

# Mountain Park News October 2016

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

One of the things we value most in Mountain Park is our privacy. Unfortunately progress continues to surround and strip pieces of this privacy from us.

The most recent is the planned Cherokee development on Mountain Park road just outside our city limits. Although we have no jurisdiction over this property, we were able to secure some stipulations from the developer regarding construction traffic not coming through our community and the health of the creek that feeds our lake Cherful during this process. This property was originally zoned for approximately 50 single family homes and approximately 30 apartment units but fortunately the Cherokee Zoning Board agreed to change the zoning to a reduced number of units per acre. This potential project is slated to have 32 single family homes on it and if that doesn't happen at least we know it won't have 50-60 plus residences going forward.

On the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot there will be a question asking for a .75 percent of a penny for transportation issues in both North and South Fulton County. Even our community of Mountain Park will receive approximately half a million dollars over a five year period for important issues such as Storm Water Management and paving. When you go to the polls on November 8<sup>th</sup> be sure to vote on all the important issues on the ballot and please support this much needed transportation relief for everyone in the Fulton County area. For more information about the T-SPLOST and the project list refer to the following web site. <http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/tsplost/>

**Jim Still**



## CITY HALL NEWS

October has finally brought the cooler weather, but sadly, not the rain. We are currently in a Level 1 drought response: [www.epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation](http://www.epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation)

Voters may confirm your voter status online (including your precinct: do you vote in Mountain Park or at a Cherokee County location?) --before the deadline of October 11 --at [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov) where sample ballots and early voting locations are also available.

Phase One of Atlanta Gas Light's (AGL) line replacement project has been completed. Phase Two has begun and road resurfacing will begin soon. Watch for emails in case of road closures or outages and thank you for your patience with this huge project. AGL sent letters to residents with details and the following contact information: "If you have any questions, please call our Vintage Plastic Replacement (VPR) Program voicemail at **(404) 584-3142** or e-mail us at **[vintageplastic@aglresources.com](mailto:vintageplastic@aglresources.com)**. All inquiries are returned within 1-2 business days." Please contact AGL directly if you did not receive the letter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct. 11 Last Day to Register to Vote: [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov)**

**Oct. 17 Commission Hearing on Mtn. Pk. Rd. Rezoning: [www.cherokeega.com](http://www.cherokeega.com)**

**Oct. 19 Council Work Session, 7 pm: Citizen Participation is welcome.**

**Contact: [city.clerk@mountainpark-ga.gov](mailto:city.clerk@mountainpark-ga.gov) to be on work agenda**

**Oct. 24 Regular Council Meeting, 7 pm: agenda, [www.mountainpark-ga.gov](http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov)**

**Oct. 29 Halloween Event, 6-9 pm, see Civic Club Happenings, page 3**

**Nov. 5 Dumpster Day: 8 am, pool parking lot, must show proof of residency, and Mountain Park Green and Beautiful Clean Up Day, 8 am -12**

**Nov. 8 General Election, Mountain Park Precinct: Presidential Election, State Vote on Constitutional Amendments, Fulton County T-SPLOST vote**



## KNOW YOUR CITY CODE

We are using this section of our newsletter to familiarize residents with content found in the official City Code book. For a full version of the City's Code, please visit [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com). For recent legislation, go to the city website [www.mountainpark-ga.gov](http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov)

The following tips relate to the Storm Water ordinance and help keep silt out of our lakes. The roads and streets of Mountain Park are lined by ditches which together form an extensive storm water system serving the entire city. As we enter the Fall Leaf season please do your part to help. **Please do not rake leaves into ditches!**

🍁 Include the ditches in the front of your house in your yard maintenance schedule. Keep them open to allow the free flow of water. Keep driveway culverts open and free-flowing. 🍁 Remove loose leaves from the ditch around your culvert openings. Keep all vegetation trimmed and pruned. This will help with drainage as well as keep vegetation out of the City right of way. 🍁 Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. You may also bag them and bring them to the community garden (anytime, or call Mike at 404-944-0027, who will help you transport them there), or to the dumpster on the first Saturday of each month. 🍁 Please report blocked storm drains, culverts, and ditches to City Hall at 770-993-4231 or [utilitybilling@mountainpark-ga.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainpark-ga.gov)



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Leash Law** With the nice weather perfect for walking the dog(s), please remember we have a leash law and don't forget to bring a doggy bag to pick up after your pet. If you see a stray, please call city hall *before* calling Fulton County Animal Control. Usually the owner can be found without the city having to pay the county a service charge.

**Garbage & Recycling** An ordinance in Section 62-147 (on website) has been amended, specifying a set back from the street of at least 10 feet for receptacles on non- pick up days. **Also, please note that our recycling vendor no longer accepts glass, so please sort accordingly.**

An interesting and informational video on recycling is available on the web:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=k2E-u1G2WM8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=k2E-u1G2WM8)

**Citizen's Communication System (CCS)** If you have not submitted your contact information for Mountain Park's calling post and email list (used in case of a situation within the city or the surrounding area that could affect you) please stop by city hall or submit the form in last month's newsletter.



Thank you **Mountain Park Green and Beautiful** (MPGB) volunteers who helped clean and spruce up the Community Building, Indian Spring and Gazebo. We can each adopt our own streets and corners and help keep Mountain Park Green and Beautiful (MPGB) every day. **Next Clean Up Day is Nov. 5**



## HAPPENINGS

## CIVIC CLUB

**Mountain Park Civic Club Officer Elections for 2017 will be held in the Community Building on Tues, November 15 @ 7pm (no meeting in Oct).**

All Civic Club members in good standing (\$2 dues paid at least one month prior to election) are eligible to vote and **are needed in attendance**. All property owners or residents, except elected city officials, are eligible to run for office. Current President Linda Dixon will appoint a committee this month to nominate possible club officers to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. **Members in good standing who would like to serve, please contact Linda at 770-841-5408.**

The Civic Club has served our city for over 50 years, and has organized or contributed to numerous events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Holiday Dinner, Independence Day, and Earth Day celebrations, as well as building the new playground, building/repairing the picnic table shelters, repairing the old pool house, and Community Building improvements. Let's continue the tradition!

**Please join us Sat, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm for our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event at the Community Building parking lot.** This year, Tim Dempsey is planning a surprise presentation on the Green! So, fill up your trunks with treats and bring the kids on down for lots of fun from 6-9pm!

The Civic Club would like to thank all of you who have submitted photos for the Mountain Park 2017 Calendar! We expect the calendar to be available by early December. Stay tuned!

The Civic Club would also like to thank long-time resident Marvin Penick for building a "Little Free Library" for our City Hall front porch, and City Councilman Mark Murphy for proposing the idea and getting it rolling on Nextdoor. If you're not familiar with the Little Free Library concept, it's a free book exchange where you "Take a Book, Return a Book". See one you like? Take it home, then bring it back when you're done, or keep it and donate another book for others to enjoy. Children's books too!

If you have not joined Nextdoor, our private Mountain Park neighborhood social network, please join <https://nextdoor.com/>. Just enter your street address and email to find Mountain Park Nextdoor. If you're already a member, please invite your neighbors to join. This is the place to find out what's going on in Mountain Park and nearby neighborhoods, such as events and meetings, lost/found pets, garage sales, and home repair recommendations, etc.

Thanks, Your MPCC Officers: Linda, Lonnette, and Nancy

