

# *August Newsletter 2019*

## Mayor's Message



Another summer is coming to a close with Labor Day weekend only a month away and some schools already back in session. As always I think it was a great summer in the Park and with the improvements to the community building patio and the Green it was even more so this year. Once again I'd like to thank the Ketchum's and others for volunteering year after year to bring us the very best 4<sup>th</sup> of July show around and we appreciate them. I'd also like to thank the Mountain Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Roswell Police for keeping everyone safe and happy.

I'd like to thank our volunteer of the year Robert De La Salle who did an outstanding job with "The Green" and Linda Dixon for her work with the selling and finishing touches around the new bricks by the patio. Thanks also to John McLaughlin for project managing the making of the patio & bricks a reality for our community.

I have served this community as an elected official for 16 years and am deeply honored by your trust & support during that time. I know that I may not have always made what some would consider the right decisions but I have always made what I thought was the best decision for the community as a whole. We have come a long way since I first moved here in 2001 and have seen the good and bad that have taken place both in and around our community. We still have some work to do that is very important to the viability of our community such as the Service Delivery Strategy agreement with Cherokee county, the resolution of the Beazer homes project, disposition of the future MPVFR and the negotiations for 911, Fire/Police service with Roswell. With the upcoming elections I am asking for your continued support to serve my final four years as your Mayor. I believe working with your duly elected city council members that in the next four years we can bring these tasks to a close for the betterment of Mountain Park and I can finally say that it is okay to retire. I thank each one of you for your help and support in making this community what I consider to be the "Best Kept Secret in North Fulton".

Respectfully,

Jim Still  
Mayor

## Are you interested in running for office in the City of Mountain Park?

This year there are 4 council seats open and the mayor seat open for election. If you are interested in running for any of these openings you will need to come to City Hall on the dates listed below in order to qualify. The fee to run for a council seat is \$27 and the fee to run for the mayor seat is \$35.

### ELECTION QUALIFYING DATES

**August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm**

**August 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 12pm**



### Sec. 2.11. - Qualifications of office.

No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilman unless such person shall have attained the age of 21 at the beginning of the term of office and unless such person shall have been a resident of the city for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of such person's election and shall continue to reside therein during the term of office and shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of Mountain Park. Neither the mayor nor any councilman shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city.

## Civic Club News

Civic Club Coffee with Your Neighbors, to be held on August 17th at 9:30am in the civic building. Please join us for coffee, biscuits, and cinnamon rolls to meet your neighbors. All are welcome!

The 2019 Directory is almost ready to print. Directories will be \$5 and are currently available for pre-order. Please submit your money and form at City Hall or at any Civic Club meeting or event. Directories for those that pre-ordered are expected to be delivered by the end of September.

The Civic Club is selling t-shirts with the beautiful Cover Art on the Directory (by Sarah Schloss, Gisela's daughter). They will be \$15 each and delivered with the directories at the end of September. If you'd like to order one, please include that on your directory order form. Please contact [civicclubmp@gmail.com](mailto:civicclubmp@gmail.com) with any questions.



# **Know Your City Code**

## **Chapter 42 - PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL**

#### **Sec. 42-9. - Posting signs.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to affix any bill, sign or notice on any tree, building or fixture in any of the parks or on any city property. It shall be unlawful for any person to place any paper, books, refuse or trash of any kind in any of the public parks or on any city property, except in containers provided for such.

## **Chapter 58 - TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

### **ARTICLE III. - TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, SIGNALS, DEVICES**

#### **Sec. 58-81. - Obedience to traffic signs, signals and markings.**

All traffic shall obey and be directed by official traffic control signals, signs and markings erected at street intersections and other locations now or hereafter approved by the mayor and council.

#### **Sec. 58-83. - Speed limits generally.**

(a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle or tractor upon any of the streets and highways of the city at a greater speed than is reasonable and proper having regard to the width, traffic and use thereof, or so as to endanger the property or life or limb of any person.

(b) Twenty-five miles per hour shall be the maximum speed limit on all roads and streets or portions thereof within the city unless otherwise indicated by officially posted signs designating the maximum vehicular speed upon those streets as approved by the mayor and city council.

As we are in the midst of one of our storm seasons, I would like to urge folks to take the time to look at how prepared they are to care for themselves and for their families, should power, water, electricity or roadway access be interrupted. Many people are either unprepared or under-prepared for an event that may limit their access to food, to water, to shelter or to be able to get access in or out of their homes. Downed trees and power lines, ice events, or even simple power outages become a serious problem without a little preparation.



Non-perishable foods and drinking water stored for such events are just a couple of things to have around to get you through an event. Also flashlights, batteries, AM/FM radios and even toilet paper are excellent to have ready when storms hit. The list could go on and on, but take the time to think about what you need to carry on daily life.



If you or one of your family needs electricity for aides to daily life, like oxygen concentrators, consider getting a generator to run such things when the power goes out. Refrigerators, obviously, cannot run without electricity, either. Mountain Park is often susceptible to frequent power outages, due to our tree cover. Our steep roadways become very slick, even treacherous, when snow and ice cover them. If a generator is on your wish list, please make sure to have a certified electrician assist you in selection and installation, if you are going to connect it to your home's electrical system. Improper installations put you, first responders and power company employees in danger of electrocution.

Get a weather radio, if you don't have one already. Knowing the storm is coming is half the battle, when it comes to being ready. Have a plan for what you are going to do when weather arrives. Have safe areas planned for taking shelter in a storm. When it arrives is the wrong time to develop a plan of action!

With that in mind, I recommend visiting [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) to help you plan for such events. There, you will find guides for what to have ready in case disaster strikes.

In all, be safe, and here is to a safer and more comfortable season!

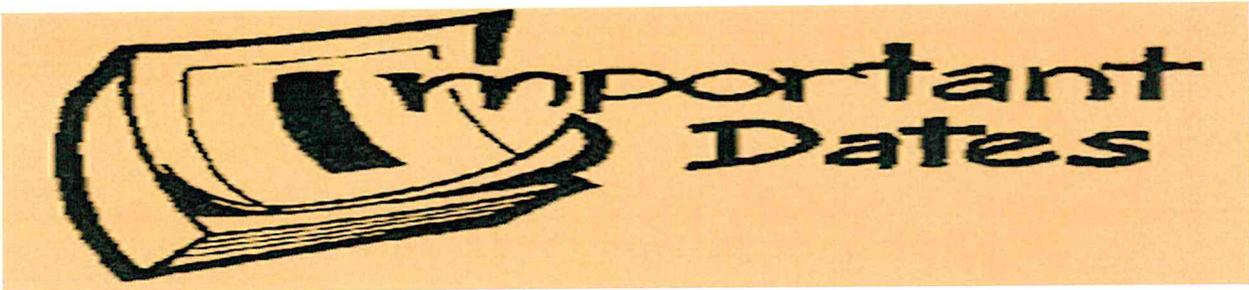
James Dame  
Interim Fire Chief and Director of Public Safety

**THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

**This is a great way to serve your community and a rewarding experience.**

**Contact: [MPVFR@mpvfr.org](mailto:MPVFR@mpvfr.org).**





August 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Dumpster Day

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.

*Please note that this is a service provided by Waste Pro as a courtesy and the City of Mountain Park does not have any control over what time they arrive/depart or the rate which the dumpster fills and the amount it can hold. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!*

August 21<sup>st</sup> .....Work Session @ 7pm  
**FOR CITY COUNCIL:** Citizen participation is welcome – Please give advance notice if you wish to be added to the agenda.

August 26<sup>th</sup> .....Regular Council @ 7pm

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

Water bills are due by the last day of every month. Please use the drop box at City Hall or pay online at [https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign\\_in](https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in). Payments received on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month or later will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

Trash and recycle pick-up is now on Wednesday. Please ensure you put your cans out the night before or by 6am on Wednesday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Waste Pro has been out doing pick-ups in the evening as late as 8pm.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us about issues with the new trash service. We are asking for everyone’s patience during this time of transition in our service. Waste Pro is extremely committed to getting this perfected for the city and the manager has personally been out to make sure things get taken care of for us. If your trash or recycling is still not picked up on Thursday morning please contact City Hall Thursday morning by phone at 770-993-4231 or email the city at [utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com).

# WELCOME TO WASTE PRO



Wasteprousa.com |  @ Waste\_Pro\_USA

Please contact the City with any questions:  
770-993-4231 or Waste Pro 770-777-1447

95 Gallon carts for trash and 65 gallon carts for recycle will be distributed for use. Please place your carts at curbside on collection day before 6:00am or the night before.

Please place only bagged trash in your waste cart. Recycle items accepted are listed below:



Starting July 3, 2019 Waste Pro will proudly begin providing curbside solid waste & recycle collection services for the City of Mountain Park. Collection day is Wednesday; weekly for trash and recycling.



## RECYCLABLES:

- Books, Office Paper, Junk Mail, Magazines, Newspapers, paper bags, etc.
- Aluminum and metal containers
- Pizza boxes and cardboard (Flatten all boxes)
- Plastic containers #1-#7

## NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



- Food Waste
- Food Containers
- Food Utensils
- Glass containers
- Plastic wrap
- Containers with Wax Coating
- Medical Waste (i.e. Needles)
- Restroom Waste
- Styrofoam
- Plastic grocery bags



# 2019 Mountain Park Civic Club Order Form

## Directory and T-Shirts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Directory Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size(s):

\_\_\_\_ S    \_\_\_\_ M    \_\_\_\_ L    \_\_\_\_ XL    \_\_\_\_ XXL    \_\_\_\_ 3XL

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:    Cash    or    Check (to Mountain Park Civic Club)

\*Directories and t-shirts are estimated to be delivered around the end of September\*

Shirt Style/Color:



Back Image

(front pocket area will say "Mountain Park, Georgia"):

