

July 2020 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



What an incredible year this has been so far. When things looked like they were going to improve they started getting bad again. After much deliberation with our Director of Public Safety along with the updated information from Fulton County and the State of Georgia, we have decided to postpone the fireworks until Labor Day weekend. With some of the surrounding cities not doing fireworks the City of Mountain Park could be overrun with non-residents coming to see our fireworks and we don't have the space to manage that situation safely. According to the most recent information by city, we are fortunate to be the only city in Fulton County that has NO cases of COVID-19 and we will try to do what is needed to maintain that status.

Enjoy your Fourth of July at home with your family and know you are not putting yourself and others at risk of getting this virus.

Happy Fourth to All!

Jim Still- Mayor

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS AND RATES BY CITY

	Prior (6/15/20)	Current Total (6/17/20)			New Cases (Period: 5/13/20 - 6/10/20) ¹			
	Count	Count	%	Cum. Rate ²	1st 14 d.	Last 14 d.	% change ³	Rate ⁴ (last 14 d.)
Atlanta	2347	2384	46.2%	540.4	404	304	↓ 24.8%	68.9
South Fulton	534	539	10.4%	566.7	56	51	↓ 8.9%	53.6
Sandy Springs	497	504	9.8%	478.1	98	88	↓ 10.2%	83.5
Roswell	281	295	5.7%	313.0	38	46	↑ 21.1%	48.8
East Point	159	162	3.1%	463.2	20	13	↓ 35.0%	37.2
Johns Creek	133	135	2.6%	161.4	11	17	↑ 54.5%	20.3
Union City	190	192	3.7%	916.0	56	18	↓ 67.9%	85.9
Alpharetta	120	122	2.4%	188.6	25	16	↓ 36.0%	24.7
Milton	79	76	1.5%	199.1	<10	10	↑ 42.9%	26.2
Fairburn	96	100	1.9%	679.9	<10	15	↑ 150.0%	102.0
College Park	88	88	1.7%	634.1	49	<10	↓ 89.8%	36.0
Palmetto	15	16	0.3%	366.0	0	<10	-	22.9
Hapeville	40	43	0.8%	653.4	<10	18	↑ 125.0%	273.5
Mountain Park	0	0	0%	-	0	0	-	0
Unknown	494	502	9.7%	-	50	49	-	-

¹New cases: Cases diagnosed in most recent 28 days (based on reported dates of positive sample collection). To allow for lag in reporting results of new diagnoses from samples collected in the most recent week, data used for incident diagnoses analyses were moved back by one week. ²Cumulative diagnosis rate: Population estimates from US Census Bureau used to calculate cumulative diagnosis rate. All rates shown are per 100,000 persons. ³Percent change: These reflect the percentage increase or decrease in new diagnoses between the 14 days preceding the most recent 7 days and the 14 days preceding that. Changes in cities with less than 10 cases in any 2 week intervals are not reported. ⁴Incidence Rate: Rate of new diagnoses in the recent past 14 days. *Data cleaning (either during case interviews or address geocoding) may lead to misassignment of few cases from one territory to another based on their corrected addresses. These may appear as "decreases" when compared to the previous day's count. These do not reflect errors in the data collection or analysis process but only reflect the minor day-to-day fluctuations in case counts that arise in an evolving public health database like COVID's. **Note:** Sharp increases in territorial COVID case counts often reflect new cases diagnosed at long term care facilities located in those territories during facility-wide /mass screening events All data reported are preliminary and subject to change.

Civic Club News

4th of July Annual Parade of Residents (for Residents)!

Join in the nearly 30 year tradition of the annual 4th of July parade. Decorate your car, truck, trailer, motorcycle, bike – anything on wheels – with flags, streamers, patriotic signs and join in! NEW THIS YEAR? Wear a mask and distance! Protect your neighbors and yourself! Contactless sales of MP tee shirts (\$15), a “white pages” directory of residents (\$5), sausage & biscuit (\$5), along with coffee, bottled water and soft drinks, are available at the Community Building. Opening (social distancing) ceremonies start at 11 AM in front of the City Hall porch with a presentation of the flag by Mountain Park Fire Volunteer and Rescue members, the pledge, singing the National Anthem and the final call to “start your engines.”



TWO NEW SUGGESTIONS THIS YEAR FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING:

1. Join the parade from feeder streets – Poplar Street and Mountain Park Road by the pool – waiting in the picnic pavilion/dock parking lot before joining.
2. Lessen the traditional crowd by the pool by cheering on the parade on some of the other spots along the route.

The route is: leaving the City Hall Parking lot on Lakeshore, right on Mountain Park Road, continuing across the bridge on Russel Road, left on Thrush Drive, left on Cardinal Drive, right onto Russell Road, right on Mountain Park Road at the side of the pool, left on Beech Street, continuing on Mountain Park Road, left on West Lake, left on Lakeshore to end at City Hall. **Cheer in front of your house or at the nearest corner! Have fun and stay safe!!!**

Red Cross Blood Drive in July

Citizens of Mountain Park, the Red Cross needs your help. Right now there is a blood shortage and the Red Cross needs donors. They will be here Thursday July 9th in the Community Building from 10am to 3pm. If you would like to be a donor please use the link below to schedule an appointment. Scheduling an appointment ensures that the Red Cross will be able to follow guidelines with disinfection and social distancing during the event. More information is also on the flyer included at the end of the newsletter.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=MTPK>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DURING THE BLOOD DRIVE 10am-3pm

Please contact City Hall by e-mail at utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com or by phone at 770-993-4231 if you would like to help out. They need a person to help with the temperature station and a person to help in the recovery area. All protective gear and supplies to do the jobs will be provided by the Red Cross. Even if you can only cover part of the hours please let us know. The blood drive may not be possible without the help of our citizens who are able to volunteer.



**American
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Together, we can save a life



MPVFR NEWS



Hello, Everyone! Hopefully, all are staying safe and healthy these days, particularly with the advent of COVID 19. I wanted to address a few items that I am sure are on many peoples' minds, as July 4th approaches and we celebrate the United States gaining independence from England.

First, I am back serving you all as the Interim Fire Chief, as well as the Director of Public Safety. Unfortunately, Chief Brooks had to make a difficult decision to step back for personal reasons. We all appreciate the time he has dedicated to MPVFR and the City of Mountain Park, and we wish him well in all ventures and adventures in the future!

Since the heat has set in, everyone should be staying well hydrated, as water is so important to life and health. Caffeinated beverages and alcoholic beverages will dehydrate you, so I encourage you all to increase your water intake to offset how much is lost through sweat and other ways.

We all have been introduced to social distancing, face masks, constant handwashing and keeping personal bottles of hand sanitizer within arm's reach since so very early this year. Ladies and gentlemen, this has been an arduous time for us all and isolating at home as much as possible has pushed many a good person to the edge of their patience and tolerance. Many of the goods we have come to take for granted became scarce, and what we could get delivered to our homes, we ordered in. Stores modified their hours, changed sanitation policies and procedures and we all re-learned what it was to clean EVERY surface.

With all of these developments in mind, I have made the difficult suggestion to limit our social activity this July 4th. As a long-time volunteer and a patriot, it pains me to not be able to celebrate as we would normally, as well as, pay respects to our veterans, current service members and those that paid the highest cost for our freedom and safety. That is NOT to say that we do not celebrate, but rather change how we do so without jeopardizing the health and well-being of our neighbors and friends. This year, I have suggested that we postpone our annual fireworks display, to minimize the potential spread of illness. Hopefully, we can enjoy celebrating with fireworks later this year.

With all of that said, I see no reason that we can't still gather to hold our other ceremonies as long as we observe the precautions recommended by the CDC and the Georgia Department of Public Health. Our parade should be no issue with our favorite spectators observing the recommended social distancing and maximum group sizes. All of those recommendations can be found easily by searching online for the CDC (cdc.gov), the Georgia Department of Public Health (dph.georgia.gov) and the Georgia Emergency and Homeland Security Agency (gema.georgia.gov).

MPVFR wishes you happy and healthy times, and we cannot wait until we all can spend time together, again. Of course, we are honored to serve all within Mountain Park and the areas surrounding, though we will always hope for our next encounters with everyone to be social and not just those times of need.

Respectfully,

James Dame, Director of Public Safety and Interim Fire Chief
Mountain Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue



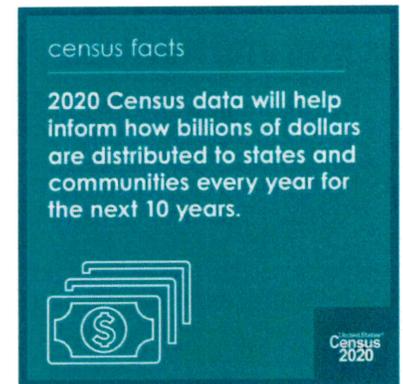
2020 Census-We Need Your Response



The online or self-response rate has been extended to October 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Remember that even if you are renting a house you still need to complete the Census for your household. Please see the attached flyer for additional information about how to respond to the 2020 Census.

If you received a paper survey in June please make sure you send it in or respond online. Census takers will begin interviewing households in person that have not responded online, by phone, or by mail starting on August 11th and going through October 31st. If you have not responded to the Census yet please do so today at 2020census.gov. Mountain Park's current response rate is 68.7%.



MOUNTAIN PARK FOOD BANK IS CLOSED

Thank you to all the residents of Mountain Park that made our food bank a success and helped those in need in our community during this unprecedented time. Now that the North Fulton Community Food Bank is opened again we are no longer keeping the City's set up on the back porch of City Hall. We have donated all items that remained to the North Fulton Community Food Bank. If you know someone in need please refer them to the North Fulton Community Food Bank for assistance and feel free to make donations to that food bank as well.



Feeding the Community



Know Your City Code



ARTICLE V. - MOSQUITO CONTROL

Sec. 113-191. - Nuisance declared.

A violation of any provision of this division is a nuisance.

Sec. 113-192. - Keeping water in which mosquitoes may breed.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to have, keep, maintain, cause or permit within the city any collection of standing or flowing water in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed unless such collection of water is so treated as to effectively prevent such breeding.
- (b) The collection of water prohibited by subsection (a) of this section shall be those contained in ditches, pools, ponds, excavations, holes, depressions, open cesspools, privy vaults, fountains, cisterns, tanks, shallow wells, barrels, troughs (except horse troughs in frequent use), urns, cans, boxes, bottles, tubs, buckets, defective house roof gutters, tanks of flush closets or other similar water containers.

Sec. 113-193. - Treatment of collections of water.

The method of treatment of any collections of water that are specified in this section directed toward the prevention of breeding of mosquitoes shall be approved by the health officer and may be one or more of the following:

- (1) Screening with wire netting of at least 16 meshes to the inch each way, or with any other material that will effectively prevent the ingress or egress of mosquitoes.
- (2) Complete emptying every seven days of unscreened containers, followed with thorough drying and cleaning of such containers.
- (3) Using a larvicide approved and applied under the direction of the health officer.
- (4) Covering completely the surface of the water with kerosene, petroleum or paraffin oil once every seven days.
- (5) Cleaning and keeping sufficiently free of vegetable growth and other obstructions, and stocking with mosquito-destroying fish.
- (6) Filling and draining to the satisfaction of the health officer, his agent or accredited representative.
- (7) Proper disposal by removal or destruction of tin cans, tin boxes, broken or empty bottles and similar articles likely to hold water.

Sec. 113-194. - Mosquito larvae as evidence of breeding.

The natural presence of mosquito larvae in standing or running water shall be evidence that mosquitoes are breeding there; and failure to prevent such breeding within three days after notice by the health officer, his authorized agent or representative, shall be deemed a violation of this article.

Sec. 113-195. - Failure to remedy conditions after notice.

Should the person responsible for conditions giving rise to the breeding of mosquitoes fail or refuse to take necessary measures to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, within three days after due notice has been given to him, the health officer or his authorized agent is authorized to do so; and all necessary costs incurred by him for this purpose shall be a charge against the property owner or other offending person, as the case may be.

Sec. 113-196. - Right of entry of health officer.

For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article, the health officer or his duly accredited agent under his authority, may at all reasonable times lawfully enter in and upon any premises within his jurisdiction.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 1st.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

July 3rd.....City Hall Closed

July 9th.....Red Cross Blood Drive 10am-3pm

July 11th.....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!

July 22nd.....Work Session @ 7pm

FOR CITY COUNCIL: Citizen Participation is welcome – Please give at least 24 hours advance notice if you wish to be added to the agenda by contacting City Hall.

July 27th.....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.

****REMINDER****

Please ensure you put your cans out the night before after 6pm or by 7am on Wednesday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Please remove your cans from the curb by 8am on Thursday. No yard debris is allowed. If your trash or recycle pick-up is missed please e-mail City Hall at utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com or call City Hall at 770-993-4231 the morning after.

****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.

Controlling Mosquitoes at Home

Control mosquitoes outside your home

Remove standing water where mosquitoes could lay eggs

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water like tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpot saucers, or trash containers. Mosquitoes lay eggs near water.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
- Use larvicides to treat large containers of water that will not be used for drinking and cannot be covered or dumped out.
- If you have a septic tank, repair cracks or gaps. Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.



Kill mosquitoes outside your home

- Use an outdoor insect spray made to kill mosquitoes in areas where they rest.
- Mosquitoes rest in dark, humid areas like under patio furniture, or under the carport or garage. When using insecticides, always follow label instructions.

Control mosquitoes inside your home

Keep mosquitoes out

- Install or repair and use window and door screens. Do not leave doors propped open.
- Use air conditioning when possible.

Kill mosquitoes inside your home

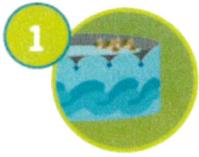
- Kill mosquitoes inside your home. Use an indoor insect fogger or indoor insect spray to kill mosquitoes and treat areas where they rest. These products work immediately, and may need to be reapplied. When using insecticides, always follow label directions. Only using insecticide will not keep your home free of mosquitoes.

- Mosquitoes rest in dark, humid places like under the sink, in closets, under furniture, or in the laundry room.

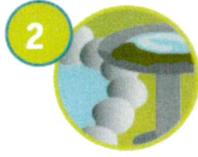


CONTROL MOSQUITOES TIP 'n TOSS

Mosquitoes breed in standing water. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, eliminate all standing water and debris.



1 Pool cover that collects water, neglected swimming pool or child's wading pool



2 Birdbath (change water weekly) and garden pond (stock with fish)



3 Any toy, garden equipment, or container that can hold water



4 Flat roof with standing water



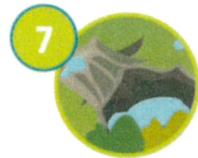
5 Clogged rain gutter (home and street)



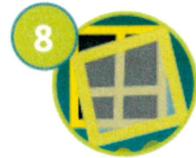
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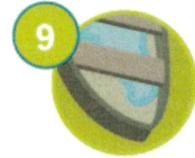
6 Trash and old tires; Drill drain holes in bottom of tire swings



7 Tree rot hole, hollow stump or rain puddle



8 Repair missing, damaged, or improperly installed screens



9 Uncovered boat or boat cover that collects water



10 Leaky faucet (repair) or pet bowl (change water daily)



Count everyone under your roof.

Hundreds of billions of dollars are at stake every year for the next 10 years.

The results of the 2020 Census inform funding and planning for new clinics, school lunch programs, emergency services, and more. So make sure you count everyone living in your home as of April 1, 2020.

For more information, visit 2020CENSUS.GOV/count

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Do you know who to count on your census?

- Any family members or friends who are living with you now, even if it's only for a short time.
- Newborn babies and young children, even if they are not in your family.
- Your roommates or any renters.
- All of the above.

These people are often missed in the census. This means they can miss out on resources for themselves and their communities over the next 10 years. Make sure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census!

Para información en español, visita 2020CENSUS.GOV/cuenta

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2020 Census: Where To Count Yourself If You Haven't Responded Yet

The 2020 Census is a once-a-decade population count of everyone who lives in the United States on April 1. Responses from the census help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated for critical public services and programs in communities around the country each year for the next 10 years.

If you haven't responded yet, respond now online at 2020census.gov, by phone, or by mail. You should respond for the address of your **usual residence** (which is the place where you live and sleep most of the time) as of April 1, 2020, even if you were temporarily staying elsewhere on April 1, 2020.

Here are some possible scenarios and where you would count yourself:

<i>If:</i>	<i>Count yourself:</i>
You were temporarily staying somewhere on April 1 due to work, family, COVID-19, or another reason, but you plan to return to your usual residence.	At your usual residence.
You were temporarily staying somewhere on April 1, but you aren't sure if you will return to your usual residence.	Where you were staying on April 1.
You've moved to a new usual residence.	Where you were living on April 1. (See more details about "Moving on Census Day".) < https://2020census.gov/en/who-to-count.html >

You left your college or university because of COVID-19

... AND you lived in campus housing.	You don't need to count yourself — your school will include you in the count for the dormitory or other campus housing.
... AND you lived off campus.	And any roommates at the off-campus address where you lived because that was your usual residence. (See more details about "Counting College Students".) < https://www.census.gov/library/fact-sheets/2020/dec/counting-college-students.html >

You have multiple residences.

You live at multiple places throughout the year.	Where you usually live most of the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you spend equal parts of the year at two addresses, count yourself at the address where you were staying on April 1. (See more details about "Multiple Residences".) <https://2020census.gov/en/who-to-count.html>
You received an invitation to respond at a seasonal or vacation residence where you usually do not live or sleep most of the time.	Respond online or by phone and answer "no" when asked if you or anyone else was living or staying at that address on April 1, 2020. Then, respond for the address where you usually live and sleep and include everyone who usually lives with you.

If you've already responded to the 2020 Census, or someone has responded on your behalf (like parents or roommates), and you've since moved, **you don't need to respond again**. But if you don't know whether you were already counted by someone else who lives with you, you should go ahead and respond to the 2020 Census — be sure to count yourself and everyone else living there, providing as much information as you have for each person. The Census Bureau can identify and correct duplicate responses.

To learn more about who to count and where to count yourself for a variety of other circumstances, including displacement as a result of natural disasters and living in transitory locations, visit "Who To Count" <<https://2020census.gov/en/who-to-count.html>>.

Make sure you're counted in the right place by responding online now at 2020census.gov, by phone, or by filling out the paper form you received in the mail. If you didn't receive a paper form, and you don't have a Census ID for the address where you need to count yourself, you can use the online or phone response options without using an ID. You should respond for everyone living at your address, providing as much information as you have for each person. (See more details about "Responding to the Census".) <<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>>

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City of Mountain Park
Blood Drive

Thursday, July 9, 2020
10 AM – 3 PM

Community Building

For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org
using sponsor code: **MTPK**.

ARC will provide COVID-19 antibody testing for all donors
to support summer inventory concerns.

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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