



Reminders And Information August 2012

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.

Outside Sales and Yard Sales

The City of Mountain Park has an ordinance pertaining to Yard/Garage/Estate Sales. Here is a summary of Ordinance No. 307-11.

- Residents are limited to 3 Yard/Garage/Estate Sales per calendar year.
- Sales are limited to 3 consecutive days on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and to Mondays that fall on a legal holiday.
- Consignment Sales/Retail Sales are not permitted.
- A permit is required from the City. The fee is \$10.00 and includes a parking permit. Permit must be posted on property.
- Up to five 18"x 24" signs may be posted on city right of way as long as the signs do not obstruct traffic flow or visibility.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day is
September 8**

On November 6, 2012 we will hold a general election. The deadline to register to vote in this election is October 9, 2012. If you are new to the City of Mountain Park or have not voted recently, please visit <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/> to verify that you are registered to vote. If you are not currently registered, you may register to vote at City Hall. Please let your voice be heard on the many issues facing our city, county and country today by exercising your right to vote for your leaders.

Jim Still

Pool Hours August to September

August 1-12 – 11 am to 8 pm

August 13-31 - Weekdays 4 pm – 8 pm, Weekends 11-8 p.m.

September 1, 2, 3 – Labor Day Weekend 11am to 8 pm.

September 4-7 – CLOSED.

September 8-9 - 11 am to 8 pm

Pool closes Sunday, Sept 9, 2012 at 8 p.m.

CITY HALL IS CLOSED SEPTEMBER 3 for Labor Day

PROHIBITED VEHICLE PARKING

It is a code violation to park a vehicle in the city rights of way or in such a manner as to encroach on the paved or unpaved city streets. (Sec 58.125)

Code Compliance will issue a citation for this violation. The fine schedule for parking unlawfully is: First Offense \$25.00 2nd Offense \$50.00 3rd Offense \$100.00

A temporary parking permit may be obtained through City Hall during regular business hours at least 24 hours prior to the effective date. There is a \$5.00 fee per 24 hour period. (Sec 58-128).

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

Utility Payments - In order to avoid a late fee -If your payment is drafted from your bank account, please make sure to schedule it so that City Hall receives your payment by the first of the month. Payments are considered late if not received by 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd of the month.

Please make every effort not to misplace your Utility Bill.

Thank you.

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

High Water Usage Letter - As a courtesy to our customers, the City may notify customers when their usage is higher than normal. This does not always mean there is a leak. It could be due to additional landscaping, pressure washing, or additional people in the home. We are alerting you so that if there is a problem you may be able to repair it before it becomes a major issue.

A customer is obligated to keep all pipes and plumbing on his side of the meter in good working order. Once water has passed through the meter, it is the customer's responsibility. Upon the customer having any reason to suspect a leak, the customer is obligated to act immediately to repair the leak. If a leak adjustment is requested, the customer has a minimum of 30 days, but no more than 60 days after the discovery to repair the leak and request adjustment of the bill.

City of Mountain Park Utilities Appeals Process

- Customers may qualify for Appeals due to: high usage due to defective meter, leak, Undue hardship, late fees, incorrect meter reading, etc. If Appeals fall within Leak Adjustment Policy or One Late Fee Removal per year, they are adjusted by City Hall. All others must appear before Council at Work Session, normally the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Customer contacts City Hall to appear before the Council at Work Session.
- Account is put on Appeals Status and is exempt from late fees until decision by the Council.
- Customer is asked to pay their average amount until decision is made by Council.
- City Hall will notify customer with date and time of meeting.
- City Hall will provide Council with Account History and Notes.
- Customer must appear at Work Session Meeting.
- Customer must provide support documentation if applicable.
- Council will report decisions to City Hall.
- Adjustments may include payment plan, late fees forgiven, Adjust to average rate, Reduce rate to lower tier, or any other adjustment decided by the Council.
- City Hall makes adjustment to Account and notifies customer of decision by the Council.

WATER POLLUTION AND MAINTAINING YOUR VEHICLE

Here are some basic steps to reducing water pollution by maintaining your vehicle:

- Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks.
- Take motor oil, antifreeze, and other fluids to be recycled at a participating program.
- Use sawdust or kitty litter to clean up leaks and spills. Never hose down spills into the gutter.
- Don't dump oil or antifreeze in the streets or drains.
- Service car regularly to prevent leaks.
- Wash your car on your lawn or gravel.
- Use a pan to collect any wasted fluids.
- Use funnels or pumps when handling liquid products or wastes to avoid spills.
- Use plastic tarps and drip pans when working on your car and when it's leaking.