

December Newsletter 2019



Mayor's Message



I think we skipped Fall this year because winter is definitely here! We are just around the corner from a new year and a new city council that in January will be sworn in. Get to know your representatives and let them know what you think we need to focus on in the next four years.

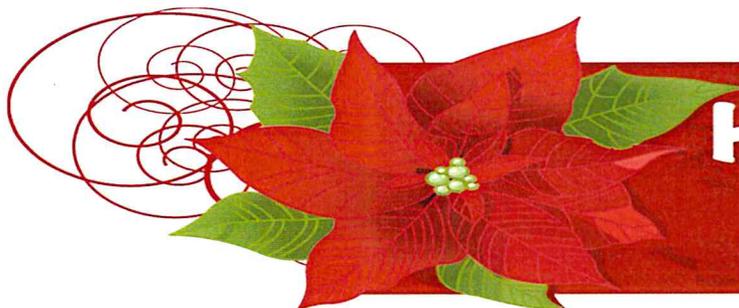
I would like to commend the Civic Club for their Veterans Program and all the things they do for our community. Also I would like to thank Dave, Bethany and all the folks that helped make the Sunday music concerts so much fun and successful. I look forward to next year when we can start them back up again.

Don't forget about the MPVFR "Santa Run" coming up this month, so sign up for delivery of presents on December 14th. I also would like to invite each resident to attend our Annual Dinner and Lighting of the Christmas tree immediately following the potluck dinner that the Civic Club is hosting on December 8th. So bring your family and favorite dish to share as we usher in the holiday season together and please be safe if you are traveling for the holidays.

The Holidays are an important time to embrace your family and enjoy the time you get to spend together. Things change quickly in our lives and we don't want to miss golden opportunities that will never present themselves again.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all,

Jim Still, Mayor



**Happy
Holidays**

Civic Club News

Potluck Dinner and Christmas Tree Lighting:

All of Mountain Park is invited to a Holiday Potluck Dinner on Sunday, December 8th at 5pm at the Community Building. The Christmas Tree Lighting will follow between 6 and 6:30pm.

Civic Club will provide a turkey and ham, please bring a side dish or appetizer to share. Please also consider bringing an unwrapped toy for the toy drive. Those interested in caroling can gather afterwards.

Christmas Toy Drive:

Please bring an unwrapped Christmas gift to the potluck dinner in support of the annual North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) Santa Shop. The gifts will be delivered to the NFCC Santa Shop drop off location in the name of the Mountain Park residents.

Help children in need, from infants to teenagers, have a happy Christmas through your donation of new toys, clothing, toiletries, jewelry or gift cards. Give generously!

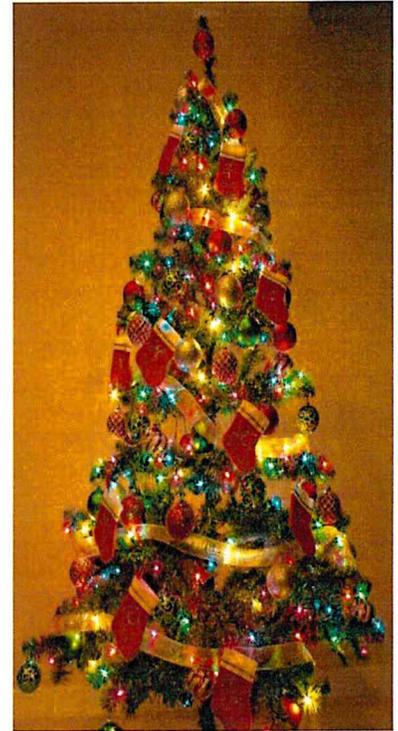
2020 Civic Club Officers:

Congratulations to our new officers of the Civic Club:

Co-Presidents - Bill and Sally Wiley

Vice President - Suzanne Close

Treasurer - Bob Montgomery



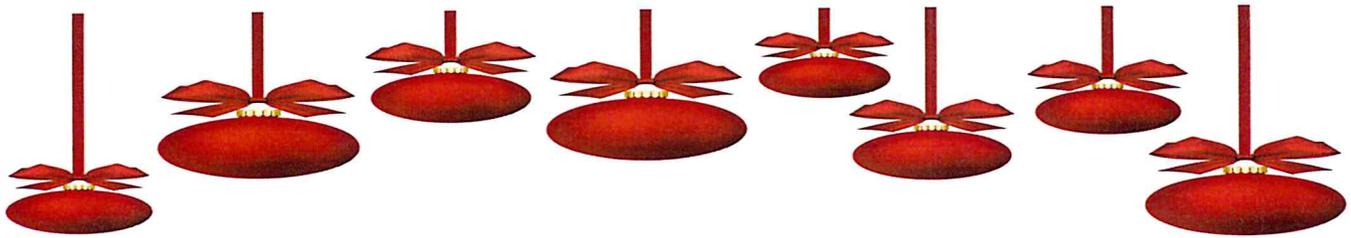
GOT LEAVES???

Again this year the Mountain Park Community Garden is requesting that bags of leaves (no branches, etc. please) be dropped at the Garden (Spruce St. at Mountain Park Rd across from Lake Cherful). There is a sign indicating where to put them. You can either leave the bags or empty them and reuse your bags. If you need them picked up, please call Mike at 404-944-0027.

MPVFR Announcements

1. Merry Christmas from MPVFR! Remember, Santa Run is right around the corner on 12/14. Emails should have already been sent out for registration, if you have not received yours, please let us know!
2. Burn Ban is still in effect. Please refrain from starting any outside fires other than those used for cooking.
3. With winter coming up very soon, we urge you to have your chimneys cleaned. There are many reasons to have your chimney cleaned, but by far the most important reason is the safety of your family. Regular chimney cleaning (especially if you use it frequently in the fall and winter) will ensure that it is not posing a health or safety risk to those inside your home.
 - a) Carbon Monoxide—A clean chimney will allow for the flow of this dangerous gas from out of your home to the outdoors where it can do no harm to you and your family.
 - b) Fire—Creosote is a byproduct of the smoke that billows through your chimney every time your fireplace is raging. Creosote build-up can actually catch fire. Chimney cleaning will rid your chimney of this dangerous hazard.
 - c) Efficiency—A clean and clear chimney will allow for more airflow and therefore stronger fires. This will warm your house better and lower your regular heating costs.





Know Your City Code

Sec. 62-145. - Littering prohibited.

- (a) No person shall throw, discharge, discard or otherwise cause to be deposited waste of any character into the streets, gutters, drains, walkways, alleys, rights-of-way, streams, lakes or impoundments or other property of the city.
- (b) Except as otherwise set forth in this code, no person shall maintain or accumulate on his property or discard on the property of another, waste of any character.

(Ord. No. 246-02, § 1, 2-25-2002)

Sec. 105-364. - Definitions.

[The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:]

"*Litter*" means any organic or inorganic waste material, rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, hulls, peelings, debris, grass, weeds, ashes, sand, gravel, slag, brickbats, metal, plastic, and glass containers, broken glass, dead animals or intentionally or unintentionally discarded materials of every kind and description which are not "waste" as such term is defined in O.C.G.A., § 16-7-51, paragraph 6.

"*Public or private property*" means the right of way of any road or highway; any body of water or watercourse or the shores or beaches thereof; any park, playground, building, refuge, or conservation or recreation area; timberlands or forests; and residential, commercial, industrial, or farm properties.

(Ord. No. 285-06, 1-23-2006)

Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2



Sec. 105-365. - Prohibition against littering public or private property or waters.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this city or any waters in this city unless:
 - (1) The property is designated by the state or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;
 - (2) The litter is placed into a receptacle or container installed on such property; or,
 - (3) The person is the owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, or has first obtained consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession, or unless the act is done under the personal direction of the owner or tenant, all in a manner consistent with the public welfare and all other applicable laws and ordinances.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when such property or waters is a construction site, construction site operators must control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality. "Control waste" means to properly contain and dispose of waste. Loose construction debris (e.g., packing materials, scraps of lumber, etc.) shall be promptly contained and removed from the site and properly disposed of.

(Ord. No. 285-06, 1-23-2006; [Ord. No. 327-18, § 1, 3-26-2018](#))

IMPORTANT DATES

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

December 7th.....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!

December 11th.....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.

Due to the MPVFR Santa Run utilizing the Community Building, the Work Session will take place in the Fire Department Bay on December 11th.

December 16th.....Regular Council @ 7pm

December 24th and 25th.....City Hall Closed

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.