



Reminders And Information December 2011

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.58-128 Temporary Parking Permit

1. A temporary parking permit is required to allow for the temporary parking of vehicles alongside city streets where enough off- street parking is not available for a particular event or occasion.
2. A permit may be obtained at City Hall during regular business hours for a fee of \$5.00 per day.
3. All permits are temporary and not to exceed 24 hours.
4. All vehicles must be positioned off the street to allow for orderly flow of traffic and emergency vehicles.
5. Access to fire hydrants, visibility at corners or driveways, intersections may not be obstructed.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day
January 7, 2011**

Congratulations to our newly elected Council members Gladney Cooper, Ocoee Penick, and Scott Reed. I welcome their valuable input. I look forward to serving with them for the next four years. I would like to personally invite each of you to attend our Annual Dinner and Lighting of the Christmas Tree scheduled for Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m., following our popular "Santa Run." This year we will gather in the Civic Building, so bring your family and favorite dish to share as we usher in the holiday season together.

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

Holiday Closings Before the Next Newsletter –

City Hall will be closed Friday December 23, Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

City Hall Hours

City Hall is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p. m. except on Wednesday. Wednesday hours are from 9:00 until noon. We appreciate your respecting these hours.

SIREN TEST – There is a Siren Test the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon.

MOUNTAIN PARK ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

The Mountain Park Efficiency Project will be coming to a close in the coming months. **Funds are available on a first come, first serve basis.** If you have already had an energy audit and are planning to have work done, please schedule the work as soon as possible. If you are interested in taking advantage of the program, please download the forms on the website, fill them out, bring them to City Hall and schedule an audit as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity to save money by making your home more energy efficient. *“This project, program or service is funded in whole or part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, in cooperation with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority”*

Council Meeting Dates for December

Work Session – Monday, December 19

Regular Council – Wednesday, December 21

GARBAGE PICK UP

Waste Management will take up to 8 bags of garbage that exceed the capacity of your container. Please remember to bag all waste and neatly place the bags (up to 8) beside your trash bin. If you have a large amount of garbage or large items, bring them to dumpster day and put them in the roll off container. Dumpster day is typically the first Saturday of each month. Unless it falls on a holiday, then it is the following Saturday. Remember to have your trash bins at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on Thursday. Bins should be removed from the curb by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

What water goes into the City’s sewer system?

Water that flows out of your tap and down the drain, water you flush down the toilet, water that runs down the shower drain, water that runs through your dishwasher and washing machine is the water that goes into the city’s sewer system and is called sewage. Rain and water that flows down the street goes into the city’s storm drains- an entirely different underground system. Water that you use to water your landscaping seeps into the ground and does not go into any sewer system. So, if you had absolutely no outdoor landscaping that needed watering, 100% of the water used inside your home would go into the sewer system. However, since almost all residential homes have some outdoor landscaping, not all water that goes through the water meter into the house goes into the sewer.

SEPTIC TANK OWNERS

"Did you know that running food waste through your sink garbage disposal increases the load on the average home's septic tank by 50%? Compost your food waste and save that septic system for what it was intended for". Want to learn how to compost? Follow this link to learn the basics.

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/rrr/composting/basic.htm>