



Reminders And Information September 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.



Article IV. Vegetation. – Weeds, grasses, plants other than trees, bushes, flowers, vegetables or other ornamental Plants higher than 12 inches are considered a nuisance. It is the owner, or tenant's responsibility to manage and/or maintain yard grasses.

If this code is violated the owner will have 7 days from the receipt of notice from the City to remedy the problem. The City may notify the owner/tenant through registered mail or by posting notice on the front door of the property. If the problem is not corrected within 7 days, the City may have the work performed and send a bill to the owner of the property. Payment is due to the City no less than 15 days after work is done but no later than 45 days. If payment is not reimbursed to the City after 45 days, a court summons will be issued.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day is
October 1, 2016**

With September upon us I am sure everyone is looking forward to cooler temps. Last month I reported that I had taken the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge. I would like to thank Paul and Gisela Schloss-Birkholz for planting milkweed in front of City Hall. Please stop by and take a look. Also, in the next few months you will be hearing a lot of discussion about the TSPLOST referendum coming in November. We will also post the information to our website, as well as discussion in our work sessions and council meetings.

Jim Still - Mayor

CCS CITIZENS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Thank you for your patience as Atlanta Gas Light continues replacing lines throughout the city. Please be advised that resurfacing of four and one-half miles of streets will begin in "Birdland" during the week of October 10. The other streets that were affected by gas line upgrades will be resurfaced the following week and is expected to take two to three weeks. The city will continue to help the contractors give advance notice as to when and where the work will be taking place. If you have not been receiving notices from the city regarding such activity, be sure and stop by city hall to complete the form below to have your contact information added to the communications list. This must be submitted in writing.

CCS: CITIZENS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

In an effort by City Hall to enhance the communication with the citizens of Mountain Park, we are updating and expanding our Citizens Communication System (CCS). This system utilizes calling post and email contact information to be used in case of a situation within the city of Mountain Park or the surrounding area that could affect you. These situations could be anything from a temporary water outage to a more severe condition such as a tornado. We are asking all citizens to provide a current cell phone number if possible and a current email address for notification of the conditions and/or instructions for assuring your safety and awareness.

The request for a cell phone number is because in the case of a power outage most home phones or computers will not function. If you do not have a cell phone then a regular home phone is acceptable. Please select your phone contact information carefully as we can only send one telephone notification per household** (we must have an address). You may include up to three email addresses.

Our deadline for acquiring and updating the CCS is October 1st so please fill in the information below and return it to city hall ASAP.

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Name- _____

**Street Address- _____

Phone contact number- _ (____) _____

Email contact address- _____

Email contact address - _____

Email contact address - _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION-THANKS

Code Compliance Issues – If you have an issue that you would like addressed by our Code Compliance Officer, please contact City Hall and they will convey the information to the Officer. Complaints are typically handled in the order in which they are received. Safety issues take precedence over other complaints and are investigated as soon as possible. It is the City's policy to encourage voluntary code compliance by providing the opportunity for compliance. This is generally less expensive, more satisfactory, and more lasting than involuntary compliance. However, when voluntary compliance is not obtained, a citation will be issued.

Animal Control For Dogs and Cats

The City of Mountain Park follows Fulton County Animal Ordinance.

- Dogs and Cats must be vaccinated.
- Dogs must be confined to premises of the owner or custodian by fence, wall or other enclosure or restrained by a leash.
- Dogs not on the premises of the owner must be kept on a leash of not more than 6 feet long and must be under the control of a competent person.
- Cats are not subject to the leash law.
- If Cats are a nuisance, Fulton County will pick them up if they are confined in a cage.

Code Compliance is diligent in following up on Animal Control complaints. We appreciate your cooperation. The fine schedule for non-compliance with leash law is 1st Offense \$100, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$200.

REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Illicit discharges are nonstormwater discharges that are not allowed under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Sanitary wastewater, car wash wastewaters, improper oil or radiator flushing disposal, laundry wastewaters, and improper disposal of auto and household toxics are examples of illicit discharges that can be the source of pollution to Mountain Park stormwater drainage system and local streams. Mountain Park staff members are trained to recognize and report these discharges to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for enforcement action. You can help too by reporting these types of discharges to the City of Mountain Park. You can report discharges through our website, mountainparkgov.com and choose from the quick links on the right side of the first page.

Utility Payments - In order to avoid a late fee -If your payment is drafted from your bank account, please schedule it for 7 days before the due date. The date you schedule it is the date the bank processes it and mails it to us. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE PAYMENT BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.** Please see <http://mountainparkgov.com/departments/administration/68-emergency-utility-payments> to make an emergency payment.

No account shall be allowed to hold a balance greater than the amount of the deposit. If your account exceeds the deposit, you will be notified in writing and given ten (10) business days to comply. If there is a second time within a 12 month period, you will be required to increase your deposit by \$100.00.

Also, please remember City Hall is not responsible for mail service. Please call if you fail to receive a bill by the 10th of each month and we will get one to you. Payments placed in the drop box must be in the box by 9AM on the 2nd of each month or they are considered late and will have a \$25 penalty assessment.

Tree Removal Requests – No trees may be removed without approval by the City Arborist. The Tree Removal Request form is available on the website at mountainparkgov.com or at City Hall.

Ditches - The City of Mountain Park encourages residents to maintain their property to the road. It is very important to our stormwater management system that ditches are kept clear of yard waste, debris.

Civic Club Happenings

Spaghetti Dinner – Please join us Tues, Sept 13 @ 6pm for a special dinner in honor of our Volunteer Fire Department and other volunteers who help make our little city such a vibrant community. We want to thank them for their service and community spirit! Bring your appetites, and enjoy some delicious spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. *No Charge, but donations in support of our Civic Club are always appreciated.* **Please RSVP by Sept 9th** via the Event Invitation on Nextdoor or via email nancyersing@gmail.com. If you haven't joined Nextdoor, our Mountain Park neighborhood network, please join <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Mountain Park 2017 Calendar – Civic Club is planning a calendar and we need interesting photos (past and present) of events, people, nature, wildlife, boating, fishing, and fire department. We know neighbors have taken some great photos over the years. Please share! They do not have to be professional camera shots...clear photos from your phone are fine. (Please be mindful if photos include children, other than your own, as we would need to get parents' permission to include). Send to Civic Club nancyersing@gmail.com. **Deadline for submission is Sept 15.** If you have more than five or six, please zip file, due to size.

Mountain Park Bumper Stickers - Show your pride with a MP bumper sticker. **Price Reduced to only \$2.** Not just for bumpers...great for bikes, backpacks, and lunchboxes, too. In the Civic Club Jar at City Hall.

The Commemorative Bricks Project is wrapping up now! If you missed the Aug 31st deadline, please return your form ASAP in order to be included (see jar at City Hall)! \$25 for one /\$45 for two. The bricks will be incorporated into the city's new patio plans, as well as a beautiful rock grill, within the coming months. We appreciate your orders and thank all of you for your continued patience.

Your Civic Club Officers,
Linda, Lonnette, and Nancy

Mountain Park Green and Beautiful will hold a clean up day at
9AM on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

Wear your gloves, bring some yard tools, and let's get ready for fall! Meet at "Indian Spring" (corner of Lakeshore Dr. and Mtn. Park Rd., beside the Community Building and new generator) Water and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Hope Mays at 404-697-2129, hopemays@aol.com

NORTH & SOUTH FULTON TRANSPORTATION VOTE: November 8, 2016

City of Atlanta and North/South Fulton residents will consider separate transportation votes for or against \$570 Million in Transportation Investments to be distributed across North & South Fulton over the years 2017-2022.

The City of Mountain Park is projected to receive approximately \$547,421 for transportation investments over 5 years. Approximately half of Mountain Park funding would be dedicated to Roadway Stormwater improvements and the remainder would be allocated to quick response projects.