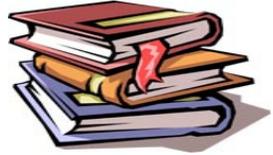




Reminders And Information August 2016

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.



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 3

Now that the summer heat is upon us and dry weather has set in, please remember your pets during this long parched period and protect them from the heat as well. I am proud to announce that I have taken the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, joining the now 172 mayors that have taken the pledge over the last 9 months. By taking this pledge, I have committed to working toward the restoration of habitat for the monarch butterfly and all pollinating insects that are so important to our existence. I will be working with Gisela Schloss-Birkholz, the resident who brought this worthy cause to my attention, setting up workshops and partnerships in this endeavor.

Jim Still-Mayor

Pool Hours August to September

Up to Labor Day

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

September 10 & 11

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

Pool closes Sunday, Sept 11, 2016 at 8 p.m.

CITY HALL IS CLOSED SEPTEMBER 5th 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. Please contact City Hall for the Leak Adjustment Form to submit along with a copy of your repair bill or receipt for purchase of part if home repair. Staff will then figure your adjustment. You always have the right to appeal to Council should you feel the adjustment is not accurate. Additionally, you are entitled to one late fee waiver per twelve month period. Again, please contact City Hall for the form to submit.

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.



MAYOR'S MONARCH CHALLENGE

On June 22nd 2016 our mayor, Jim Still, signed the “Mayors’ Monarch Pledge” as one of 172 mayors across our Nation interested in helping raise awareness about the decline of the Monarch Butterfly and the species’ need for Habitat. He will be issuing a proclamation to that effect and would like to encourage all citizens of Mountain Park to participate by adding native milkweeds and other nectar producing plants to their own gardens. <http://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants.aspx> Future plans include incorporating milkweed as part of our Mountain Park Organic Garden and to develop a monarch and pollinator -friendly demonstration garden near our city hall. There are wonderful ways to involve your kids and grandkids in some of these projects:

<http://www.nwf.org/Butterfly-Heroes/Getting-Started.aspx>

We are in the process of trying to locate seeds for milkweed native to Georgia and will communicate with you in future editions of this newsletter. Also, we are looking for any sign artists around Mountain Park who would be willing to help us develop and create simple signs to indicate the undertaking of this project.

Mountain Park Friends and Neighbors,

It is with deep sadness that I share the death of our longtime family friend and neighbor Brandon Sparks who passed away on Wednesday, July 27th, 2016 at the tender age of 40. Brandon moved here from Gadsden, Alabama, and even though he was here for a short time, Brandon truly loved Mountain Park and the many people that he met here. Brandon had a way of making you feel as if you were the most important person in his life. He was a tender and kind individual and a real lover of animals. His wonderful smile and his earthly talents will be greatly missed. To meet Brandon was to love Brandon.

Brandon was a talented musician who played many instruments but his favorites were the guitar and piano. Please join us for a celebration of his life on August 13th at 7PM to 9PM Eastern, at the home of Robin Auerbach (256-490-7105) and Barry Lester (Please park at City Hall or the pool area). His parents Velda and Manny Eugénias will be here as well as his sister Stephanie and many friends and family. The parents have requested that those who can, be prepared to share a FEW words about how you met Brandon and how he may have touched your life. Then we will scatter his ashes on Lake Garrett where he loved to fish. Although this will be a devastatingly sad event for many, it will be a celebration! As Brandon always said, “We are not here for a long time... We are here for a good time.”

In lieu of flowers, a charitable donation to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the humane society or our Lake Restoration Fund would make Brandon smile.

