



## Reminders And Information September 2013

### 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](http://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. City may notify the owner/tenant through registered mail or by posting notice on the front door of the property. If 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 not reimbursed to the City after 45 days, a court summons will be issued.

#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

**Next Dumpster Day is  
October 5, 2013**

We appreciate your input in your community. Please consider participation in organizations; such as the Mountain Park Clean & Beautiful Club, Mountain Park Improvement Club, and Mountain Park Watershed Preservation Society. Please take the first step in keeping our community beautiful by adopting your street and ditches from becoming overgrown and not working properly. The City of Mountain Park thrives on community spirit and involvement.

Sincerely,

Jim Still

### 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](http://mountainparkgov.com) and choose from the quick links on the right side of the first page.

**POOL CLOSING-** The Pool closes for the season on September 8th. It is open from 11-8 Labor Day weekend, 4- 8 September 3rd through the 6<sup>th</sup> and 11-8 September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. See you next year!

## **ELECTION INFORMATION**

Incumbents, Don Carlson and Scott Mills have filed for re-election and as there is no opposition, we can congratulate them on continuing to do their best for the City of Mountain Park residents for another four year term.

**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](http://mountainparkgov.com) or at City Hall.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Offense \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$200.

**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 FIRST 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.

## **CITY HALL HOURS**

As the pool season is now coming to a close, effective September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, City Hall will once again close at noon on Wednesdays. The rest of the week City Hall hours are 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

**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.

## **Water Leaks**

“A ‘running’ toilet can waste two gallons of water per minute. Here is a good example; say you had a running toilet that was leaking 2 gallons of water a minute for two weeks; 2 gallons x 14 days x 24 hours x 60 minutes = 40,320 gallons of wasted water. Now how about for 4 weeks or one month; 2 gallons x 30 days x 24 hours x 60 minutes = 86,400 gallons of wasted water. OUCH!

Please visit <http://mountainparkgov.com/public-works/utilities/75-high-water-usage> for possible reasons for high water usage.

Please visit <http://www.watersmart.net/conserves/indoor> to learn ways to conserve water usage.

## **THE LOVE BUG HAS ARRIVED IN MOUNTAIN PARK!!!!**

**Our City Clerk, Karen Segars, has been bitten by the “love bug” and is now engaged to be married on December 21, 2013. We are all very excited for her and wish she and her fiancé, Ed “Tag” Bridges, many, many happy years together. Congratulations to you both!!!!**