



Reminders And Information January 2012

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

I would like sincerely thank all those who participated in the lighting of our Christmas tree. I also want to thank everyone who made the annual Santa Run such a great event for our community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Council Members, Bob Douds, Scott Hegg, John McLaughlin and Marvin Penick for their service to the city. Please plan to attend the Swearing in Ceremony for our new members Gladney Cooper, Scott Mills, Ocoee Penick and Scott Read on January 5, 2012 at 7:00p.m. I wish you and your family excellent health, abundant laughter, and plentiful fortune for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

COUNCIL NEWS

The City Council meets on the 4th Monday night of each month. These meetings are open to the public. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2011. Come meet the new members.

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.

Closings Before the Next Newsletter City Hall will be closed on January 16 in observance of the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. and February 21 for President's Day.

Community Building Reservations- Please contact Patricia Bosworth at recreation.director@mountainpark-ga.gov or (770)317-8750 to schedule an event. More information is on the website under http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov/e107_files/downloads/forms/rentals/2011ResidentCommBuildingContract.pdf.

BZP Building Guides – Please find new informational guides on the website at www.mountainpark-ga.gov. Go to City Forms on the left hand side, go to BZP Building Guides and download the guide you need.

UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Due to an increase in wholesale rates, on November 28, 2011, the Council approved a rate increase of .25 per 1, 000 gallons. New rates are as follows and will be reflected in your bill for January usage due March 1, 2012.

WATER, SEWER & SANITATION

Water and sewer are billed based on consumption in gallons. Rates are listed below:

Water

Number of Gallons of Water Used per Month Rate

0-2500 \$13.00

2500- 4500 \$24.00

4500-8500 \$9.45 per 1,000 gallons

Greater than 8500 \$16.45 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer

Number of Gallons of Sewer Used per Month Rate

0-4000 \$27.75

Greater than 4000 \$12.25 per 1,000 gallons

DUMPSTER INFO

As a service to our residents, the City of Mountain Park provides a dumpster on the first Saturday of every month. This is on a first come, first serve basis. In order to ensure that it is available to all please adhere to the following guidelines:

- ✓ Must provide proof of residence in the City of Mountain Park.
- ✓ One truckload or trailer load per residence.
- ✓ All yard debris must be cut into 3 feet sections or less
- ✓ There is a Metal Recycler onsite to take scrap metal.

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”*

Home Business Permit- If you have a home business, please remember to get a permit. The forms are located on the website at http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov/e107_files/downloads/forms/business/Application.pdf or at City Hall.

I HAVE THE LAST WORD I VOTE.

Prior to the Presidential election in November 2012, there are two primaries, the first of which is the Presidential Preference Primary. This will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. **The voter registration deadline for the PPP is February 6, 2012.** Don't know if you are registered? Go to <http://voter.cherokeega.com/registration.cfm> or <http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/registration-elections>. **Once you are registered, VOTE!**

Make Sure You Heat your Home Safely

Heating equipment is a leading cause to home fire deaths. Almost half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment and have chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Keep fire extinguishers handy.

Mechanical/Trade Permit

This permit is required for:

1. Bathroom fixture repair or replacement needing piping alterations
2. New buildings – residential
3. New plumbing fixture requiring piping alterations
4. Replacement of Water Heater
5. Water Line Replacement from Meter to the house
6. Appliance replacement using permanent hardwired devices such as piping or wiring
7. Service change out
8. Replacement of HVAC system
9. Replacement of Ductwork

The fee is \$100.00. The purpose of this requirement is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia State Minimum Standards Codes.