



Reminders And Information March 2012

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.

The City of Mountain Park follows the Fulton County Ordinances for leash laws.

1. Dog owners may not allow dogs to leave their property unleashed.
2. The leash may not be more than six feet long.
3. The leash must be in control of a competent person.
4. Dogs must be restrained to owner's property by fence, wall or other enclosure.
5. It is unlawful to tether a dog.

The Code Compliance Officer for the City of Mountain Park will issue a citation to dog owners whose dogs are found to be off their leashes in public areas. If you have a complaint about a dog off leash, please take pictures if possible, and provide them with your complaint.

MUNICIPAL COURT FINES - Please see the newly adopted Municipal Court fines at the end of the Newsletter

As we usher in another spring season to our city, we have several important events to note. Our new Council Members have just received training from the Carl Vinson Institute at the University of Georgia. State Senator John Albers will lead a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, March 11, 2012 in the Community Building. Our city has just been named a Tree City USA. We would like to thank Krystal Notter in accomplishing this for the city. Phase I of our swimming pool renovation, funded through a Community Development Grant is almost complete. I look forward to seeing you at the Council Meeting this month.

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

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. **The deadline to register to vote in the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election on July 31, 2012 is Monday, July 2, 2012.**

DUMPSTER DAY - April 7

City Hall Hours -City Hall is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p. m. except on Wednesday. Wednesday hours are from 9:00 until noon. We appreciate your respecting these hours.

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.

Town Hall Meeting – State Senator John Albers will host a meeting on March 11 at 1:00 in the Community Building. Please see the link at <http://www.120politics.com/2012/02/sen-albers-hosts-town-hall-meeting-series/>.

MOUNTAIN PARK ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT - Please take note of the following deadlines if you wish to participate in the Mountain Park Energy Efficiency Project. These deadlines apply for residents that have not yet participated, and residents who have completed projects but not yet reached the \$3000.00 maximum rebate and wish to do another project. ***There is approximately \$12000 in unallocated funds available for this grant.***

April 30: Deadline to submit **Project Approval and Indemnification Form** for any work that you wish to undertake to be eligible for a rebate.

May 31: Deadline to **complete project and pass final inspection.** Please allow 1-2 weeks for an inspection to be completed, and additional time for a re-inspection if the project fails the first inspection.

If you wish to participate in the program and have **not yet** had an energy audit please contact Home Diagnostic Solutions **as soon as possible** at [770-822-3211](tel:770-822-3211) to schedule your audit. Please also complete your Georgia Energy Challenge at <http://www.georgiaenergychallenge.org> and forward the email confirming your energy savings pledge to mountainparkenergygrant@gmail.com. Completing the Georgia Energy Challenge is a requirement for any resident to receive benefits under this program, including the energy audit. All of the step by step procedures and forms for participating in the project are on the front page of the website. Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

TREE CITY USA - The City of Mountain Park has recently been given this distinction through the **Arbor Day Foundation** through the work of resident, Krystal Notter. Please visit their website at <http://www.arborday.org/> to learn more about the benefits of this designation. The site is a wealth of information on tree growth and care.

FERTILIZER- Looking for ways to keep your yard green without polluting a stream? Consider fertilizer options that are Earth friendly.

Using too much fertilizer may affect water quality in your area. Nutrients from fertilizers—usually phosphates—enter rivers and streams and stimulate the growth of algae. Excessive algae growth harms oxygen levels in lakes and ponds, thus killing fish and other aquatic life.

To help avoid this problem, try the following suggestions:

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer.
- Test soil for nutrient levels.

- University of Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service county offices offer a residential soil-testing program; residents can submit a soil sample to be tested. - Independent laboratories also offer soil sampling.

• Use the tests to choose a fertilizer that adds only the needed nutrients. • Once vegetation is established, you can reduce the amount of nitrogen you apply.

• Choose a fertilizer with a slow-release form of nitrogen to reduce the potential leaching into groundwater, especially on sandy soils or to reduce loss from runoff. • Do not apply fertilizer before heavy rain is forecasted. • Sweep up fertilizer that is spread out on sidewalks instead of using water to wash it off.

Tip: If you are trying to have a greener lawn during the summer, then use iron (chelated iron or ferrous sulfate) instead of nitrogen.

City of Mountain Park Municipal Court Fee Schedule

City of Mountain Park Municipal Court Fee Schedule Violation Description	Must Appear	Amount	Code
Illegal Burning	Y	150	30-35 (252-02)
Litter Public/Private Properties	N	110	105-365 (285-06)
Pollution of Public Water	N	150	105-365 (285-06)
Obstruct Street/Sidewalk/Alleys	N	110	50-7
Noises Detrimental to Public Health	N	110	113-42 (214A-97)
Buildings Unkempt/Endangering	Y	195	101-113 (218-99)
Abandoned Vehicle	N	110	113-112 (9-1-14 (b))
Illegal Connection	Y	150	62-40 (246-02)
Dogs At Large/Unattended/Off Leash	N	1ST 100 2ND 150 3RD 200	Fulton County 34-205 (6) (D)
Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited	N	110	42-6 (4-3-11)
Unlawful Dumping	N	195	105-365 (285-06)
Parking: Unpaved Surface	N	50	58-125 (3)
Parking City Right-Of-Way	N	1ST 25 2ND 50 3RD 100	58-125 (4)
Dogs Vaccination/License Tags Required	N	110	Fulton County 6-31 (9-3-23(a))
Vicious Dogs	Y	250	Fulton County 34-205 (6) (d)
Illicit Discharge	Y	1000 (according to code)	105-307 (282-05)
Permit Required Fishing	N	1ST 30 2ND 60 3RD 90	42-47 (185-A-96)
Permit Required Boating	N	1ST 30 2ND 60 3RD 90	42-71 (93A-96)
No Motorized Boat Lake Garrett	N	110	42-75 (297-08)