



# March 2020 Newsletter

## Mayor's Message



*Welcome to a completely unpredictable spring with temperatures ranging from the 20's to the 70's. If we continue to get rain such as we have since the beginning of the year we will have to start an Ark building class on the Green. Hopefully this does not mean we have received most of the rain we'll be getting this year because it will be missed come July & August.*

*Spring also means we can start planning community activities for the near future so look for announcements of the upcoming Sunday music on the Green and if you have some suggestions for events you think the community would enjoy please let me or City Hall know your ideas. Some have asked for us to bring back the Arts & Crafts Festival, the Market on the Green as well as another Craft Beer Festival. We are open for suggestions and volunteers to help keep it entertaining in Mountain Park.*

*Congratulations to our new Mayor Pro Tem Councilman Mark Murphy and much appreciation to Councilman Don Carlson for serving as Mayor Pro Tem for so many years up until now. The Mayor Pro Tem serves as the representative of the City who presides over council meetings and other public functions in the community during the absence of the Mayor.*

*I am looking forward to another beautiful spring here in our unique little part of North Fulton and will see you at The Park.*

*Jim Still  
Mayor*



# Civic Club News



**MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>:** We Invite you to come and join us at our regular monthly meeting of the Civic Club. We will be planning our events and projects for the coming months and we need your input, your ideas, and YOUR HELP !! We meet at the Community Building at 7:00pm. We are planning our annual **Easter Egg Hunt for April 11<sup>th</sup>** and some kind of **Earth Day Celebration or Service project or Clean-Up. For April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Come help us plan and volunteer.

**MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee With Your Neighbors 9:30-11:00 at the Community Building Drop by for Coffee, tea, juice and assorted “goodies” and a chance to visit with your friends and meet new neighbors. Kids are welcome.

## Yard Waste and Recycling

It's that time of year when you may be thinking about doing some spring cleaning around your house and in your yard. Waste Pro **DOES NOT ALLOW** yard waste to be collected in the weekly trash service. If you have yard waste it can be mulched/composted or put into the monthly dumpster that is available to residents of Mountain Park. The dumpster is available from 7am-10am on the first Saturday of each month. Residents of Mountain Park can utilize the dumpster provided to get rid of larger items and yard waste that you are unable to put into the regular trash. Also attached to this newsletter are the proper recycling procedures and a detailed listing of what can be recycled and what cannot.

## 2020 Census Jobs Available

The United States Census Bureau is over 1000 people shy in Cherokee County to finish the 2020 Census on time and is in need of temporary workers. Other counties may still be hiring as well. Here are a few details from one of their representatives:

- Cherokee County Pays \$19.00 an hour.
- Flexible hours with 20-40 hours per week and .58 cents a mile.
- It is a temporary position just for the count around April 1-July 31st. But people need to apply ASAP.

If you are interested in applying for these positions please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.



# MPVFR NEWS



Happy March! Spring is almost upon us!

Calling all breakfast lovers to join us Saturday, March 21 from 7:00am-11:00am for a meal and fellowship between our community and your local firefighters! Join us at the Mountain Park Fire Station 20 to enjoy a hearty firehouse breakfast prepared by your favorite firefighters! Menu items include pancakes, eggs, bacon, home fries, hot coffee, tea, and orange juice!

Check out the fire station, the fire truck, and real firefighting equipment! Live demonstrations and skills will be performed throughout the morning. Special appearance by the Screaming Eagle Fire Truck to offer fire truck rides around Mountain Park.

The cost for this event is \$8 per person and \$5 per child under 12. Children under 5 eat free. The meals can be paid at the time of the event.

Donations towards the fire department are appreciated to assist with our operational budget. Donations can be accepted on Venmo @mpvfr or by cash at the event.

RSVP today! Everybody is welcome, please help us spread the word and share this post with your friends and neighbors.

Chief Keith Brooks





# Know Your City Code



## ARTICLE V. - ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND ILLEGAL CONNECTION

### Sec. 105-307. - Prohibition of illicit discharges.

No person shall throw, drain, or otherwise discharge, cause, or allow others under its control to throw, drain, or otherwise discharge into the city separate storm sewer system any pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, other than storm water.

The following discharges are exempt from the prohibition provision above:

- (1) Water line flushing performed by a government agency, other potable water sources, landscape irrigation, diverted stream flows, rising ground water, ground water infiltration to storm drains, uncontaminated pumped ground water, foundation or footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, air conditioning condensation, springs, natural riparian habitat or wetland flows, and any other water source not containing pollutants;
- (2) Discharges or flows from firefighting, and other discharges specified in writing by the city as being necessary to protect public health and safety;
- (3) The prohibition provision above shall not apply to any non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the state and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the (municipal/county) separate storm sewer system.

**"Illicit discharge"** means any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system, except as expressly exempted by this article.

**"Illegal connection"** means either of the following:

- (1) Any pipe, open channel, drain, ditch or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows an illicit discharge to enter the storm drain system including but not limited to any conveyances which allow any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the storm drain system, regardless of whether such pipe, open channel, drain or conveyance has been previously allowed, permitted, or approved by an authorized enforcement agency; or
- (2) Any pipe, open channel, drain or conveyance connected to the city separate storm sewer system which has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by an authorized enforcement agency.

**"Pollutant"** means anything that causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes, and solvents; petroleum hydrocarbons; automotive fluids; grease; detergents (biodegradable or otherwise); degreasers; cleaning chemicals; non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects and accumulations, so that same may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; liquid and solid wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal wastes; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; concrete and cement; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

**"Pollution"** means the contamination or other alteration of any water's physical, chemical or biological properties by the addition of any constituent and includes but is not limited to, a change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of such waters, or the discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into any such waters as will or is likely to create a nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to the public health, safety, welfare, or environment, or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

### Report Illicit Discharges

If you notice discharge to streams, please contact the City of Mountain Park at 404-993-4231. Illicit discharge is any discharge to a storm sewer that is not entirely composed of storm water. Thank You.



# IMPORTANT DATES

March 4th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

March 7th.....Dumpster Day 7am-10am

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!*

March 18th.....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.**

March 23rd.....Regular Council @ 7pm

March 24th.....GA Presidential Primary Election 7am-7pm

The voting location for all Mountain Park residents is the Community Building. All Georgia voters are required to provide valid photo identification in order to vote.

## **\*\*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](https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in). Payments received on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 e-mail City Hall at [utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com) or call City Hall at 770-993-4231 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.



# Recycling Information



1. Be sure to rinse out all containers before placing them in the recycling bin or cart.
2. Put only acceptable materials in recycling bin or cart—no sorting required.
3. Break down large cardboard boxes for recycling.
4. Recyclable items not placed in recycling bins or carts can be placed in another container as long as the container is clearly marked "Recyclable Items". Haulers won't collect recyclables placed in plastic bags since plastic bags cannot be recycled at the curb, and if the recyclables are contained in a bag, your hauler cannot tell if there are non-recyclable materials in the bag and has to assume it is trash.

## Acceptable Recyclable Items

### Aluminum

Aluminum baking tins  
Aluminum beverage containers  
Aluminum food containers

### Cardboard

Boxes broken down  
Pizza boxes (clean with no food inside)

### Kraft Paper

Paper grocery bags  
Paper shopping and lunch bags

### Magazines/Catalogs

### Mail

Discarded Mail  
Envelopes  
Greeting Cards

### Mixed Paper

Calendars  
Miscellaneous Papers

### Newspapers and Inserts

### Other Paper

Computer paper  
Paperback books  
Phone directories

### Paperboard

Beverage cartons  
Cereal or other food boxes  
Paper towel and toilet paper cores  
Shoe boxes  
Tissue boxes

### Numbered Plastic Recyclable Containers

#1: Soda and water bottles  
#2: Milk jugs, juice bottles, butter and yogurt tubs  
#3: Detergent and household cleaner containers, shampoo and cooking oil bottles  
#5: Syrup, ketchup and medicine bottles, straws and some yogurt containers  
#6: Disposable plates and cups, CD cases  
#7: Three and five gallon water bottles, certain food containers

### Steel

Metallic lids  
Steel food containers

## Unacceptable Waste for Trash and Recycle

Some types of waste may not be placed curbside for collection by residential haulers. Glass is no longer recyclable and should be disposed of in household trash or taken to separate facility that offers glass recycling.

Ammunition of any type

Biomedical waste

Chemicals

Compressed gas cylinders

Construction/demolition waste

Containers with wax coating/food containers (ok for trash)

Engine parts

Firearms/Hazardous waste

Glass containers (ok for trash)

Large glass panes

Paint and paint solvents

Plastic wrap and plastic bags (ok for trash)

Stumps

Styrofoam (ok for trash)

Tires

Treated Wood



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MOUNTAIN PARK  
VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE  
112 Lakeshore Drive  
Mountain Park GA 30075

SATURDAY

MARCH 21st

7 A.M. - 11 A.M.

## Menu

pancakes  
eggs  
bacon  
home fries  
coffee & OJ

Adults \$8  
Children under 12 \$5  
Children under 5 eat free

WE CAN

# BE CENSUS TAKERS

**APPLY ONLINE!**  
[2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

2020 Census jobs provide:

- ✓ Great pay
- ✓ Flexible hours
- ✓ Weekly pay
- ✓ Paid training

For more information or help applying, please call  
**1-855-JOB-2020**

Federal Relay Service:  
1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII  
[www.gsa.gov/fedrelay](http://www.gsa.gov/fedrelay)

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