



Reminders And Information November 2011

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

YARD WASTE

1. Yard waste placed in anything other than paper or plastic waste containers and not sealed or properly sized, weighed, bundled and bound will not be picked up.
2. No more than eight bags can be out for pickup, including normal waste container.
3. Twigs, grass clippings, pine straw, leaves, light yard waste should be sealed.
4. Branches, heavy brush, tree limbs must be 3 feet or less in length and less than 6 inches in diameter. They must be tied into bundles and not weigh more than 50 lbs.
5. These bundles must be stored out of sight from neighbors and street until 24 hours before normal waste pickup time.
6. The removal of brush, tree limbs and other yard waste larger than stated above is the responsibility of the homeowner.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day
December 3, 2011**

I would like to take this opportunity wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. We are blessed to live in a beautiful community with strong citizen involvement. I appreciate your attendance at the Meet the Candidates night. We will elect 3 new members to City Council this month. The City is fortunate to have citizens that are willing to serve as leaders for our community. I hope to see you at Council Meetings and the Mountain Park Art Show.

Sincerely,
Jim Still

Council Meetings – Because of the Holidays, meeting dates will deviate from the normal schedule for November and December.

Work Session – Monday, November 21 & Monday, December 19

Council- Monday, November 28 & Wednesday, December 21.

November Holidays- City Hall will be closed Friday, November 11, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY INFO

Thanksgiving Week - Service will be Friday 11/25

Christmas and New Years- Service will be on regular day.

Be sure to have containers out the night before or by 6 a.m. as routes normally run ahead of schedule.

Join the Clean Water Campaign

<http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com/>

The mission of the Clean Water Campaign is to educate the general public about the sources of water pollution due to stormwater runoff, and its negative effects on our water supply, recreational opportunities, aquatic ecosystems and quality of life. The Campaign encourages the protection of our lakes and streams by showing residents and businesses how to reduce the impact of those activities that lead to stormwater runoff, nonpoint source pollution and polluted runoff.

Fulton County Animal Ordinance

The City of Mountain Park has a contract with Fulton County Animal Control (404)-794-0358.

Here are some highlights from the ordinance.

1. Dogs and Cats over 4 months old must be licensed and vaccinated.
2. A tag and collar must be worn by the dog/cat at all times.
3. No more than 3 animals are allowed at each residence.
4. Dogs must be on a leash in public areas or when off the premise of their owner.
5. The Leash may not be more than 6 feet long and must be controlled by a competent person.
6. Dogs must be confined to the premise of the owner or other person having custody of the dog by a fence, wall or other enclosure, or restrained by a leash.

The Code Compliance Officer for the City of Mountain Park will issue a citation to dog owners whose dogs are found to be off their leashes in public areas.

Utilities Payments- Please remember Utility bills are due on the first of each month. If you have your check sent from the bank, please have it processed 5-7 business days before the due date.

City Dumpster

As a service to our residents, the City of Mountain Park provides a dumpster on the first Saturday of every month. This is a first come, first serve basis. In order to ensure that it is available to all please adhere to the following guidelines:

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
4. There is a Metal Recycler onsite to take scrap metal
5. Resident is responsible for putting items in the dumpster.
6. **DO NOT DUMP ITEMS NEXT TO DUMPSTER** – You will be fined.

BEAUTIFUL FALL LEAVES

Mountain Park is in the middle of another beautiful display of fall leaf color. The colors are spectacular! In another 3-4 weeks, all the colorful leaves will have fallen to the ground and leaf cleanup will begin. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you gather up your fallen leaves.

1. Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. Your plants will love the compost as will Mother Nature.
2. Please do not place your leaves in the roadside ditches. The ditches are the storm water system serving the entire city and need to remain open and free of branches so they can carry storm runoff away. Please keep your driveway culverts clear and flowing as well. Report blocked storm drains, culverts, and ditches to City Hall at 770-993-4231.
3. If composting is not an option, please bag the leaves and bring them to the dumpster by the pool the first Saturday of each month.

How to Winterize Your Rain Barrel

To prolong the life of your rain barrel, it is necessary to winterize it in places where the temperature regularly drops below freezing and stays below freezing for long periods at a time. If water remains in the rain barrel during these periods of cold, it will freeze, expand, and crack the rain barrel.

In warmer regions where the low temperature is rarely below 35 degrees, winterizing is not necessary. If you do plan to water year-round, whether containers, vegetables, or cool-season bedding plants, keeping the rain barrel functioning is useful. If you do not plan to water during the winter, you can save wear and tear on the rain barrel by winterizing it.

3 Easy Steps to Winterize

- Disconnect the downspout from the rain barrel, and re-connect a downspout extension to the main downspout to funnel water away from the foundation of the house.
- Empty the rain barrel.
- Flip the rain barrel upside-down and store it outside, or, if you have room, move the rain barrel into a garage or basement.