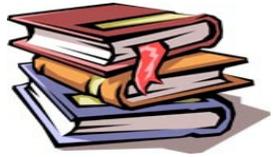




Reminders And Information February 2015

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.



SEC. 42-47. Fishing

No person may fish in either of the lakes without a city-issued permit and State fishing license. No person shall place in the lakes a trot line, seine, net, electrical device, dynamite or other substance or device declared to be illegal by the State Game and Fish Division.
(Code 1982, § 4-3-7; Ord. No. 185-A-96, §2, 6-17-1996)

SEC. 42-48. Hunting

No person shall hunt on or from the waters of any lake in this city and the lakes of this city are hereby designated as a refuge for waterfowl of every kind and description.
(Code 1982, § 4-3-8)

*The next DUMPSTER DAY
will be **MARCH 7, 2015***

Message from the Mayor:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this is the time of the year when inclement weather can surprise us, just like last year. Please take extreme caution when you go out if there is the potential for snow and/or ice in the forecast. I would recommend that you have a safety bag in your vehicle with some essential items (water, blanket, etc.) just in case you become stranded. I believe the City of Mountain Park learned some valuable lessons last year and we are better prepared to deal with anything Mother Nature may have in store for us this winter. Watch out for your elderly neighbors and your pets because bad weather can affect them the most.

Stay warm,

Jim Still, Mayor

Office Closing:

February 16, 2015 - City Hall will be closed for President's Day.



Upcoming Events:

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The 2nd Annual Mountain Park Craft Beer Festival

When: June 13, 2015

Time: Noon-6pm

Where: The Green



The City of Mountain Park is excited to announce that preparation for the **2nd Annual Craft Beer Festival** is officially underway! We will have live music, food trucks, arts and craft vendors, kids play zone with plenty of craft beer for everyone to sample. We are expecting an even larger crowd than last year!

There will be another contest this year for the logo design. **IF YOUR DESIGN IS USED AS THE LOGO, you will receive TWO (2) FREE VIP tickets to the Beer Festival, set to take place on June 13, 2015 from 12pm-6pm. That is a \$140 value!** The deadline for the contest entry will be March 9, 2015. The winner will be contacted by phone or email, so upon submitting your entry, please include the best contact information in case you win!

****MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER IN ORDER TO CONSUME ALCOHOL ****

We are really enthusiastic about this event and need to start planning now!

*****PLEASE NOTE: We will need a substantial amount of *SERIOUS* volunteers this year. We are projecting that a much larger crowd than last year will be present, so we are asking for you or anyone you may know, to volunteer.**

Each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt and free admission to the festival. If you would like more information on volunteering, or would like to go ahead and sign up for one of the two shifts, please give us a call at 770-993-4231 or you can email us at beerfest@mountainpark-ga.gov.

Volunteers are crucial in making sure this event operates smoothly and efficiently. The festival is in dire need of people to help make this year just as fun as last year!!! We learned a lot last year on how things will operate even better this year, and are really enthusiastic to share with you over the next few months all the exciting news and updates as they come along.

There will be updates on our Facebook page with exciting new details as they emerge and also updates the Beer Festival website within the next few days.

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mountain-Park-Beer-Festival/174399252740186>

Check out our website at: www.mountainparkbeerfestival.com



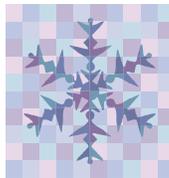
Business License Renewal:

The deadline to renew your business license is March 1, 2015. If we do not receive your application prior to the deadline, you will be charged a penalty. Please make sure to come by City Hall or send your application by mail to us in order to avoid any additional fees.

SIREN TEST – There is a Siren Test the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon. We are served by Cherokee and Fulton Counties, so you may hear 2 sirens.



VOTER REGISTRATION – You can now register to vote, and/ or update registration information at City Hall. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, go to www.sos.ga/MVP.



Winter Storm Preparation Tips

1. Check your local weather for updates on the storm’s expected time of arrival.
2. Check your supply of food and necessities (bread, bottled water, toilet paper). If you do not have a three day supply, plan a trip to the store.
3. Locate and test your flashlights to make sure they are in working order.
4. Locate matches, candles, extra batteries, oil lamps or battery-operated lanterns.
5. Locate your supply of salt or ice-melt. Place it next to your front door.
6. Charge your cell phones for maximum battery charge in case of a power outage.
7. Gather extra blankets, gloves, mittens, winter hats and scarves. Put them where they can easily be reached in case of an emergency.
8. Check your back up heat source and put it in a convenient place. (Kerosene heater, firewood, matches.) Make sure you have enough fuel.

If you are able to safely clear your driveway, area in front of your property, please do so as soon as possible. The City of Mountain Park will clear main roads as soon as possible. The severity of the road conditions may make it impossible to clear smaller streets. Please check for updates on the City website.

YOUR DITCHES ... OUR STORM WATER SYSTEM

The roads and streets of Mountain Park are lined by ditches which together form an extensive storm water system serving the entire city. Please do your part and help us maintain the City's ditches and keep them free flowing.

1. Include the ditches in the front of your house in your yard maintenance schedule. Keep them open to allow the free flow of water.
2. Keep all vegetation trimmed and pruned. This will help with drainage as well as keeping vegetation out of the City right of way.
3. **Please do not rake leaves into the ditches.** Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. It's Mother Nature's way of helping your plants fight the drought. If composting is not an option, you can bag them and bring them to the dumpster by the pool the first Saturday of each month. March 7th will be the next dumpster day!
4. Keep your driveway culverts open and free-flowing. Remove loose leaves from the ditch around your culvert openings. Fall and winter rain storms wash the leaves to the culvert opening and can block the free flow of water.
5. If your storm drains, culverts, or ditches are blocked please call City Hall for assistance in clearing them. 770-993-4231

UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Utility rates have increased for Water usage. The rates have increased by \$0.25 per gallon. You will notice a slight increase on your next bill. Here are the current water rates. Sewage rates will remain the same!

Water

0 – 2500 gallons	\$14.10
2501 – 4500 gallons	\$.01210 per gallon
4501 – 8500 gallons	\$.01910 per gallon

Sewer

0 – 4000 gallons	\$28.00
4000 up	\$12.50/1000 gallons

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Civic Club now meets the 4th Tuesday of each month!