

# Mountain Park News February 2018

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Please plan to attend the Valentine's Day Dinner and enjoy a great Italian meal with your friends and loved ones. We are thankful for Michelle Dasher, Suzanne Close and all the individual contributors to what we hope will continue to be a tradition in our community going forward. Thanks

also to these volunteers for bringing back our much needed and greatly appreciated Civic Club of Mountain Park. We look forward to many fun events in the coming months. I would like to also once again thank Gary Montgomery for a super "Super Bowl Party" and what was one of the best games in years. Please remember we always appreciate those persons willing to step-up and serve their community in any capacity so consider joining the effort to establish an emergency comfort station during extreme weather events.

It's still winter out so stay warm.



Jim Still, Mayor

## CITY NEWS

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DEBRIS CLEANED OUT OF YOUR DITCH AS IT ENSURES PROPER FLOW OF WATER DURING HEAVY RAIN EVENTS. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE A GRAVEL DRIVEWAY, PLEASE MAKE SURE GRAVEL IS NOT LEAVING YOUR DRIVEWAY AND ENTERING ONTO THE ASPHALT. BOTH OF THESE OCCURRENCES CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE ERODING OF THE ASPHALT AND THE EDGE OF THE ROAD.**

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR GARBAGE/RECYCLE BINS NO LATER THAN NOON THE DAY AFTER PICK-UP. THIS IS AN ENFORCEABLE OFFENSE THAT WILL LEAD TO AN APPEARANCE IN MUNICIPAL COURT! IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO TAKE UP YOUR CONTAINER, PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL FOR ASSISTANCE.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 10 Civic Club Valentine Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Community Building
- Feb.13 Civic Club Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Building
- Feb. 21 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
- Feb. 26 Regular Council Meeting, 7 pm: agenda, [www.mountainpark-ga.gov](http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov)
- Mar. 3 Dumpster at Pool Parking lot, must show proof of residency
- Mar. 3 Community Garden Meeting, 10 a.m., Community Building

### CIVIC CLUB

MOUNTAIN PARK CIVIC CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING. DUES ARE \$2.00 PER ADULT PER YEAR. PAY AT CITY HALL OR AT THE NEXT MEETING FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM COMMUNITY BUILDING. THE CIVIC CLUB'S ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER IS BACK...SHARE THE LOVE!

*Come on down to the . . .*

## Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Pasta – salad – dessert

Mountain Park Community Center

\$10 at the door, wine by the glass

*Share a little love with your neighbors!*



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Spring meeting for the Mountain Park Community Garden will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Civic Building. This is the 8th year for the garden. We have an annual fee (\$25 in past years) per household for an all-plant, all-pick sustainable garden. Our members have all levels of experience, but we all have a lot of fun plus food, herbs and flowers! If you can't make the meeting and want to join, there's a jar at City Hall. We usually gather on spring and summer Saturday mornings for the week's projects. After the meeting, we'll go plant potatoes for summer harvest.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**2018 Licenses**-- Business, Fishing, and Boating applications are available at City Hall or online, licenses must be picked up at City Hall.

**Leash Law**-- We have one, please follow it! **Pet Waste Bags**-- Please use them!

**CCS: Citizen Communication System**-- Please stop by city hall to complete a form or update your contact information in order to receive urgent city notifications, especially for weather alerts and road closures. A form must be on file to be on the CCS list.

**Garbage & Recycling**-- No more glass, please. And, please remember the recent ordinance that requires garbage bins to be stored at least 10 feet from the street, except for the 24 hours for scheduled pick up.



## 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) City Council approved the following amendment to the building and development ordinance regarding lot size:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN PARK, GEORGIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 117-6 OF THE CITY'S ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO BUILDING AND LOT SIZE, TO PROVIDE FOR COMBINATIONS OF LOTS TO MEET MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016. Excerpt from Ordinance 323-16:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to amend the ordinances of the City to better protect the public welfare by requiring that separate contiguous lots shall be permanently combined when they are used to meet the required minimum lot size for a new residential structure; THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Mountain Park hereby ordains:

SECTION ONE Section 6 of Chapter 117 of the Code of Mountain Park, Georgia, pertaining to building and lot size, shall be amended to add the following language as paragraph (g):

(g) Whenever a permit is requested for the construction of a single-family residence and the applicable minimum lot size is met by the property owner's ownership of two or more contiguous lots, the lots needed to meet the minimum lot size shall be combined prior to issuance of the building permit. Combination shall be accomplished by the recording of a deed and plat in the public deed records of the county and filing with the county property tax authorities. The combined lot shall not thereafter be subdivided in a manner that reduces the area of the lot on which the residence is located below the applicable minimum lot size.