

February 2020 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Please plan to attend the Valentine's Day Dinner February 15th and enjoy a great Italian meal with your friends and loved ones. I want to thank the Wiley's, Suzanne Close and all the individual contributors for what has continued to be a tradition in our community. Thanks also to the Civic Club of Mountain Park for hosting the swearing in ceremony and facilitating such a nice environment to meet with the newly elected councilpersons.

We look forward to many fun events in the coming months to include the music on Sundays when the weather is appropriate. Please remember we always appreciate those persons willing to step-up and serve their community in any capacity so get with your friends and neighbors and see how you can get involved.

It's still winter out so stay warm and we look forward to seeing you around The Park.

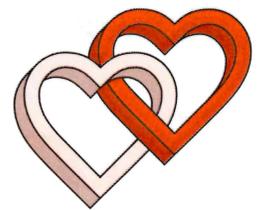
*Jim Still
Mayor*



Civic Club News



Mountain Park Civic Club will be hosting the Valentine's Day Dinner on Saturday February 15th. For more information please see the attached flyer about the dinner.



Fishing and Boating Fees Updated for 2020

On Monday January 27th council voted to increase the fishing and boating fees for 2020 to be effective immediately. Please see the attached chart with the new fees for this year.

<u>Boating-Resident</u>	<u>Boating-Non-Resident</u>	<u>Fishing-Resident</u>	<u>Fishing-Non-Resident</u>
\$15 – canoes, kayaks, & sailboats	\$35 – canoes, kayaks, & sailboats	\$25/year	\$65/year
\$30 – boats with electric trolling motors (Lake Cherful ONLY)	\$65 – boats with electric trolling motors (Lake Cherful ONLY)	\$10/week for both resident and non-resident	
Gasoline powered watercraft are not allowed on any lake.		\$5/day for both resident and non-resident	

Mountain Park Community Garden

The spring planning meeting for the Mountain Park Community Garden will be held on Saturday February 22nd at 10am in the Ayers Community Building. This is the 11th year for the Garden! The Garden, located on Mountain Park Rd at Spruce St on Lake Cherful, is a great place to meet your neighbors, share gardening knowledge (no matter if you're a beginner or experienced) and get some outdoor exercise.

We use sustainable gardening methods and ask members (\$25 per household per year) to spend a few hours a year working in the Garden. We usually meet at the Garden on Saturday mornings starting in the early spring and children are encouraged to attend. We water during the week.

At the meeting we will be discussing what we've done in past years and get some ideas for what we want to do in 2020. If you can't attend our meeting, but want to join, there is a membership jar in City Hall. Please stop by and visit. Questions call Mike at 404-944-0027



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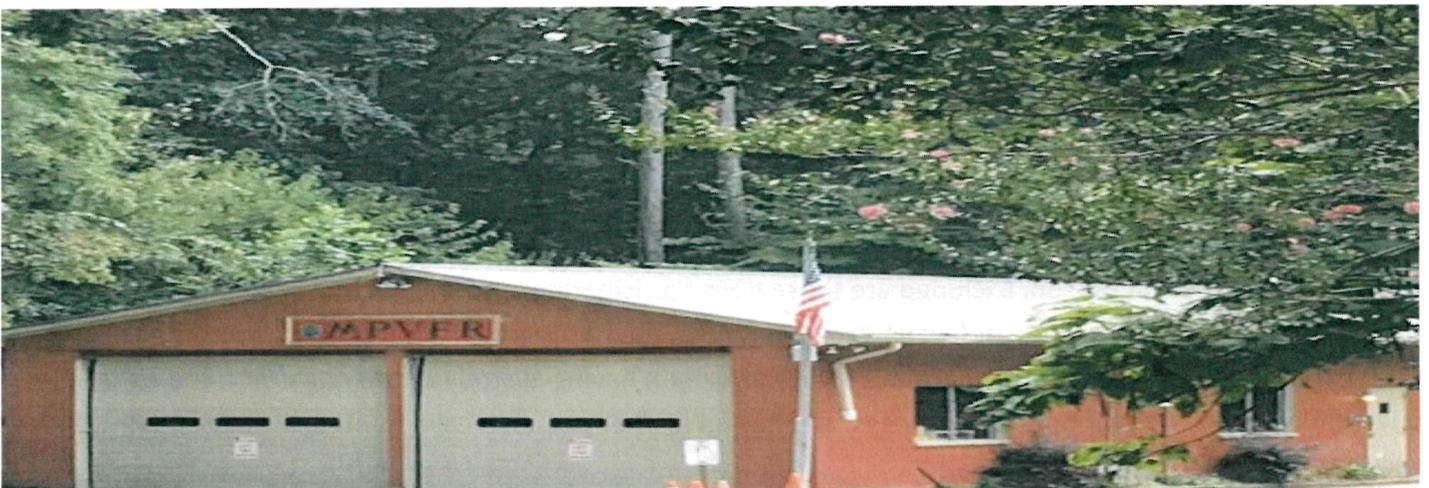


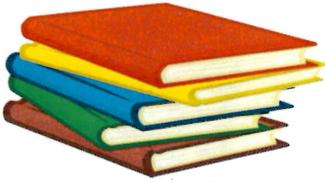
Happy February!

Once again a lot of things our going on with your local fire department! First of all, we had an audit last September and I am very pleased to announce that we have ascended to an ISO CLASS 2 rated department! ISO is a third party independent agency that evaluates the fire department, water department and communications systems. It rates the results on a national scale from one to ten (one being the best and highest). According to ISO, its Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process with insurance companies. Most U.S. insurers report that the PPC information is used in their decision-making process when deciding what business to cover, what coverage's to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance. With a communities Class 2 rating, many insurance providers give a discount on annual insurance premiums for residences and businesses.

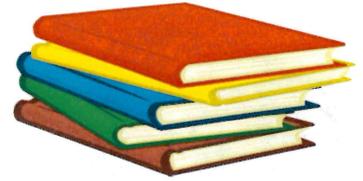
In other news, if you see Lt. Sara McClimon around please congratulate her. She will be graduating from Cobb County Fires Recruit School on February 7th! Lt. McClimon has spent nearly a year in training with Cobb County and will be graduating as an EMT-A and FireFighter1. She has worked through some extremely trying times over the past year and we could not be prouder of her and her accomplishments.

Chief Keith Brooks





Know Your City Code



CHAPTER 6 - ANIMALS

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 6-1. - Fulton County provisions adopted.

The Fulton County animal control ordinance, as now or hereafter amended, is hereby adopted as a general ordinance of the city to the extent that the animal control ordinance is not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. A copy of the current Fulton County animal control ordinance and any additions, deletions or local amendments thereto shall be maintained in the office of the city clerk and be available for inspection by the public.

Sec. 6-2. - Enforcement of Fulton County animal control ordinance.

The city code compliance officer as well as the county animal control officer and county board of health are hereby given the power to enforce the Fulton County animal control ordinance in the city.

Sec. 6-3. - Summons.

A city officer, at his direction, may elect not to impound a dog or other animal found in violation of any section of this chapter, but to issue or cause to be issued a summons directed to the owner or possessor of the dog to appear before the municipal court on a certain day to stand trial for the violation of this chapter.

(Code 1982, § 9-3-27)

FULTON COUNTY ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 34 - HEALTH AND SANITATION

ARTICLE VI - RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 34-205. - Running at large.

(a) Generally. Within the unincorporated area of Fulton County or within any municipality in Fulton County which has or may enter into an agreement with Fulton County for animal control services, the running at large of dogs, domestic animals, livestock, owned wildlife, exotic animals, public nuisance animal, dangerous, or vicious dogs, or dogs trained or in training as guard dogs is prohibited, with the exception of cats. Owners of wildlife or exotic animals must have the necessary state and/or federal permits on their person when transporting their animals.

(b) (1) Dogs. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or harbinger of any dog to allow or permit such dog to leave the premises of the owner or other person having custody of the dog unless such dog is securely under leash; said leash being not more than six-feet long, and under the control of a competent person. Dogs must be confined to the premises of the owner or other person having custody of the dog and shall be restrained by means of a fence or wall or other enclosure, or restrained individually by a leash under the control of a competent person. Excluded are those dogs participating in or training for obedience trials, field trials, dog shows, tracking work, or law enforcement. Also, the requirements of this subsection shall not apply in any area zoned for agriculture where the owner or person having custody of the dog is at the time in question using the dog for hunting purposes, and has on his/her person a valid hunting license and proof of vaccination.



IMPORTANT DATES

February 1st.....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!

February 5th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

February 17thCity Hall Closed

February 19th.....Work Session @ 7pm

FOR CITY COUNCIL: Citizen participation is welcome – Please give advance notice if you wish to be added to the agenda by contacting City Hall.

February 24th.....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.

Come share some LOVE with your Neighbors...

February Community Social

Italian Dinner

With Music and Dancing

Saturday, February 15th, 6:00-9:00 pm

at The Community Building

Cost \$5.00 per person

Children 10 and under \$2.50

If you want Wine with your Dinner BYOB

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm

Families, Singles, Couples and Kids

Everybody Welcome!

Hosted by the Mountain Park Civic Club