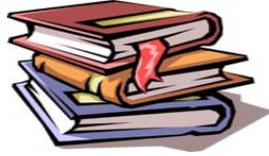




## Reminders And Information March 2013

### 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).

The City of Mountain Park follows the Fulton County Ordinances for leash laws.

1. Dog owners may not allow dogs to leave their property unleashed.
2. The leash may not be more than six feet long.
3. The leash must be in control of a competent person.
4. Dogs must be restrained to owner's property by fence, wall or other enclosure.
5. It is unlawful to tether a dog.

**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.** If you have a complaint about a dog off leash, please take pictures if possible, and provide them with your complaint.

**MUNICIPAL COURT FINES** - Please see the newly adopted Municipal Court fines at <http://www.mountainparkgov.com/city-forms/forms/municipal-court>.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Carol Grace. She brings previous city experience with her and we are very happy she has joined us. Please feel free to drop by city hall to introduce yourself to Carol. We will resume e-mailing the utility bills to those of you that have requested to receive them in that form with the April billing. If you have any question as to whether we have your correct e-mail address, please e-mail us at [utilitybilling@mountainpark-ga.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainpark-ga.gov). With spring just around the corner, don't forget this month we will spring ahead so set your clocks one hour later before retiring for the night on Saturday, March 9. Also, please be mindful about leaving your pets outdoors unattended. Coyotes have been cited in the area. I look forward to seeing you at the Council Meeting this month.

Sincerely,  
Jim Still, Jr.

**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](http://www.sos.ga/MVP).

**Councilwoman Gladney Cooper has volunteered to manage the community building rentals. If you have any suggestions, please leave her a message at (770)645-1393.**

**DUMPSTER DAY - April 6, 2013**

**City Hall Hours** -City Hall is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p. m. except on Wednesday. Wednesday hours are from 9:00 until noon. We appreciate your respecting these hours.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, March 29.

**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.

**TREE CITY USA** - The City of Mountain Park has recently been given this distinction for the second year in a row through the **Arbor Day Foundation** through the work of former resident, Krystal Notter. Please visit their website at <http://www.arborday.org/> to learn more about the benefits of this designation. The site is a wealth of information on tree growth and care.

**FERTILIZER- Looking for ways to keep your yard green without polluting a stream?**

**Consider fertilizer options that are Earth friendly.**

Using too much fertilizer may affect water quality in your area. Nutrients from fertilizers—usually phosphates—enter rivers and streams and stimulate the growth of algae. Excessive algae growth harms oxygen levels in lakes and ponds, thus killing fish and other aquatic life.

To help avoid this problem, try the following suggestions:

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer.
- Test soil for nutrient levels.

- University of Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service county offices offer a residential soil-testing program; residents can submit a soil sample to be tested. - Independent laboratories also offer soil sampling.

• Use the tests to choose a fertilizer that adds only the needed nutrients. • Once vegetation is established, you can reduce the amount of nitrogen you apply.

• Choose a fertilizer with a slow-release form of nitrogen to reduce the potential leaching into groundwater, especially on sandy soils or to reduce loss from runoff• Do not apply fertilizer before heavy rain is forecasted. • Sweep up fertilizer that is spread out on sidewalks instead of using water to wash it off.

**Tip: If you are trying to have a greener lawn during the summer, then use iron (chelated iron or ferrous sulfate) instead of nitrogen.**