



## Reminders And Information November 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](http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov)

Ordinance No. 316-12

#### **Vacant and Foreclosed Property Registration**

The City of Mountain Park has established a foreclosure and vacant real property registry as a mechanism to protect property value for all property owners.

1. Once a residential property has been vacant for 60 days, Owners or agents of foreclosed real property or vacant real property are required to register with the City Clerk within 90 days of the property becoming foreclosed or vacant real property.
2. The owner or agent must fill out the Foreclosed or Vacant Property Registration Form and pay a registration fee of \$100.00.
3. The registration form is available at City Hall and on the City website.
4. The owner or agent will also be required to update the information within 30 days after any change in the required information.
5. Any owner or agent required to register a vacant or foreclosed real property who fails to register or update the information specified may be fined up to \$1000.00 per occurrence.

Please view the entire ordinance on the City Website.

#### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR**

**Next Dumpster Day  
December 1, 2012**

I would like to take this opportunity wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. We are blessed to live in a beautiful community with strong citizen involvement. In recent months Council has passed new ordinances which, as a result, raised some questions about who the citizens should contact if affected by these changes. After an ordinance has been passed by council and is a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mountain Park, it is no longer a legislative matter but becomes a part of the administrative/Judicial process. This process falls under the purview of the Judge and City Administrator. Code Compliance reports to the City Administrator and any questions regarding enforcement should be directed to the Code Compliance Officer and/or City Hall.

You are encouraged to attend any of the open public meetings of city council in the City of Mountain Park and we would welcome your comments/input on any legislation currently under consideration.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting of council in the City of Mountain Park.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Jim Still

**Council Meetings** – Because of the Holidays, meeting dates will deviate from the normal schedule for November and December.

Work Session – Monday, November 20 & Monday, December 12  
Council- Monday, November 28 & Wednesday, December 17.

### **November Closings-**

**City Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, Thursday, November 15, Friday November 16, Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23.**

### **MOUNTAIN PARK ARTS & CRAFT SHOW**

Join us on the Green and in the Community Building on November 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for our annual show. Sip Hot Apple Cider and meet your friends by the fire bowls. Enjoy lunch and dinner from one of the food trucks. We have a great lineup of music beginning at 11:00 featuring, Wesley Cook, Timbre Fox, Frets on Fire and Rachel on Mandolin. The Mountain Park Watershed Preservation Society is hosting the Dirty Duck Race at 4:00. Rubber Ducks will be sold throughout the day. The Blacksmith Guild will provide demonstrations throughout the day. Food will be provided by The Good Food Truck, and Dairylicious Treats and more.

Pick up some unique handmade items for the holiday season. Some of the Artists include, <http://www.blackcattips.com/>, <http://bohemianguitars.com/>, <http://www.trowegallery.com/>. Other artist items include, lamps, wall art, knitted items, jewelry, painting, potter and bath & body products. Check us out at <http://recreationdirector.wix.com/mp-art-show> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mountain-Park-Arts-and-Craft-Show/119847531446148> .

### **MOUNTAIN PARK ARTS & CRAFT SHOW SPONSORS**

We would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring our annual show. Please patronize these companies.

Hands on Family Chiropractic <http://www.handsonfamilychiro.com/>

Yelp.com <http://www.yelp.com/atlanta-otp>

Waste Management, Inc. <http://www.wm.com>

KopierNet <http://www.kopiernet.com/>

Rindt McDuff Associates <http://www.rindt-mcduff.com/>

One Hour Signs <http://www.onehoursigns.com/>

Power Home Remodeling Group <http://www.powerhr.com/>

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY INFO**

**Thanksgiving Week - Service will be Friday 11/23.**

**Be sure to have containers out the night before or by 6 a.m. as routes normally run ahead of schedule.**

### **YARD WASTE**

1. Yard waste placed in anything other than paper or plastic waste containers and not sealed or properly sized, weighed, bundled and bound will not be picked up.
2. No more than eight bags can be out for pickup, including normal waste container.
3. Twigs, grass clippings, pine straw, leaves, light yard waste should be sealed.
4. Branches, heavy brush, tree limbs must be 3 feet or less in length and less than 6 inches in diameter. They must be tied into bundles and not weigh more than 50 lbs.
5. These bundles must be stored out of sight from neighbors and street until 24 hours before normal waste pickup time.
6. **The removal of brush, tree limbs and other yard waste larger than stated above is the responsibility of the homeowner.**

### **Join the Clean Water Campaign**

<http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com/>

The mission of the Clean Water Campaign is to educate the general public about the sources of water pollution due to stormwater runoff, and its negative effects on our water supply, recreational opportunities, aquatic ecosystems and quality of life. The Campaign encourages the protection of our lakes and streams by showing residents and businesses how to reduce the impact of those activities that lead to stormwater runoff, nonpoint source pollution and polluted runoff.

### **Fulton County Animal Ordinance**

The City of Mountain Park has a contract with Fulton County Animal Control (404)-794-0358. Here are some highlights from the ordinance.

1. Dogs and Cats over 4 months old must be licensed and vaccinated.
2. A tag and collar must be worn by the dog/cat at all times.
3. No more than 4 animals are allowed at each residence.
4. Dogs must be on a leash in public areas or when off the premise of their owner.
5. The Leash may not be more than 6 feet long and must be controlled by a competent person.
6. Dogs must be confined to the premise of the owner or other person having custody of the dog by a fence, wall or other enclosure, or restrained by a leash.

**The Code Compliance Officer for the City of Mountain Park will issue a citation to dog owners whose dogs are found to be off their leashes in public areas.**

**Utilities Payments-** Please remember Utility bills are due on the first of each month. If you have your check sent from the bank, please have it processed 5-7 business days before the due date.

## **City Dumpster**

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. There is a Metal Recycler onsite to take scrap metal
5. Resident is responsible for putting items in the dumpster.
6. **DO NOT DUMP ITEMS NEXT TO DUMPSTER** – You will be fined.

## **BEAUTIFUL FALL LEAVES**

Mountain Park is in the middle of another beautiful display of fall leaf color. The colors are spectacular! In another 3-4 weeks, all the colorful leaves will have fallen to the ground and leaf cleanup will begin. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you gather up your fallen leaves.

1. Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. Your plants will love the compost as will Mother Nature.
2. Please do not place your leaves in the roadside ditches. The ditches are the storm water system serving the entire city and need to remain open and free of branches so they can carry storm runoff away. Please keep your driveway culverts clear and flowing as well. Report blocked storm drains, culverts, and ditches to City Hall at 770-993-4231.
3. If composting is not an option, please bag the leaves and bring them to the dumpster by the pool the first Saturday of each month.

## ***How to Winterize Your Rain Barrel***

To prolong the life of your rain barrel, it is necessary to winterize it in places where the temperature regularly drops below freezing and stays below freezing for long periods at a time. If water remains in the rain barrel during these periods of cold, it will freeze, expand, and crack the rain barrel.

In warmer regions where the low temperature is rarely below 35 degrees, winterizing is not necessary. If you do plan to water year-round, whether containers, vegetables, or cool-season bedding plants, keeping the rain barrel functioning is useful. If you do not plan to water during the winter, you can save wear and tear on the rain barrel by winterizing it.

### **3 Easy Steps to Winterize**

- Disconnect the downspout from the rain barrel, and re-connect a downspout extension to the main downspout to funnel water away from the foundation of the house.
- Empty the rain barrel.
- Flip the rain barrel upside-down and store it outside, or, if you have room, move the rain barrel into a garage or basement.