



Reminders And Information February 2012

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.

Sec 54-104 – 136 Business License

Many residents in the City of Mountain Park have Home Businesses. If you have ...

1. A corporation registered with the Secretary of State with a Mountain Park Address
2. A DBA registered with the Superior Court with a Mountain Park address
3. A Website with a Mountain Park address

Your business is required to register with the City for a Business License and pay Occupation Taxes on January 1 of each year and is delinquent if not registered and paid by January 31 of each year.

If a business does not file by this date Penalties shall be 100 percent of the payment due, plus accrued interest of 1.5 percent per month of the total due. If a business is found to be in non-compliance by the Code Compliance Officer, the court, may issue a fine in an amount not exceeding \$5,000.00 or imprisoned not exceeding 15 days imprisonment, either or both, in the discretion of the municipal judge.

Any person who may engage in casual or isolated activity and commercial transactions, where they involve personal assets only and are not the principal occupation of the individual, shall not require a business license. Projects involving less than \$500.00 shall not require a business license. **In all cases it is up to the individual to ensure that he is in compliance with all requirements set forth in this Code.**

We are offering a grace period until March 1, 2012. At that time if you have not registered with the City, the business is in non-compliance and penalties will apply.

I am proud of the voter registration and voter participation in the City of Mountain Park. North Fulton County has an estimated 74000 inactive and estimated eligible voters. In an effort to remedy this, the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections has created the Voter Education and Outreach Program. As a result, you may now register to vote at City Hall. This is especially important to people who are nearing their 18th birthday and/or are new to our city. Please see more information in this newsletter. Let's keep our great record of 90% voter participation!

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

MOUNTAIN PARK ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

Please take note of the following deadlines if you wish to participate in the Mountain Park Energy Efficiency Project. These deadlines apply for residents that have not yet participated, and residents who have completed projects but not yet reached the \$3000.00 maximum rebate and wish to do another project.

April 30: Deadline to submit **Project Approval and Indemnification Form** for any work that you wish to undertake to be eligible for a rebate. Rebate funds are limited and if they are all expended before this date you **will not** be eligible to participate. Please don't wait until the last minute if you want to be sure to receive a rebate.

May 31: Deadline to **complete project and pass final inspection**. Please allow 1-2 weeks for an inspection to be completed, and additional time for a re-inspection if the project fails the first inspection.

If you wish to participate in the program and have **not yet** had an energy audit please contact Home Diagnostic Solutions **as soon as possible** at [770-822-3211](tel:770-822-3211) to schedule your audit. Please also complete your Georgia Energy Challenge at <http://www.georgiaenergychallenge.org> and forward the email confirming your energy savings pledge to mountainparkenergygrant@gmail.com. Completing the Georgia Energy Challenge is a requirement for any resident to receive benefits under this program, including the energy audit.

All of the step by step procedures and forms for participating in the project are on the front page of the website. Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Holiday Closings Before the Next Newsletter –
City Hall will be closed Monday, February 20, 2012.

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.

CALLING POST – Please turn this sheet in to City Hall to ensure that you receive calls from the Calling Post. The City and Fire Department use this system to alert residents of emergencies.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

VOTER REGISTRATION – You can now register to vote, and/ or update registration information at City Hall. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, go to www.sos.ga/MVP. **The deadline to register to vote in the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election on July 31, 2012 is Monday, July 2, 2012.**

Winter Storm Preparation Tips

1. Check your local weather for updates on the storm's expected time of arrival.
2. Check your supply of food and necessities (bread, bottled water, toilet paper). If you do not have a three day supply, plan a trip to the store.
3. Locate and test your flashlights to make sure they are in working order.
4. Locate matches, candles, extra batteries, oil lamps or battery-operated lanterns.
5. Locate your supply of salt or ice-melt. Place it next to your front door.
6. Charge your cell phones for maximum battery charge in case of a power outage.
7. Gather extra blankets, gloves, mittens, winter hats and scarves. Put them where they can easily be reached in case of an emergency.
8. Check your back up heat source and put it in a convenient place. (Kerosene heater, firewood, matches.) Make sure you have enough fuel.

If you are able to safely clear your driveway, area in front of your property, please do so as soon as possible. The City of Mountain Park will clear main roads as soon as possible. The severity of the road conditions may make it impossible to clear smaller streets. Please check for updates on the City website.

YOUR DITCHES ... OUR STORM WATER SYSTEM

The roads and streets of Mountain Park are lined by ditches which together form an extensive storm water system serving the entire city. Please do your part and help us maintain the City's ditches and keep them free flowing.

1. Include the ditches in the front of your house in your yard maintenance schedule. Keep them open to allow the free flow of water.
2. Keep all vegetation trimmed and pruned. This will help with drainage as well as keeping vegetation out of the City right of way.
3. **Please do not rake leaves into the ditches.** Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. Its Mother Nature's way of helping your plants fight the drought. If composting is not an option you can bag them and bring them to the dumpster by the pool the first Saturday of each month.
4. Keep your driveway culverts open and free flowing. Remove loose leaves from the ditch around your culvert openings. Fall and winter rain storms wash the leaves to the culvert opening and can block the free flow of water.
5. If your storm drains, culverts, or ditches are blocked please call City Hall for assistance in clearing them. 770-993-4231