



January Newsletter 2020

Mayor's Message



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had great and safe holidays. I am looking forward to another productive year in the little community of Mountain Park. This year we will have a new city council to lead the city and I will continue to ensure our "seat" at the table when it comes to higher levels of government. We have some big challenges in the upcoming year and we will be working hard to continue to enjoy the best little piece of heaven on earth in the Atlanta area.

Here's to another peaceful and prosperous trip around the sun for our incredible community.

I wish everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year.

*Jim Still
Mayor*



Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club will host the first Morning Coffee of 2020 on Saturday, January 11 from 9am to 11am inside the Community Building. Everyone is welcome to come by to enjoy a cup of coffee and a biscuit with your neighbors. Free to attend.



Annual Fishing and Boating Permit Renewals

The New Year means it is time to renew your fishing and/or boating permits. All fishing and boating permits from 2019 are now expired as of 12/31/2019. The applications can be found in the City Hall office or online at www.mountainparkgov.com. Here are the current 2020 resident rates:



Fishing Resident Rates

\$15/year

\$7/week

\$3/day

Boating Resident Rates--Yearly

\$10 – canoes, kayaks, & sailboats

\$25 – boats with electric trolling motors (Lake Cherful ONLY)

Gasoline powered watercraft are not to be used by anyone.

Business License Renewals

Do you have a home occupation that operates in Mountain Park? It's time to renew and complete a new application for your business license this year. All business license applications are due to City Hall by March 1st. The application can be found in the City Hall office or online at www.mountainparkgov.com. Here are the fees:

Administrative Fee = \$10.00

Regulatory Fee 1-10 employees = \$20, plus \$20 for each employee above 1

Occupation Tax 1-10 employees = \$50, plus \$50 for each employee above 1

If you have over 10 employees please contact City Hall for the fees.





MPVFR NEWS



Happy New Year from Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue!

First of all we would like to thank everyone (especially Joanna Smith) who helped out with SANTA RUN 2019!! We were able to help Santa deliver over 400 presents to the children of Mountain Park and our surrounding areas! We all had a great experience and it was our largest run of all time.

During 2019 we also were able to set a new standard for the department by staffing the station 9985.54 hours!! That is an awesome feat being a volunteer only department. We also focused heavily on training this year as we do every year and had a total of 1066 hours (Mandatory training for all of our firefighters is 24 hours per year. Being a 15 person department we were only required 360 hours)

We ran a total of 128 calls for the entire year with 95% of the calls being of the EMS nature.

Nothing could have been done this year without the dedication of our volunteers, they are what has made this department the best around and it has been my honor to work and train alongside of them.

We are starting a membership drive in January and would love to have you come and join us! Please feel free to reach out to me at kbrooks@mpvfr.org if you are interested.

For 2020 we have some new and exciting plans for the department to improve upon what we accomplished in 2019 and we will be telling you more about it in upcoming newsletters.

Be safe and please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you.

Chief Keith Brooks





Know Your City Code



ARTICLE II. - HOME OCCUPATIONS

Sec. 14-31. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Home occupation means any use, occupation or activity conducted entirely within a dwelling by the residents thereof which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residence purposes and does not change the character thereof, and in connection with which there is no display; no stock-in-trade nor commodity sold or stored on the premises, and no person not a resident on the premises is employed specifically in connection with the home occupation; provided, however, that no mechanical equipment is installed or used except such as is normally used for domestic purposes, and that not more than ten percent of the total floor space of any dwelling is used for home occupation. "Home occupation" shall include the use of premises by a physician, dentist, lawyer, clergyman or other professional person for consultation or emergency treatment, but not for the general practice of the profession.

(Ord. No. 220-99, § 7-4-1, 6-21-1999)

Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 14-33. - Permitted in residential districts.

Home occupations, as defined in section 14-31 may be established in a dwelling in a residential district. The following requirements and restrictions shall apply in addition to all other applicable requirements, provisions and restrictions of the Code of the City of Mountain Park, Georgia:

- (1) Home occupations are subject to the occupational taxes set forth in Chapter 54, in section 54-101 through section 54-136 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (2) No accessory buildings or outside storage shall be used in connection with the home occupation.
- (3) No internal or external alterations inconsistent with the residential use of the building shall be permitted.
- (4) Only one vehicle designed and manufactured to be used primarily as a passenger vehicle shall be permitted in connection with the conduct of the home occupations.
- (5) No equipment that interferes with radio and/or television reception shall be allowed.
- (6) There shall be no exterior evidence of the home occupation.
- (7) No use shall create noise, dust, vibration, odor, smoke, glare or electrical interference that would be detectable beyond the interior of the dwelling unit.
- (8) All activities associated with the home occupation shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit and only persons residing in the dwelling unit shall be employed to perform those specific home occupation related activities which occur at the location of the home occupation.
- (9) No more than ten percent of the interior square footage of the dwelling unit shall be used for the conduct of the home occupation.
- (10) No use shall involve any type of public contact in connection with the home occupation other than occasional and incidental public contact, which shall be limited to no more than two non-resident visitors at any one time at the location of the home occupation and furthermore, no article, product, or service shall be sold, traded or exchanged on the premises other than by telephone.
- (11) No business vehicles, materials or equipment shall be stored or parked on the exterior of the dwelling except that one vehicle as described in subsection (4) of this ordinance and used exclusively by the resident may be parked at the location of the home occupation.
- (12) No off-site employees of the home occupation shall congregate on or adjacent to the premises for any purpose concerning the home occupation.
- (13) No home occupation shall be operated so as to cause a nuisance or create a fire hazard or any other hazard to public safety.

(Ord. No. 220-99, § 7-4-2, 6-21-1999; Ord. No. 254-02, § 7-4-2 (1), 12-16-2002)

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1stCity Hall Closed

January 4th.....Dumpster Day

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.

Please note that this is a service provided by Waste Pro as a courtesy and the City of Mountain Park does not have any control over what time they arrive/depart or the rate which the dumpster fills and the amount it can hold. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

January 6th.....New Council Swearing In Ceremony @ 6:30pm

January 8th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

January 20thCity Hall Closed

January 22nd.....Council Retreat 10am-3pm

FOR NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS at City of Milton Community Building: This is a planning session for newly sworn in council members. The public is welcome to attend the planning session, but may only be a silent observer during the event.

January 27th.....Regular Council @ 7pm

****REMINDER****

Water bills are due by the last day of every month. Please use the drop box at City Hall or pay online at https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in. Payments received on the 1st of the month or later will be assessed a \$25 late fee. PayPal payments are no longer an option for paying your utility bill.

****REMINDER****

Trash and recycle pick-up is now on Wednesday. Please ensure you put your cans out the night before or by 6am on Wednesday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. If your trash or recycle pick-up is missed please call City Hall at 770-993-4231 or e-mail at utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com on Thursday morning to report it.

****REMINDER****

If you see a street light out in the City of Mountain Park please contact City Hall at 770-993-4231 to report it.