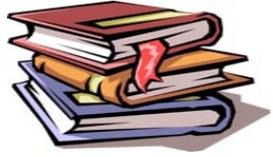




Reminders And Information June 2014

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. 105-202. Purpose and intent of article.

The city deems it necessary and desirable in the interest of public health, safety and welfare to enact an ordinance for the conservation, planting and replacement of **trees** and to prevent the indiscriminate **removal** of **trees** in the city without denying the reasonable use and enjoyment of real property. The importance of **trees** is recognized for their shade, cooling, noise and wind reduction, soil erosion prevention, oxygen production, dust filtration, carbon dioxide absorption, aesthetic and economic enhancement of all real property, and their contribution to the general well-being and quality of life of the citizens of the city. Consistent with the expressed purpose of this article, all persons shall make reasonable efforts to preserve and retain existing, self-supporting **trees**. It is also the intent of this article that all applicable sites within the city maintain or obtain a minimum **tree** density.
(Ord. No. 239-00, § 6-9-2, 8-21-2000; Ord. No. 292-06, § IV, 8-21-06)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that made the first Mountain Park Beer festival a great success. It was the volunteers, the vendors, the band, our sponsors, Mother Nature and all of the folks that came out to sample new and different beers this past Saturday that turned this event into one of the biggest ever held on The Green in Mountain Park.

I would like to especially thank General Wholesale's Ambassador of Craft Beer & MP resident Kevin McKinney for all he & General Wholesale contributed in time, effort and items to make this possible. I also want to expressly thank Cindy & Marvin Penick for all the hard work and time they invested in making this event such a success. The Penicks have stepped forward for this community many times for many years.

We cannot fail to mention our wonderful volunteers at MPVFR who came to our assistance in the final setup and were on standby ready to take care of any emergencies that could have happened during this festival.

Last but definitely not least, I want to thank the incredible staff in Mountain Park City Hall, Karen (Segars) Bridges, Katie Bishop, Chad Rhyne and Lourdes Hildoer for the monumental effort they made to put together an event of this size without any prior experience and making it work so well while putting up with my constant questioning of every decision and expenditure that was made. In my opinion, they are the best staff this community has had in many, many years if not ever. Thanks to everyone for a great weekend and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fourth of July fireworks in The Park.

Respectfully,

Jim Still
Mayor

Mountain Park Beer Festival Shirts still for Sale! \$10! (2x/3x \$12)

June 21st Memorial for Susan Peralta Hayes at 11am, Lake Cherful (678-608-9918) with a luncheon to follow at Community Building

NEXT DUMPSTER DAY IS JUNE 14

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.
4. **NO PAINT or BATTERIES**

Trash Pickup and Tidbits

Please have your cans on the street by 7am on trash day

Trash Pickup is Tuesday

If your trash isn't out, WM keeps track on tablet which helps drivers keep track

Check out this video on Recycling!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=k2E-u1G2WM8

INFO ON FOXES!

Watch your animals, for there are foxes in Mountain Park!

Co-existing with foxes:

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/o/Learning/documents/Species/coexistfoxes.pdf>

Fox Quick Facts

If I see a fox in the daytime, is it rabid?

No. It is now common to see foxes during the daytime and in urban or suburban areas. Foxes are responding to the lack of threats posed by people and the abundance of food available in suburban area.

However, if the animal shows signs of rabies -- such as aggression, stumbling or foaming at the mouth -- call your local animal control.

What is the difference between a red and a grey fox?

The gray fox is slightly smaller than the red fox and is much darker in color. While gray foxes have a reddish hue on their neck and legs, their overall coloration is gray with a dark streak extending down the back and along the tail. The gray fox is the only fox native to North Carolina, and can climb trees, unlike the red fox.

The red fox was brought to North Carolina from Europe by hunters during colonial times. The tail, body and top of the head are all the same shade of red, while its undersides are light and its legs and ears are tipped in black. The tail is long, bushy, and has a white tip.

Both foxes live throughout the entire state.

Will foxes attack me, my pet or my child?

Fox attacks on people, including children, are rare. While it is in a fox's nature to be curious, and even bold sometimes, they are not aggressive. But, like other wildlife, they will become habituated if people feed them, either purposely or inadvertently, such as with garbage or outdoor pet food.

What should I do if I see a fox?

Simply seeing a fox is not cause for concern and is in fact a very exciting opportunity for you to enjoy wildlife. However, if you see a fox frequently, you and your neighbors should take steps to prevent conflicts with it, and other wildlife, by implementing the following recommended steps.

Preventing Conflicts with Foxes

Don't try to approach or pet a fox. Enjoy the sighting of a fox, and other wildlife, from a respectful distance.

- Don't feed foxes or any wild animals, or they will lose their fear of people. Feeding a fox rewards it for coming near people. Once a fox becomes habituated to people, it may become bold and aggressive.
- Secure garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids, and take them out in the morning or pick up, not the night before. Coyotes and other wildlife will scavenge trash.
- Feed pets indoors or remove food when your pet is finished eating outside. Foxes and other wildlife are attracted to pet food left outdoors.
- Keep bird-feeder areas clean, and use bird feeders that keep seed off the ground. Foxes are attracted to small animals congregating on the ground. If you frequently see foxes, remove all feeders.
- Close off crawl spaces under sheds, porches, decks and homes. Foxes may use these spaces to rest or to build their dens.
- Secure pets or keep them indoors. Dogs and cats can disturb dens, prompting aggressive fox behavior from the foxes.
- Install fox-proof fencing around your home, chicken coop or rabbit pen to protect unsupervised domestic pets.
- Yell, bang pots and pans or set off legal fireworks to scare foxes from your yard. This will also maintain their wariness of people.
- Clear fallen fruit from around trees.
- Educate your neighbors. Your efforts to prevent fox conflicts will be less effective if neighbors are still providing foods.

How to deal with Foxes in GA:

<http://www.urbanwildlifecontrol.com/animals/foxes/>

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.

Free Fishing Days

June 7 & June 14 are the two Saturdays that occur during National Fishing and Boating Week

TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS – Sec 105-204

A tree removal approval is required for any tree removal.

1. Resident must fill out tree removal request form.
2. City Hall staff will Date Stamp and Scan to Arborist.
3. Arborist provides recommendation to City Hall.
4. City Hall contacts resident with Arborist recommendation within 30 working days.

Tree Removal Request forms are available on the website as well as at City Hall.

Special Event:

Bike Race Coming Through Mountain Park!

Sunday June 29. Go to www.ga400century.com to learn more. The 45 62 and 100 mile riders come through Mtn Park!

KNOW YOUR CODE continued

Sec. 105-203. Exemptions.

(a) The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this article:

(1) The removal of trees other than specimen trees from an owner-occupied, single-family lot, provided that the removal does not reduce the tree density of the lot below the minimum specified in section 105-206.

(2) The necessary removal of trees within dedicated utility easements.

(3) The removal of trees on public rights-of-way (and adjacent areas within the construction limits of rights-of-way) conducted by, on behalf of, or any activity pursuant to work to be dedicated to, a federal state, county, municipal or other governmental agency in pursuance of its lawful activities or functions in the construction or improvement of public rights-of-way

(4) The removal of trees from lakes and drainage easements.

(5) The removal of any tree which has become or threatens to become a danger to human life or property.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, all reasonable efforts shall be made to save specimen trees.

(Ord. No. 239-00, § 6-9-3, 8-21-2000)