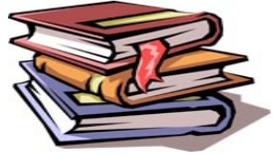




Reminders And Information February 2016

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. 58-83. - Speed limits generally.

- (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle or tractor upon any of the streets and highways of the city at a greater speed than is reasonable and proper having regard to the width, traffic and use thereof, or so as to endanger the property or life or limb of any person.
- (b) Twenty-five miles per hour shall be the maximum speed limit on all roads and streets or portions thereof within the city unless otherwise indicated by officially posted signs designating the maximum vehicular speed upon those streets as approved by the mayor and city council.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!

While the code says you can go 25 m.p.h. on our streets that doesn't mean you should!!! Our streets are too narrow with residents who walk often with their dogs. Also keep in mind the wildlife we have and your ability to stop should something run out in front of you or worse, the neighbor's cat. We strongly urge you to reduce your speed to no more than 20 m.p.h, 15 m.p.h preferably. The city is not that big. You will get there soon enough!

***The next DUMPSTER DAY
will be MARCH 5, 2016***

Message from the Mayor:

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this is the time of the year when inclement weather can surprise us, just like in the past years. Please take extreme caution when you go out if there is the potential for snow and/or

ice in the forecast. I would recommend that you have a safety bag in your vehicle with some essential items (water, blanket, etc.) just in case you become stranded. I believe the City of Mountain Park learned some valuable lessons in the past and we are better prepared to deal with anything Mother Nature may have in store for us. Watch out for your elderly neighbors and your pets because bad weather can affect them the most.

Stay warm,

Jim Still, Mayor

Office Closing:

February 15, 2016 - City Hall will be closed for President's Day.



Upcoming Events:

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The 2nd Annual Mountain Park Craft Beer Festival

When: May 21, 2016

Time: Noon-6pm

Where: The Green



The City of Mountain Park is excited to announce that preparation for the 3rd **Annual Craft Beer Festival** is officially underway! We will have live music, food trucks, arts and craft vendors, with plenty of craft beer for everyone to sample. We are expecting an even larger crowd than last year!

****MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER IN ORDER TO CONSUME ALCOHOL ****

We are really enthusiastic about this event and need to start planning now!

*****PLEASE NOTE: We will need a substantial amount of SERIOUS volunteers this year. We are projecting that a much larger crowd than last year will be present, so we are asking for you or anyone you may know, to volunteer.**

Each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt and free admission to the festival. If you would like more information on volunteering, or would like to go ahead and sign up for one of the two shifts, please give us a call at 770-993-4231 or you can email us at beerfest@mountainpark-ga.gov.

Volunteers are crucial in making sure this event operates smoothly and efficiently. The festival is in dire need of people to help make this year just as fun as last year!!! We learned a lot last year on how things will operate even

better this year, and are really enthusiastic to share with you over the next few months all the exciting news and updates as they come along.

There will be updates on our Facebook page with exciting new details as they emerge and also updates the Beer Festival website within the next few days.

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mountain-Park-Beer-Festival/174399252740186>

Check out our website at: www.mountainparkbeerfestival.com



Business License Renewal:

The deadline to renew your business license is March 1, 2016. If we do not receive your application prior to the deadline, you will be charged a penalty. Please make sure to come by City Hall or send your application by mail to us in order to avoid any additional fees.

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.

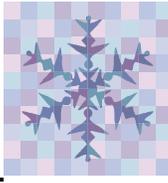
EARLY VOTING FOR 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

February 8-19, 2016 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
February 22-26, 2016 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 13 & 20, 2016 9:00 am – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 14 & 21, 2016 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

North Fulton Service Annex, Room 128, 7741 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30323
Milton Library, 855 Mayfield Road, Milton, GA 30009
Roswell Branch Library, 115 Norcross Street, Roswell, GA 30075
Alpharetta Branch Library, 10 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30009

You will be required to show one of six forms of valid photo identification when voting: A Georgia driver's license, even if expired, any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, Valid U.S. passport, valid employee photo id from any government branch of the U.S. government, state, municipality, board, authority of this state, valid U.S. military photo, or valid tribal photo I.D. Questions please call (404)612-9067.



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. It's 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. March 7th will be the next dumpster day!
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

Utility rates have increased for Water usage. The rates have increased by \$0.25 per gallon. You will notice a slight increase on your next bill. Here are the current water rates. Sewage rates will remain the same!

Water

0 – 2500 gallons	\$14.35
2501 – 4500 gallons	\$.01235 per gallon
4501 – 8500 gallons	\$.01935 per gallon

Sewer

0 – 4000 gallons	\$27.75
4000 up	\$12.50/1000 gallons

CIVIC CLUB

Call to residents:

After 50 years, the Mountain Park Civic club is in danger of going dormant.

The Civic Club tried to hold an election for the 2016 board of officers in November. Nine paid members are needed to hold a vote. With emails, facebook posts, and phone calls the club could not get nine people to attend. We feel the community may not be aware of the need.

We need at least three people to run for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Current president Linda Dixon would like to continue as president, but there are no other members who wish to continue to fill the four offices.

Over the years, the Mountain Park Civic Club has helped with building and repairing the picnic table shelters, repairs to the old pool house, and civic center improvements.

Currently, the civic club organizes the Easter egg hunt, the Trunk or Treat & Halloween party, and the holiday dinner. Without Civic Club, these community-wide free events would either need to be headed by others, or unfortunately would not happen. The club also contributes to the Mountain Park Fourth of July and Earth Day celebrations.

Civic club has more than \$3,000 in the bank dedicated to building a playground. There is also \$500 in commemorative brick money and \$1,000 for a community rock grill. All of this money will be utilized to help the community if the civic club continues. If not, that money will sit in a bank account until others continue the club. We have incorporation, a checking account and a venue. We just need a full board to carry on the club.

Please consider joining to vote or to run during the club elections Tuesday, Feb. 23. Members need to be current in dues, \$2 for the year, to vote.

This is a heartfelt letter to the community that is meant to reach out to you. In the past, Civic Club has been a driving force in Mountain Park, without it we would not have many of the events we enjoy. The civic club has been fading, so please consider what type of service you can do for Mountain Park.

To run for office, join the club or pay membership dues so you can vote for officers, contact Linda Dixon at ldd70@att.net or (770) 841-5408. Dues can also be paid in a jar at City Hall during regular business hours.

Thank you.

Mountain Park Civic Club

Meeting dates have changed back to 7 p.m. second Tuesday of month

Feb. 23

April 4

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

Sept. 13

Oct. 11