

Mountain Park News January 2017

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mountain Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue for another successful year for Santa's Run. I also want to thank Tommy and Joanna Smith for feeding the volunteers throughout the day. And, of course, a BIG thank you to Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves! Also, thanks go to Linda Dixon, Lonette Davis, and Nancy Singer for putting on the annual Christmas Dinner. As we head into winter, please be aware of impending inclement weather and check your email for city updates as needed. If



you have not signed up for these emails please contact city hall. Everyone be safe.

Jim Still – Mayor

CITY NEWS

**“Ice on bridges freezes first.”
Ice on lakes is never strong**

enough to walk on!

Please be aware that new fishing and boating licenses will need to be obtained for 2017 in order to put boats on and lines in the water... available at City Hall or online.

Also, it's time to renew your business license!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 14** **Dumpster Day, must show proof of residency,
Rescheduled from Jan. 7 due to inclement weather**
- Jan. 16** **City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Holiday**
- Jan. 18** **Regular Trash pick-up, one day delay due to MLK holiday schedule**
- Jan. 18** **Variance, Public Hearing, 6:30 pm**
Council Work Session, 7 pm: Citizen Participation is welcome.
Contact: city.clerk@mountainpark-ga.gov to be on work agenda
- Jan. 23** **Regular Council Meeting, 7 pm: agenda, www.mountainpark-ga.gov**



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. For recent legislation, go to the city website www.mountainpark-ga.gov

Section 54-125 Businesses Required Information

All businesses and practitioners doing business within the city shall provide to the city clerk (or a designated officer) of the city:

- (1) The address of any location or office maintained by such business or practitioner within the city;
- (2) A description of the business or types of business conducted or occupation or profession performed at all such locations; and
- (3) The payment of any business or occupation tax or regulatory fee to any other city, county or state.

The City of Mountain Park requires Home Businesses to obtain a business license each year. This is due by January 31, 2017. If you have your business registered with another city or have discontinued this business please provide documentation by January 31, 2017.

A Home Business License is required when:

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.**

If you had a business license with the City last year, an application will be mailed to you. If you have a home business and it was not registered last year, please do so by January 31, 2017 deadline.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Leash Law--we have one, follow it! Pet Waste Bags--please use them.

Garbage & Recycling—No more glass, please.

CCS: CITIZENS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

In an effort by City Hall to enhance the communication with the citizens of Mountain Park, we continue to update and expand our Citizens Communication System (CCS).

This system utilizes calling post and email contact information to be used in case of a situation within the city of Mountain Park or the surrounding area that could affect you. These situations could be anything from a temporary water outage to a more severe condition such as a tornado. We are asking all citizens to provide a current cell phone number if possible and a current email address for notification of the conditions and/or instructions for assuring your safety and awareness.

The request for a cell phone number is because in the case of a power outage most home phones or computers will not function. If you do not have a cell phone then a regular home phone is acceptable. Please select your phone contact information carefully as we can only send one telephone notification per household** (we must have an address). You may include up to three email addresses.

Please stop by city hall to complete a form or update any information you may have given in the past.

SAVE THE DATE!



Anyone wanting to help plan Mountain Park's Annual Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, may contact Sarah Buehrle at 770-688-5579, sbuehrle@hotmail.com. Requests have been made for environmental-related arts, crafts and products in addition to activities and displays, so pass the word (and plan your own booth!)