



September Newsletter 2019

Mayor's Message



With summer coming to a close and Labor Day weekend fast approaching, look for announcements of some fall food and entertainment in the works for The Park. Dave and his crew are working on having musical entertainment with different themes during the cooler weather.

Congratulations to the newly elected city councilmembers for 2020.

Because we had the exact numbers of persons qualify for the open seats we will not have to have an election in November.

The following persons will be serving on council for the next four years starting in January:

Mark Murphy (currently on council), Carol Silver

The following persons will be serving on council for the next two years starting in January:

Linda Dixon, Lloyd Hendricks

The two year terms will help the city re-establish the balance of having only 3 open seats per every two year election cycle. Again I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community as your Mayor and look forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the coming four years.

Stop in to City Hall and say hello to our new Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Zalokar, and let her know how she's doing.

With school back in session please keep an eye out for kids around schools and bus stops. I want to wish you all a colorful fall season.

Jim Still
Mayor

Civic Club News

The next Civic Club Meeting is September 10th at 7pm at the Community Building. All are welcome.

Orders for the Civic Club Directory, and Civic Club shirts are due on September 10th. Please turn in forms to city hall or 124 Cardinal Drive. Email civicclubmp@gmail.com with any questions. The order form is at the end of the newsletter.

Save the date for the upcoming Civic Club Fall Barn Dance on the evening of October 26th. More information to follow.

New City Resolution Passed

On Monday August 26th the City Council passed a resolution urging all residents to reduce and eliminate using any single-use plastics in their home and daily life. In 2018 the city recycled 142 tons of trash which is fantastic, but unfortunately the market for all plastic recycling is shrinking. This means it is more important than ever to reduce the amount of single-use plastics we utilize each day. Here are some examples of single-use plastics and ways to reduce their use:



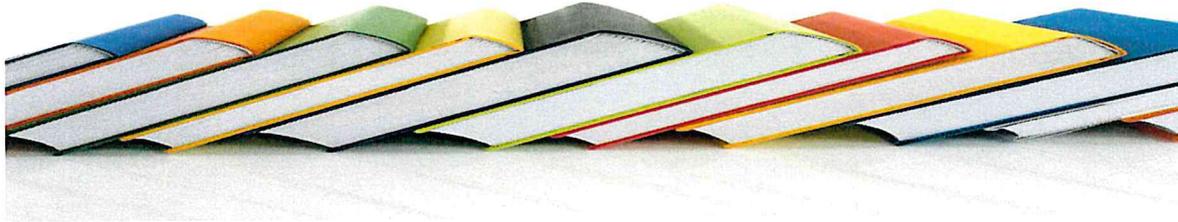
- PLASTIC STRAWS AND STIRRERS – Don't use straws/stirrers or carry reusable straws/stirrers with you when you go out.
 - PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES – Carry a refillable water bottle and use a water filtration system or filtration container for your tap water.
 - PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS – Bring reusable cloth bags when you do your grocery shopping.
 - PLASTIC FOOD WRAPPERS AND FOOD BAGS – Use parchment/wax paper, reusable lids for bowls and reusable containers to store food in.
 - PLASTIC FORKS, SPOONS AND KNIVES – Use regular silverware at home and carry a reusable cutlery set when you go out.
- PLASTIC COFFEE CUP LIDS – Carry a reusable coffee cup that can be refilled at your local coffee shop.
 - STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC TAKE OUT CONTAINERS – Bring a reusable container with you when you go out to eat.

THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

This is a great way to serve your community and a rewarding experience.

Contact: MPVFR@mpvfr.org.





Know Your City Code

REMINDER-Saturday and Sunday there are no loud noises allowed before 9AM!

Sec. 113-42. - General prohibition.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise that unreasonably or unnecessarily annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others in the city. (Ord No. 214A-97, § 2, 4-21-1997)

Sec. 113-45. - Enumeration.

The acts contained in this article, among others, shall constitute a violation of this article; but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive.

(1) ***Air conditioners.*** The maintenance of any refrigeration machinery or air conditioning, consisting of air compressors or rotating or reciprocating machinery, in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary shall be a violation of this article.

(2) ***Construction or repairing of buildings.*** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, drilling, or demolition work on weekdays between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., such that the sound therefrom creates a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary, except for emergency work of public service utilities or by special variance. No home construction shall be allowed on Saturday or Sunday except for construction between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

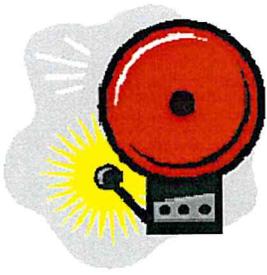
Cross reference — Buildings and building regulations, [ch. 101](#).

(3) ***Domestic animals.*** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or keeping an animal to allow that animal to continuously (exceeding 15 minutes in duration, or greater than five minutes between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.) or repeatedly (consisting of 15 minutes over the course of one hour) howl, bark, whine or make other loud noises plainly audible from inside any adjacent or nearby residential structure owned by any person other than the animal owner.

Cross reference — Animals, [ch. 6](#).

(4) ***Domestic power tools.*** It shall be a violation of this article to operate or permit the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawnmower, or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or on Saturday or Sunday before the hour of 9:00 a.m.





(5) **Emergency signaling devices.** It shall be a violation of this article for any person to intentionally sound or permit the sounding outdoors of any fire, burglar, or civil defense alarm, siren, whistle, or similar stationary emergency signaling device, except for emergency purposes or for testing. Testing of a stationary emergency signaling device shall occur at the same time of day each time such a test is performed, but not before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. Any such testing shall use only the minimum cycle test time. In no case shall such test time exceed 60 seconds. Testing of the complete emergency signaling system, including the functioning of the signaling and the personnel response to the

signaling device, shall not occur before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. In no case shall such test exceed ten minutes. Further, it shall be unlawful to sound or permit the sounding of any exterior burglar or fire alarm or any motor vehicle burglar alarm unless such alarm is automatically terminated within two minutes of activation.

(6) **Horns; signaling devices.** It shall be unlawful to sound any horn or other auditory signaling device on or in any motor vehicle on any public right-of-way or public space, except as a warning of danger.

(7) **Explosives, firearms, or similar devices.** It shall be unlawful for any person to use or fire any explosives, firearms, or similar devices which create impulsive sound so as to cause a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right-of-way, without first obtaining a special variance.

Cross reference— Fire prevention and protection, [ch. 30](#).

(8) **Loading; unloading; opening boxes.** It shall be unlawful for any person to load, unload, open or close boxes, crates, containers, building materials, garbage cans, or similar objects between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

(9) **Loudspeakers; amplifiers.** It shall be unlawful for any person to use, operate, or permit the operation of any loudspeaker, public address system, mobile sound vehicle or similar device amplifying sound therefrom on a public right-of-way or public space for any commercial purpose. Further, it shall be unlawful to use, operate, or permit for any noncommercial purposes any loudspeaker, public address system, mobile sound vehicle, or similar device between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.

(10) **Powered model vehicles.** The operation of, or permitting the operation of, a powered model vehicle so as to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary in a public space between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends, shall be a violation of the provisions of this article.

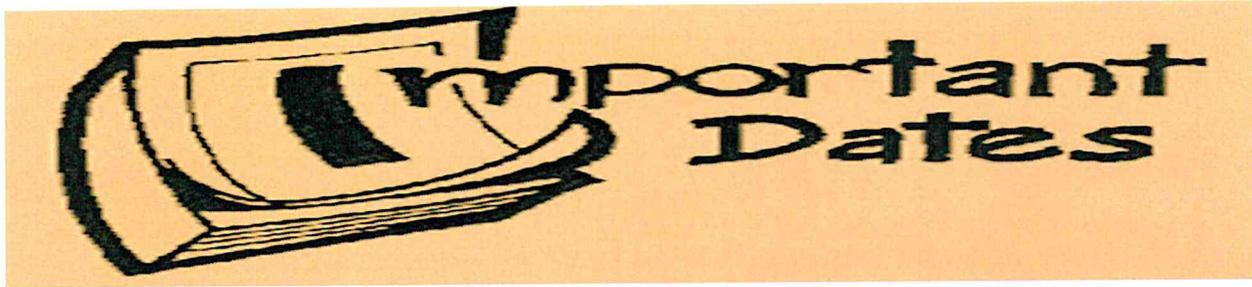
(11) **Radios phonographs, musical instruments and similar devices.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, play, or permit the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph,

drum, musical instrument, or similar device: a. Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary, except as allowed by permit issued by the mayor and city council; or b. In such a manner as to create a continuing noise disturbance at 50 feet from such device, when operated in or on a motor vehicle on a public right-of-way or public space.

(12) **Vehicle repair in residential areas.** The repairing, rebuilding, or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor bicycle or motorboat in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary in any residential district.

Cross reference— Traffic and vehicles, [ch. 58](#)





September 2nd(Labor Day).....City Hall Closed

September 4th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

September 7th.....Dumpster Day

- 1. Must provide proof of residence in the City of Mountain Park.
- 2. ONE TRUCKLOAD OR TRAILER LOAD PER RESIDENCE.
- 3. All yard debris must be cut into 3 feet sections or less.

Please note that this is a service provided by Waste Pro as a courtesy and the City of Mountain Park does not have any control over what time they arrive/depart or the rate which the dumpster fills and the amount it can hold. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

September 18th.....Work Session @ 7pm

FOR CITY COUNCIL: Citizen participation is welcome – Please give advance notice if you wish to be added to the agenda by contacting City Hall.

September 23rd.....Regular Council @ 7pm

****REMINDER****

Water bills are due by the last day of every month. Please use the drop box at City Hall or pay online at https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in. Payments received on the 1st of the month or later will be assessed a \$25 late fee. Paypal payments are no longer an option for paying your utility bill.

****REMINDER****

Trash and recycle pick-up is now on Wednesday. Please ensure you put your cans out the night before or by 6am on Wednesday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Waste Pro has been out doing pick-ups in the evening as late as 7pm.

Water Billing Policy

Dear residents:

We have decided to update our policy and procedures regarding the monthly utility bills. The new policy comes with updates that are both beneficial to the residents of Mountain Park and City Hall for making sure that all utility bills are paid on time to avoid interruption. **Paypal will no longer be an option to pay your utility bill.** Please note that if you are ever unable to pay your water bill on time that you can give us a call at City Hall to set up payment arrangements. The only time a person will be denied a payment arrangement is if they've ever faulted on an arrangement with Mountain Park in the past. Please be advised of the following changes:

1. The City of Mountain Park utility billing department will begin sending out warning letters to residents that are **30 days past due** on their water bill.
2. Upon receipt of this notice, residents will have **15 (fifteen) days to pay the past due amount.** We must receive cash or check in our office or a payment made through Munibilling Online in order to avoid interruption. https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in
3. In the event of service disconnect, we will require the **entire balance** on the customer's account **to be paid in full plus a \$50 reconnect fee** in order to have service restored.
4. Payments for utility bills are due in our office **no later than the last day** of each month in order to **avoid a \$25 late fee** on your next month's bill.

Please note: During the winter months, please remember to leave your faucets dripping any time the temperatures drop into the teens and single digits to help avoid the possibility of pipes bursting or freezing.

If you ever have a question regarding your monthly statement for your utility bill, or would like to set up payment arrangements, please do not hesitate to call our office at 770-993-4231 or email at utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com.

2019 Mountain Park Civic Club Order Form

Directory and T-Shirts

Name: _____

Address: _____

Directory Quantity: _____ x \$5.00 each = _____

T-Shirt Quantity: _____ x \$15.00 each = _____

T-Shirt Size(s):

____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ 3XL

Total Enclosed: _____

Circle One: Cash or Check (to Mountain Park Civic Club)

Directories and t-shirts are estimated to be delivered around the end of September

Shirt Style/Color:



Back Image

(front pocket area will say "Mountain Park, Georgia"):

