



June 2021 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Well I think summer is all but here with the temperatures close to the 90's as I write this. Last month was a busy month for the community with a number of things happening both good and bad.

I know a lot of people saw the posting on Nextdoor about the deer that was fatally hit by a car and had to be euthanized. It was a very sad moment and a telling commentary on how fast people cut through Mountain Park. I want to thank Shane Boehne, wildlife technician with DNR, for his calm and professional manner in dealing with the circumstances. Also I want to thank Debby & Will Kolbrener, Claire Johnson and Cherokee County resident, David for their assistance while removing the doe from the lake and directing traffic during this time. I plan to ask for extra "Stop Sign" enforcement from the Fulton County Sheriff's office in hopes this will curtail the amount of cut through traffic and speed people drive in our community.

On the 16th I had the honor of opening the Crossover ceremony on The Green for my buddy and neighbor Nick Read's troop. It was great to see the future of our country in a group of young kids that already know the rewards of achievement.

After meeting with the VP of Land Development for Beazer Homes, Tal Harber, we have agreed to work together for a remedy of the siltation in Lake Cherful. Although the exact method of removal is still in question, he has agreed that working together by investing money into a solution is far better spending it on legal fees and more debatable engineering studies which I appreciate. We continue working out the details and I will keep you posted.

Negotiations with Roswell regarding fire protection are ongoing and details regarding the IGA between Roswell and Fulton County Sheriff's office are being finalized. Roswell has assured us that during these negotiations that they will respond without hesitation to any calls that are "a threat to life or property" in Mountain Park.

With the pandemic finally slowing down and the opportunity to get back out to safely be around each other increases, we are working on a Fall Oktoberfest festival with the support of Hofbrau Brewing and General Wholesale Distributors. Me and a committee (Bob & Elisabeth Inacker, Gisela, Hans & Heidi Striedinger) met on the 19th with representatives from Hofbrau & General Wholesale and continue to communicate regarding the date and details. We greatly appreciate their sponsorship of this event and I will keep you updated on our progress.

In times of uncertainty and difficulty, I think it is most important to continue doing things as a community and not lose sight of what makes us who we are. I want to thank the folks that get out and continue to engage us with their activities & their presence that show us we are still that community. Thanks to the leaders/members of the Community Garden, Mountain Park Civic Club and MPVFR for your continued involvement with the city of Mountain Park. I would also like to thank the city staff members for their extra efforts this past year during what has been the most challenging period (pandemic, public safety, zoom meetings, etc.) in our history. The seas are not completely calm but I believe we have weathered the worst of the storms.

Have a great summer and we'll see you around The Park.

Jim Still, Mayor

MOUNTAIN PARK NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK!

If you have not already done this very important survey please go in today to complete it. You have until Sunday June 6th.

Georgia cities are required to update their Comprehensive Plans every five years, and in 2021, an update is due for Mountain Park's plan. This moment offers us the opportunity to look beyond day-to-day operations and consider where we want our city to be in five years - and what it will take to get there. We hope you'll help us craft a vision for Mountain Park's future.

The survey on this site is intended to solicit your feedback related to the elements of Mountain Park's comprehensive plan that we are in the process of updating. Taking this survey will help us identify how our city's needs have evolved over the past five years, and it will help us develop a vision for the next five years.

Here is the link to access the survey: <https://publicinput.com/MountainPark>



City of Mountain Park
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Public Engagement Survey, Part 1 of 2

MAY 10, 2021 - JUNE 6, 2021
Access the Survey at <https://publicinput.com/MountainPark>

Or Scan this QR Code



Civic Club News

Mountain Park Community Food Pantry: The Mountain Park Community Food Pantry (which we started in early December of 2020) was closed on May 11th due to a marked decline in usage. We donated the remaining food to the North Fulton Charities Food Pantry. Thank you to all of you who generously donated food during a long hard COVID Winter.

The Big 4 “Ps” Clean-up Project: Playground, Pool Area, Picnic Area, & “Pits” (Horseshoe). The Civic Club took on cleaning up and starting to up-grade these areas last Saturday morning (May 22). Watch for announcements for future workdays and come help us make these areas more “user friendly” and pleasant.

Pool Opening Party May 29th: FREE ALL DAY ADMISSION FOR MOUNTAIN PARK RESIDENTS.

From Noon -2pm we will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, snacks, and cold beverages at a minimal price. We are planning some games for the kids.

We are bringing back our popular “Get to Know Your Neighbors Saturday Morning Coffee” June 12th on the Patio at the Community Bldg. 9:30-11:00 (outside) If it is raining at that time, it will be postponed to June 26th. Coffee, tea, juice and some other yummy treats like home-made cinnamon rolls, sausage biscuits and fruit will be served.

Mountain Park Pooch Parade will be one of the events during the Fourth of July Celebration (Suzanne Close and Kelly Dorsey can give you the details.)

In Mid-July (when we are hoping we will be able to gather indoors again) we are looking forward to Mary Packard’s Bird Program.

Civic Club Meeting
June 8th, 2021 at 7:00pm
Community Building

Masks are required and room is set up for social distancing.

If you wish to attend by Zoom, please contact Sally Wiley by text at (404)406-8753 with your name and email address no later than 6:00 pm on day of the meeting. The link will be sent out right before the meeting opens at 7:00pm.

Code Enforcement in Mountain Park

City of Mountain Park and National Fishing and Boating Week!

The National Fishing and Boating Week is a national celebration of fishing and boating, and a great reason to get out on the water and experience the joys of boating and fishing. The City of Mountain Park, with its two treasured lakes - Lake Cherful and Lake Garrett – is a wonderful place to fish and boat, so we are well positioned to celebrate fishing and boating with our fellow Americans across the country!

We have three ways to help you enjoy fishing and boating during this special week:

1) Licensing and permitting: June 5th and 12th are FREE Fishing and Boating Days.

- a. Fishing. The State of Georgia has set two FREE fishing days (no license required) on Saturday, June 5th and Saturday, June 12th, 2021. Since the City of Mountain Park requires that adults (over the age of 16) have a State of Georgia fishing license in order for its city-issued fishing permit, the city has elected to waive the requirement for a fishing permit on June 5th and June 12th. So these two days will be FREE fishing days as far as a city-issued fishing permit is concerned.
- b. Boating. June 5th and June 12th, 2021 are also designated as FREE boating days, as far as a City of Mountain Park boating permit is concerned.
- c. All other rules and ordinances will be followed. For fishing these include: artificial lures only (no live bait), and catch-and-release only and for boating: No gas powered motors, period! No motorized boats, electrical or otherwise, on Lake Garrett. Electric motors are allowed on Lake Cherful (the lake with the ramp). The code reference (on our website) is Section 42.

2) FREE Fishing and Boating Clinic!

On Saturday June 5th at 10:00 a.m., at the Community Building next to City Hall, the City will conduct a live fishing and boating clinic. Kids (of all ages!) are welcome and encouraged to attend. Topics covered:

- 1) Species to target
- 2) Tips and tricks for catching fish in Lakes Garrett and Cherful
- 3) Tackle and techniques, including a casting clinic
- 4) Boating tips, especially safety
- 5) Key rules and regulations

3) Boating Safety

For boaters, please remember that when afloat please keep safety first and foremost. An excellent source of safe boating tips can be found on the website of the National Safe Boating Campaign at this link: [2021-nsbc-fact-sheet-sbc-boating-safety-tips.pdf](https://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/2021-nsbc-fact-sheet-sbc-boating-safety-tips.pdf)

What a great opportunity to be out on the water enjoying fishing and boating!

See you at the clinic and out on the lakes!

Officer Whit Engle, Code Enforcement



Know Your City Code



LITTERING

Mountain Park is unique for its wooded beauty and surrounding lakes. In order to keep our community's beauty the City of Mountain Park staff would like to remind you that it is unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw, leave, cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this city or any waters in this city. The litter and debris, including yard clippings, ends up in our streams and lakes. Please help keep our city clean!

Sec. 105-365. - Prohibition against littering public or private property or waters.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this city or any waters in this city unless:
- (1) The property is designated by the state or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;
 - (2) The litter is placed into a receptacle or container installed on such property; or,
 - (3) The person is the owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, or has first obtained consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession, or unless the act is done under the personal direction of the owner or tenant, all in a manner consistent with the public welfare and all other applicable laws and ordinances.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when such property or waters is a construction site, construction site operators must control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality. "Control waste" means to properly contain and dispose of waste. Loose construction debris (e.g., packing materials, scraps of lumber, etc.) shall be promptly contained and removed from the site and properly disposed of.



Sec. 105-366. - Vehicle loads causing litter.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle with a load on or in such vehicle unless the load on or in such vehicle is adequately secured to prevent the dropping or shifting of materials from such load onto the roadway. This shall require at a minimum covering any waste load with a tarp.

Sec. 105-369. - Penalties.

Any person who violates this article shall be guilty of a violation and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

- (1) By a fine of not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$1,000.00; and
- (2) In addition to the fine set out in subsection (1) above, the violator shall reimburse the city for the reasonable cost of removing the litter when the litter is or is ordered removed by the city; and
- (3) a. In the sound discretion of the court, the person may be directed to pick up and remove from any public street or highway or public right-of way for a distance not to exceed one mile any litter he has deposited and any and all litter deposited thereon by anyone else prior to the date of execution of sentence; or
b. In the sound discretion of the court, the person may be directed to pick up and remove any and all litter from any public property, private right-of-way, or with prior permission of the legal owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, any private property upon which it can be established by competent evidence that he has deposited litter. Pick up and removal shall include any and all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of execution of sentence; and,
- (4) The court may cause to be published, at the convicted violator's expense, the names of persons convicted of violating this article.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2nd.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

June 2nd.....City Court @ 7pm

June 5th.....Dumpster Day 7am-10am

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!

June 23rd.....Work Session @ 7pm

FOR CITY COUNCIL: Citizen Participation is welcome – Please give at least 24 hours advance notice if you wish to be added to the agenda by contacting City Hall.

June 28th..... Regular Council @ 7pm

UPDATE ON COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Mountain Park will now have audio recordings of work session and regular council meetings available on our website at www.mountainparkgov.com. We are working to have them posted 48 hours after the meeting occurs, but there may be times it could take longer. If you are unable to attend any meetings please visit our website to stay up to date on what is going on in the City. You can find the recordings on the home page under the posting of the agenda. You can also go the City publications tab, then to council minutes and you will see an audio folder there.

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.

REMINDER

Please ensure you put your cans out the night before after 6pm or by 7am on Wednesday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Please remove your cans from the curb by 8am on Thursday. No garbage will be taken that is left outside of the trash containers. No yard debris is allowed. If your trash or recycle pick-up is missed please contact City Hall Thursday morning before 12pm by calling 770-993-4231 or emailing utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com.

Attached is the list of what is acceptable to put into the recycle bins. If there are items in a recycle bin that are not acceptable the recycle bin will be dumped into the same truck with your trash.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS



Plastic Food Trays and Cups



Plastic Bottles and Jugs



Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers #1-#7



Rigid Plastics



Empty Aerosol Cans Lids Removed



Milk & Juice Cartons & Juice Boxes



Aluminum Cans, Foil & Trays



Metal Food Cans



Cereal & Food Boxes Flattened



Cardboard & Pizza Boxes Flattened



Magazines, Phone Books & Catalogs



Paperback Books



Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Paper Bags & Newspaper



Items that **ARE NOT** accepted for recycling:



- NO Glass
- NO Shredded Paper
- NO Pots & Pans
- NO Glassware
- NO Paper Plates or Cups
- NO Napkins or Paper Towels
- NO Plastic Cutlery
- NO Food
- NO Clamshells or Styrofoam
- NO Batteries or Light Bulbs
- NO Wire Hangers
- NO Ceramics



- Empty and rinse all containers.
- Plastic caps and lids are recyclable.
- These guidelines apply to all recycling collection containers except bag customers in the downtown district.
- SAVE and POST this information.



CHAIR YOGA with Julie

at the Mountain Park Civic Building

Join us for fun and flexibility

All ages and levels welcome

Mondays and Thursdays from 11A.M.-12P.M.

Zoom or in person

RSVP when possible 404.434.4030

Chairs provided, bring a mat

Donations

