



## 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).

### Section 113 Nuisances and Hazards

**Depositing trash, garbage and refuse on private or public property.** The depositing and leaving on private or public property of trash, garbage, refuse, scrap building materials, paper, cardboard containers, brick, cement rubbish, tree residue, cans, containers, junk or any other rubbish or trash that is a menace to public health and safety in the city or which unreasonably annoys others.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit the existence of any nuisance on any property within the city.

### A Message from Your Mayor

### DUMPSTER DAY May 4

Now that spring is finally here, it's a wonderful opportunity to get out of the house and walk. Please remember the City has a leash law if you take your furry friend along. And don't forget to clean up after your pet. Earth Day celebration will be held on Sunday, April 21 on the green from noon until 3 p.m. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
Jim Still, Jr.

### Upcoming City Hall Holidays

Memorial Day	May 27
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept 2

### WILD ANIMAL REMOVAL

It is important to remember that county animal services in Fulton County and Cherokee County **do not** provide assistance in cases involving wild animals and wildlife management. If you have a wildlife problem with squirrels, bats, raccoons, etc. please call an exterminator, pest control or privately owned wildlife removal company.

**SIREN TEST** – There is a Siren Test the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon. We are served by Cherokee and Fulton counties, so you may hear 2 sirens.

**If you see areas creating storm water runoff issues, please contact City Hall. We will develop a list and begin addressing these problematic areas.**

**Mountain Park will celebrate [Earth Day 2013](#) on Sunday, April 21, from noon until 3 on the Green.** Start the day with a [Picnic for Earth.org](#) "BYOF": Bring your Family and Friends, your own Food and drinks; we'll provide the picnic blankets, music and recycling bins for trash.

Enjoy exhibits and activities for all ages: **[MP Watershed Preservation Society](#), [MP Civic Club](#), [MP Organic Co-op Community Garden](#), and [MP Tree City, USA](#).** Learn more about our water system, our garbage and recycling provider, and our "adopta" programs. Come for the Annual **[Tree climb](#), [MP's own KAB Man](#), and [Smokey the Bear](#).**

For the first time ever, you can be an exhibitor, too. Create **[Tabletop Displays](#)** to share/show off what you are doing to help and honor the earth. How do you practice the 3 Rs? **[Recycle](#), [Reduce](#), [Reuse](#)**- maybe you make jewelry, sculpture or other original objets d'art from what you've found or could have thrown away. Maybe you repurpose old clothes or accessories into fashion statements. Bring samples of your everyday trash pick-ups and build a trash monster at on your tabletop. Does your family have special earth-friendly habits or traditions? Meet your neighbors who have established a Kid's Tree Club, another who have a Family Hiking Club. Maybe you want to start a birding or fishing club. Set up a table with materials to make terrariums, insect collectors, birdhouses, etc. Consider it the science project you always thought should win a prize- maybe it will!

**[Earth Day 2013's](#)** theme is the "Face of Climate Change." You can learn more about that online at [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) and find great ideas for Tabletops.

For more ideas or questions, and if you need to borrow a table  
to set up your display contact Hope Mays at 404-697-2129  
hopemays@aol.com

**MUNICIPAL COURT FINES** – You may view Municipal Court fines at  
<http://www.mountainparkgov.com/city-forms/forms/municipal-court?download=128:municipal-court-fee-schedule>

**Leak Adjustment Policy** – The Council for the City of Mountain Park has a Leak Adjustment Policy. The Leak Adjustment Request Form is available at City Hall as well as on the website.

**Detecting Water Leaks** – The homeowner is responsible for the waterlines which extend from the meter to the home. If a leak is detected in this area, the owner should contact a plumber for repairs.

#### **Two Hour Leak Test**

Check your meter and write down the reading. During a two hour time frame; make sure that no one is using water in the home. If you have an icemaker; make sure it is turned off. Wait two hours, go back and read the meter again. If the numbers have changed at all, you have a leak and you may need a plumber to make the repairs

**Leaking Toilet** - Place a few drops of food coloring into the tank of the toilet. **DO NOT FLUSH!!!** If the color shows in the bowl of the toilet within 30 minutes, you have a leak.

#### **Basic Lawn Care**

- Set blade higher on lawn mower. This reduces stress to the grass and helps develop a drought and pest resistant root system.
- Use electric powered lawn equipment instead of gas powered whenever possible.
- Try not to seed a lawn on a steep slope or in an area that does not drain well. Sod across the slope to protect the soil from erosion and runoff.
- Return grass clippings to the lawn whenever possible. They provide a valuable source of nitrogen for the grass. Recycling grass clippings should consist primarily of leaf blades which decompose quickly.
- Do not leave clippings on the pavement where they can wash into a water source.

Please find more information at <http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com/html/727.htm>.