



Reminders And Information August 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.

Outside Sales and Yard Sales

The City of Mountain Park now has an ordinance pertaining to Yard/Garage/Estate Sales. Here is a summary of Ordinance No. 307-11.

- Residents are limited to 3 Yard/Garage/Estate Sales per calendar year.
- Sales are limited to 3 consecutive days on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and to Mondays that fall on a legal holiday.
- Consignment Sales/Retail Sales are not permitted.
- A permit is required from the City. The fee is \$10.00 and includes a parking permit. Permit must be posted on property.
- Up to five 18"x 24" signs may be posted on city right of way as long as the signs do not obstruct traffic flow or visibility.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day is
Sept 10**

On November 8, we will hold a general election for the city. Please consider being a candidate for one of our open government positions. The City of Mountain Park will elect three members to our five member council and a Mayor. The commitment is a four year term with two meetings a month, the third Wednesday and fourth Monday of each month. Please come forward and be a part of our future government. The qualifying dates and voter registration information are included in this newsletter.

Jim Still

Qualifying For Elections

8/29/11 is the earliest day for a candidate to qualify for the General Election on November 8, 2011. **The last day to qualify is 8/31/11.** City Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the days of the qualification period, with one hour allowed for a lunch break. Qualification fees will be \$27.00 for City Council candidates, \$35.00 for mayoral candidates.

Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote in the General Election on November 8, 2011 is 10/11/11.

Please go to the Cherokee County Elections website at <http://voter.cherokeega.com/registration.cfm> for more details.

MOUNTAIN PARK ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Neighbors,

Just a reminder the Mountain Park Energy Efficiency Project has less than a year to go before it expires. More than 25 of your neighbors have increased the comfort and energy efficiency of their homes by:

- Upgrading their air conditioning and heating systems
- Insulating attics, walls, and floors
- Appliance upgrades with new energy efficient models
- Weatherizing their homes

Up to half the cost of these improvements (up to \$3,000) is paid by the City's rebate program. Your savings will continue long into the future with lower monthly energy bills. You can also benefit from Cobb EMC's 36 month interest-free financing program, which funds projects that closely mirror our program www.cobbemc.com. *This project, program or service is funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in cooperation with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority"*

CITY HALL IS CLOSED SEPTEMBER 5 for Labor Day

Pool Hours August to September

August 1-15 – 11 am to 8 pm

August 15-31 - Weekdays 4 pm – 8 pm, Weekends 11-8 p.m.

8 am to 9:30 pm *MORE HOURS TO SWIM PASS MEMBERS* Swim at your own Risk

September 1– 2 4pm to 8pm

September 3, 4, 5 – Labor Day Weekend 11am to 8 pm

Pool closes Monday, Sept 5, 2011 at 8 p.m.

MARKET ON THE GREEN- Please join us on Saturday, August 13 from 4:00 to 8:00. Featured products include Produce, Royal Red and Gulf Shrimp and Crab Cakes, Honey, Jams, Breads, Jewelry and more. Contact cristinapackham@yahoo.com if you would like to participate or for more info.

DUMPSTER DAY INFORMATION

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

What you can do to get involved in our lakes and streams

Water quality in our lakes and streams is directly affected by many of our activities at home and at work. Identifying practices that reduce the discharge of pollutants into our rivers, lakes and streams is important to preserving our habitat. Become more directly involved in keeping our waters clean by practicing a few simple habits.

Keep your ditches free of debris and never dispose of pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, and solvents in your yard or ditches

Maintain your Septic tank and field line. Have the tank and field line inspected every 5 years for signs of seepage and wear.

Reduce the amount you water your garden and lawn. Stop watering once the water begins to run off. Install native plants....creating a woodland habitat. The birds will thank you. Don't forget to mulch your plants and garden.

Adopt-A-Stream.

Participating in activities such as Adopt-A-Stream projects to monitor and cleanup streams not only teaches a "hands on lesson", but benefits the community as well. Stream cleanups, monitoring and visual stream surveys are just some of the activities that Adopt-A-Stream has to offer. Start an "Adopt-a -Stream" program in Mountain Park.

Utility Payments - In order to avoid a late fee -If your payment is drafted from your bank account, please make sure to schedule it so that City Hall receives your payment by the first of the month. Thank you.

SIREN TEST – There is a Siren Test the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon.

Water Leaks - As a courtesy to our customers, the City may notify customers of a suspected leak. A customer is obligated to keep all pipes and plumbing on his side of the meter in good working order. Once water has passed through the meter, it is the customer's responsibility. Upon the customer having any reason to suspect a leak, the customer is obligated to act immediately to repair the leak. If a leak adjustment is requested, the customer has a minimum of 30 days, but no more than 60 days after the discovery to repair the leak and request adjustment of the bill.

City of Mountain Park Utilities Appeals Process

- Customers may qualify for Appeals due to: high usage due to defective meter, leak, Undue hardship, late fees, incorrect meter reading, etc. If Appeals fall within Leak Adjustment Policy or One Late Fee Removal per year, they are adjusted by City Hall. All others must appear before Council at Work Session, normally the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Customer contacts City Hall to appear before the Council at Work Session.
- Account is put on Appeals Status and is exempt from late fees until decision by the Council.
- Customer is asked to pay their average amount until decision is made by Council.
- City Hall will notify customer with date and time of meeting.
- City Hall will provide Council with Account History and Notes.
- Customer must appear at Work Session Meeting.
- Customer must provide support documentation if applicable.
- Council will report decisions to City Hall.
- Adjustments may include payment plan, late fees forgiven, Adjust to average rate, Reduce rate to lower tier, or any other adjustment decided by the Council.
- City Hall makes adjustment to Account and notifies customer of decision by the Council.