patrols are also conducted. Unlike the patrols that I conducted back when I was a police officer, these patrols are for investigative purposes and for observed code compliance issues (that were not complaint based).

To the citizens of this great city, I appreciate all of your support, your patience, understanding, and your complaints (and tips).

M. Peck

Code Enforcement Officer

Code.compliance@mountainparkgov.com



Know Your City Code



Chapter 6 – ANIMALS DIVISION 2-HOUSEHOLD PETS

Sec. 6-61. - Number of household pets limited in residential districts.

(a) For purposes of this division "household pet" is defined as any animal owned or kept for pleasure rather than sale, which is an animal of a species customarily bred and raised to live in the habitat of humans and is dependent upon them for food and shelter; except that livestock and wild animal shall not be deemed pets.

(b) No person who is a resident of a district zoned solely for residential uses, according to the official zoning map of the city, as it now exists or as is subsequently amended, shall own, board, or be the custodian of more than four household pets; and no household, regardless of the number of persons residing in same, shall own, board, or be the custodian of more than four household pets.

(c) For purposes of this section, an animal under the age of 14 weeks shall not be considered a household pet, provided that the animal is the offspring of a parent household pet belonging to and residing in the household with that owner or custodian.

NO BURNING ALLOWED IN THE CITY

Sec. 30-35. Outdoor burning ban.

- (a) The fire chief, upon the advice and consent of council, may issue an outdoor burning ban.
- (b) After an outdoor burning ban has been enacted, said ban shall continue until such time as a majority affirmative vote of the mayor and city council ends the ban.
- (c) The outdoor burning ban shall apply to all areas within the geographic limits of the city, whether located in Cherokee or Fulton counties.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions contained herein, any county issued, or state issued outdoor burning ban affecting property within the geographic limits of the City of Mountain Park shall supersede the city-imposed ban.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an outdoor cooking fire, provided that the cooking fire is contained in a properly constructed fire pit, grill, or fireplace and that the cooking fire is attended by a competent adult in possession of a readily accessible and adequate means of extinguishment. For purposes of this section a functioning garden hose of such length to encircle the cooking fire and located within 50 feet of the cooking fire shall be considered an adequate means of extinguishment.



IMPORTANT DATES

- March 6th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm
March 6th.....City Court @ 7pm
March 12th.....Election-Presidential Primary 7am-7pm
March 13th.....Work Session @ 7pm
FOR CITY COUNCIL: Citizen Participation is welcome – Please give at least 24 hours advance notice if you wish to be added to the agenda by contacting City Hall.
March 16th.....Civic Club Coffee with Neighbors @ 9:30am
March 19th.....Civic Club Meeting 7pm
March 25th..... Regular Council @ 7pm
March 29th.....City Hall Closed
March 30th.....Civic Club Easter Egg Hunt on the Green @ 11am

****REMINDER****

Water bills are due by the last day of every month. Please use the drop box at City Hall or pay online at https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in. Payments received on the 1st of the month or later will be assessed with a \$25 late fee.

****REMINDER****

****IMPORTANT CHANGE--TRASH PICK-UP IS NOW MONDAY.****

Please ensure you put your trash and recycle cans out the night before after 6pm or by 6am on Sunday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Please remove your cans from the curb by 9am on Tuesday. No garbage will be taken that is left outside of the trash containers. Legacy Disposal WILL pick-up 3-yard waste bags left outside the can. If your trash or recycle pick-up is missed, please contact City Hall Tuesday morning before 9am by calling 770-993-4231 or emailing utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com.



MTN PARK CIVIC CLUB

COFFEE WITH NEIGHBORS



**Dress in green and join
us for Biscuits, Blarney
and a wee bit o' fun!**

**SATURDAY
MARCH
16TH**



**We're going "green"
this year... so please
bring your favorite
coffee mug to clink
with your neighbors!**

**FROM 9:30AM - 11:00AM
AT THE CIVIC BUILDING**