

# Mountain Park News October 2017

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**Time for fall and some cooler weather in "The Park". I'm looking forward the beautiful fall colors we enjoy every year starting about this time.**

**On another note, there has been some talk about what is happening next door in Cherokee County with the development that isn't in the City of Mountain Park. While we have no more jurisdiction in unincorporated Cherokee County than Woodstock has in the City of Mountain Park, City Hall has been diligent in our commitment to making sure that the conditions we submitted to the Cherokee County development department, when these plans were approved by them, continue to be upheld. All the "busy activity" of talking will not stop the unfortunate process we all have to endure so let's make sure that the complaints you have are legitimate ones. A number of developments are happening in Mountain Park and some of the truck activity you see is associated with that construction.**

**Also we are continuing the process of gathering the information to determine exactly how much money it will take from each tax paying household to repair our lakes and how much we are willing to spend. Having passionately discussed and exhausted all other "imaginative" approaches over many years, this is the one true test of exactly how much we can afford and are willing to do to restore the lakes. It will not be easy to decide who pays (top of the hill residents vs lakeside residents), how much money (\$5,000 or \$50,000 per household) and what to do if we don't agree to spend the money needed to accomplish this.**

**Attend the next council work session (tomorrow night) and let your elected officials answer your questions and know what you think we need and should do as a community.**

**Everyone have a fun and safe Halloween!**

**Jim Still**

**Curious about trash pickup? You can track trash/recycle holiday schedule at [wm.com](http://wm.com).**



## CITY HALL NEWS

October has finally brought the cooler weather, but sadly, not the rain. We are currently in a Level II drought response: [www.epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation](http://www.epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct. 18 Council Work Session, 7 pm: Citizen Participation is welcome.**

**Contact: [city.clerk@mountainpark-ga.gov](mailto:city.clerk@mountainpark-ga.gov) to be on work agenda**

**Oct. 23 Fulton Master Transit Plan Public Meeting at 6:30 pm**

**Oct. 23 Regular Council Meeting, 7 pm: agenda, [www.mountainpark-ga.gov](http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov)**

**Nov. 4 Dumpster Day: 8 am, pool parking lot, must show proof of residency.**

**Nov. 7 Mountain Park Municipal Election and Fulton County Commission Chair Election (Please note Fulton County voting will be open until 8pm)**



## KNOW YOUR CITY CODE

We are using this section of our newsletter to familiarize residents with content found in the official City Code book. For a full version of the City's Code, please visit [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com). For recent legislation, go to the city website [www.mountainpark-ga.gov](http://www.mountainpark-ga.gov)

The following tips relate to the Storm Water ordinance and help keep silt out of our lakes. The roads and streets of Mountain Park are lined by ditches which together form an extensive storm water system serving the entire city. As we enter the Fall Leaf season please do your part to help. **Please do not rake leaves into ditches!**



Include the ditches in the front of your house in your yard maintenance schedule. Keep them open to allow the free flow of water. Keep driveway culverts open and

free-flowing. 🍁 Remove loose leaves from the ditch around your culvert openings. Keep all vegetation trimmed and pruned. This will help with drainage as well as keep vegetation out of the City right of way. 🍁 Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. You may also bag them and bring them to the community garden (anytime, or call Mike at 404-944-0027, who will help you transport them there), or to the dumpster on the first Saturday of each month. 🍁 Please report blocked storm drains, culverts, and ditches to City Hall at 770-993-4231 or [utilitybilling@mountainpark-ga.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainpark-ga.gov)



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Leash Law** With the nice weather perfect for walking the dog(s), please remember we have a leash law and don't forget to bring a doggy bag to pick up after your pet. If you see a stray, please call city hall *before* calling Fulton County Animal Control. Usually the owner can be found without the city having to pay the county a service charge.

**Garbage & Recycling** An ordinance in Section 62-147 (on website) has been amended, specifying a set back from the street of at least 10 feet for receptacles on non- pick up days. **Also, please note that our recycling vendor no longer accepts glass, so please sort accordingly.**

An interesting and informational video on recycling is available on the web:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=k2E-u1G2WM8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=k2E-u1G2WM8)

**Citizen's Communication System (CCS)** If you have not submitted your contact information for Mountain Park's calling post and email list (used in case of a situation within the city or the surrounding area that could affect you) please stop by city hall or submit the form in last month's newsletter.

### THE GARDEN NEEDS YOUR LEAVES

If you bag your leaves, the Mountain Park Garden could use them for mulching over the winter. You can drop them by the Garden at the corner of Mountain Park Road at Spruce at the Cherokee County line - write your address on the bags and we'll get them back to you. OR call Mike at 404-944-0027 and we'll come pick them up from your house. Please - clean leaves, no branches, etc.

