



# August 2022 Newsletter



## Mayor's Message

The LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) negotiations between Fulton County and the cities of Fulton have begun. As expected, this will be a long and arduous process with several millions of dollars at stake. In the past negotiations the division has been based on population of unincorporated Fulton County vs population of the municipalities as percentages. Because all but approximately 4.9% of Fulton County is incorporated, the County is instead asking for a huge 35% which will be taken from the cities. This is the second largest revenue stream we have after property taxes and the loss of this revenue will require taxes to go up on ALL citizens of Fulton County. We have until December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to reach a settlement so contact your Fulton County commissioners and let them know how important this revenue is to our community.

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I let you know our great friend and true "Mountain Parker" Jeffery Johnson passed away recently due to an illness. Jeffery, along with his family, were a huge part of the community for as long as I have lived here. He will be remembered as a key part of the architectural design of many structures that he helped to build and design here in Mountain Park, along with how he hated English Ivy and any other invasive species of plants with a passion. I will recall him as a consistent fixture riding through town on his bike. We will miss him and will remember what a wonderful person he truly was.

Meetings are continuing for the upcoming Oktoberfest on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we plan to have an even better event than last year. More food options, items for purchase, games/entertainment and of course Hofbrau beer. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us.

Even though there are so many challenges in this world don't forget to enjoy these final days of summer before school starts back.

We will see you around the Park.

Jim Still – Mayor

"Maybe it's not too late to learn how to love and forget how to hate." John Michael Osbourne



# MPVFR MESSAGE



Recently we have had five people complete and pass the physical agility test. During the process of testing, we welcomed the department's new Captain, **Sean Graham** and our new EMS Training Officer and Logistics Manager, **Howard Goldberg**. We are very excited to have them join the MPVFR family. They both come to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and will be tremendous assets to both the department and the community. We also officially began the "Probie" phase for our two recruits **Elliot Robinson** and **Ben Davis**. We look forward to training them and getting them ready to serve the community greatly as we know they will!

Lastly, the MPVFR's EMS license renewal process with the Georgia Department of Public Health has completed and our EMS Agency License has been renewed for another two years.

We, as a department, thank each and every one of you for the continued and unwavering support.

## Civic Club News

Civic Club will host a Coffee with Neighbors with Team Earth

Saturday August 6th at 9:30AM @ the Civic Building

Join us for Coffee with Neighbors and help Team Earth beautify the park with a trash pick-up after breakfast.





# Know Your City Code



## ARTICLE V. - MOSQUITO CONTROL

### Sec. 113-191. - Nuisance declared.

A violation of any provision of this division is a nuisance.

### Sec. 113-192. - Keeping water in which mosquitoes may breed.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to have, keep, maintain, cause, or permit within the city any collection of standing or flowing water in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed unless such collection of water is so treated as to effectively prevent such breeding.
- (b) The collection of water prohibited by subsection (a) of this section shall be those contained in ditches, pools, ponds, excavations, holes, depressions, open cesspools, privy vaults, fountains, cisterns, tanks, shallow wells, barrels, troughs (except horse troughs in frequent use), urns, cans, boxes, bottles, tubs, buckets, defective house roof gutters, tanks of flush closets or other similar water containers.

### Sec. 113-193. - Treatment of collections of water.

The method of treatment of any collections of water that are specified in this section directed toward the prevention of breeding of mosquitoes shall be approved by the health officer and may be one or more of the following:

- (1) Screening with wire netting of at least 16 meshes to the inch each way, or with any other material that will effectively prevent the ingress or egress of mosquitoes.
- (2) Complete emptying every seven days of unscreened containers, followed with thorough drying and cleaning of such containers.
- (3) Using a larvicide approved and applied under the direction of the health officer.
- (4) Covering completely the surface of the water with kerosene, petroleum, or paraffin oil once every seven days.
- (5) Cleaning and keeping sufficiently free of vegetable growth and other obstructions, and stocking with mosquito-destroying fish.
- (6) Filling and draining to the satisfaction of the health officer, his agent or accredited representative.
- (7) Proper disposal by removal or destruction of tin cans, tin boxes, broken or empty bottles and similar articles likely to hold water.

### Sec. 113-194. - Mosquito larvae as evidence of breeding.

The natural presence of mosquito larvae in standing or running water shall be evidence that mosquitoes are breeding there; and failure to prevent such breeding within three days after notice by the health officer, his authorized agent or representative, shall be deemed a violation of this article.

### Sec. 113-195. - Failure to remedy conditions after notice.

Should the person responsible for conditions giving rise to the breeding of mosquitoes fail or refuse to take necessary measures to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, within three days after due notice has been given to him, the health officer or his authorized agent is authorized to do so; and all necessary costs incurred by him for this purpose shall be a charge against the property owner or other offending person, as the case may be.

### Sec. 113-196. - Right of entry of health officer.

For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article, the health officer or his duly accredited agent under his authority, may at all reasonable times lawfully enter in and upon any premises within his jurisdiction.

# IMPORTANT DATES

August 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Council Retreat 5pm-9pm

FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS at City of Milton Community Building: **This is a planning session for council members. The public is welcome to attend the planning session but may only be a silent observer during the event.**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Siren Testing @ 12pm

August 6<sup>th</sup> ..... 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!*

August 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Recycle Day 7am-10am

August 15<sup>th</sup> .....Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing @ 7pm

August 15<sup>th</sup> .....Special Called Meeting directly following hearing

To vote on the adoption of the new tax millage rate for the City of Mountain Park

August 17<sup>th</sup> ..... 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.**

August 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Regular Council @ 7pm

August 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Recycle Day 7am-10am

## **\*\*REMINDER\*\***

Starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> we moved to curbside trash service only and no longer have curbside recycling.

## **\*\*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](https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in). Payments received on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month or later will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

## **\*\*REMINDER\*\***

Please ensure you put your trash 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 pick-up is missed, please contact City Hall Thursday morning before 12pm by calling 770-993-4231 or emailing [utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com).