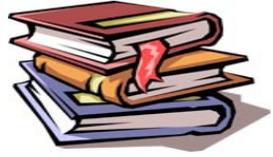




Reminders And Information September 2017

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.

Article IV. Vegetation. – Weeds, grasses, plants other than trees, bushes, flowers, vegetables or other ornamental Plants higher than 12 inches are considered a nuisance. It is the owner, or tenant's responsibility to manage and/or maintain yard grasses.

If this code is violated the owner will have 7 days from the receipt of notice from the City to remedy the problem. The City may notify the owner/tenant through registered mail or by posting notice on the front door of the property. If the problem is not corrected within 7 days, the City may have the work performed and send a bill to the owner of the property. Payment is due to the City no less than 15 days after work is done but no later than 45 days. If payment is not reimbursed to the City after 45 days, a court summons will be issued.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Days are
October 7, 2017
November 4, 2017**

September is upon us and I am sure everyone is looking forward to being back in school and the cooler temps just around the corner. Congratulations to those four individuals that have "tossed their hats in the ring" and are running for the two open seats on city council. Serving your community in this capacity can be very rewarding and very enlightening to say the least. Please feel free to contact the candidates and find out their positions on matters that interest or concern you the most about Mountain Park. Let them know what's important for them to be prepared to address once in office.

I would like to thank Gisela Schloss-Birkholz for continuing to act as the liaison for the city with the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge. We are looking forward to an ongoing milkweed crop in our community to promote the growth of the monarch population. Also, in the next few months we will be starting some of the TSPLOST projects in our town to improve storm water runoff. The project information will be posted to our website, as well as updates in our work sessions and council meetings.

Jim Still - Mayor

Code Compliance Issues – If you have an issue that you would like addressed by our Code Compliance Officer, please contact City Hall and they will convey the information to the Officer. Complaints are typically handled in the order in which they are received. Safety issues take precedence over other complaints and are investigated as soon as possible. It is the City's policy to encourage voluntary code compliance by providing the opportunity for compliance.

This is generally less expensive, more satisfactory, and more lasting than involuntary compliance. However, when voluntary compliance is not obtained, a citation will be issued.

Animal Control For Dogs and Cats

The City of Mountain Park follows Fulton County Animal Ordinance.

- Dogs and Cats must be vaccinated.
- Dogs must be confined to premises of the owner or custodian by fence, wall or other enclosure or restrained by a leash.
- Dogs not on the premises of the owner must be kept on a leash of not more than 6 feet long and must be under the control of a competent person.
- Cats are not subject to the leash law.
- If Cats are a nuisance, Fulton County will pick them up if they are confined in a cage.

Code Compliance is diligent in following up on Animal Control complaints. We appreciate your cooperation. The fine schedule for non-compliance with leash law is 1st Offense \$100, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$200.

REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Illicit discharges are nonstormwater discharges that are not allowed under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Sanitary wastewater, car wash wastewaters, improper oil or radiator flushing disposal, laundry wastewaters, and improper disposal of auto and household toxics are examples of illicit discharges that can be the source of pollution to Mountain Park stormwater drainage system and local streams. Mountain Park staff members are trained to recognize and report these discharges to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for enforcement action. You can help too by reporting these types of discharges to the City of Mountain Park. You can report discharges through our website, mountainparkgov.com and choose from the quick links on the right side of the first page.

Utility Payments - In order to avoid a late fee -If your payment is drafted from your bank account, please schedule it for 7 days before the due date. The date you schedule it is the date the bank processes it and mails it to us. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE PAYMENT BY THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH.** Please see <http://mountainparkgov.com/departments/administration/68-emergency-utility-payments> to make an emergency payment.

No account shall be allowed to hold a balance greater than the amount of the deposit. If your account exceeds the deposit, you will be notified in writing and given ten (10) business days to comply. If there is a second time within a 12 month period, you will be required to increase your deposit by \$100.00.

Also, please remember City Hall is not responsible for mail service. Please call if you fail to receive a bill by the 10th of each month and we will get one to you. Payments placed in the drop box must be in the box by 9AM on the 2nd of each month or they are considered late and will have a \$25 penalty assessment.

Tree Removal Requests – No trees may be removed without approval by the City Arborist. The Tree Removal Request form is available on the website at mountainparkgov.com or at City Hall.

Ditches - The City of Mountain Park encourages residents to maintain their property to the road. It is very important to our stormwater management system that ditches are kept clear of yard waste, debris.

Level II Drought Information

- Outdoor watering is limited to a maximum of two days a week and only between before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.
 - Odd addresses on Sundays and Thursdays;
 - Even addresses and houses with no numbers on Wednesdays and Saturdays;
 - [Please refer to this site for more information](#)
- Lake Lanier on August 15, 2016: 1066.37
- Lake Lanier on January 1, 2017: 1060.47
- Lake Lanier on August 15, 2017: 1065.7
 - In other words, the lake fell by about 6 feet over the course of the last 5 months of 2016. But has rebounded more than 5.5 feet since the beginning of the year.
 - The lake is still over 5' feet low.
- Rainfall since January 1, 2017: 37.7 inches
- Rainfall in all of 2016: 33.47 inches
 - The Atlanta area received more rainfall in the first eight months of 2017 than all of 2016 combined.
- Water conservation is a critical component to protecting the region's water supply. More information on how to conserve can be found [here](#).



Cherokee County
Elections and Registration
770-479-0407



November 7, 2017

General Municipal/Special Election Information

City of Canton – City of Mountain Park – City of Woodstock

Countywide SPLOST (Reimposition of Special Local Option Sales & Use Tax)

Voter Registration Deadline – Tuesday, October 10

Early Voting

Monday through Friday, October 16 - 27

All City and County voters may vote in person at:
400 East Main Street - Canton, GA 30114

Voting Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Advance Voting

Monday through Friday, October 30 – November 3

All City and County voters may vote in person at:

400 East Main Street - Canton, GA 30114

OR

Woodstock Public Library

7735 Main Street – Woodstock, GA 30188

Voting Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Election Day

7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

All county precinct polling locations open.

City of Mountain Park – Community Center

City of Woodstock -- Woodstock Public Library for General Municipal Election,

but City of Woodstock voters must go to their regular county Election Day precinct polling locations for countywide Special Election (SPLOST)

City of Canton--vote in City and County Elections at your regular county Election Day precinct polling location

For Vote by Mail Applications & Sample Ballots

Visit Our Website:

<http://voter.cherokeega.com>

To check your voter information, visit My Voter Page:

<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>