

December 2022 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

I hope everyone had Happy and Safe Thanksgiving gatherings this year. Please continue to practice safety throughout the rest of this year's holidays including Christmas and New Year.

I would like to thank DNR Game Warden Brock Hoyt and Wildlife Resources Biologist Kaitlin Goode for attending our last council meeting to speak on what we can do about our deer

overpopulation. They have agreed to come back and give more extensive presentation dedicated to just the deer topic and the other species we have in abundance in our community. You can find out additional information at www.georgiawildlife.com

I look forward to the annual City Christmas Tree lighting on December 11th at 5:30-7:30pm so please join us on the Green for this holiday tradition.

We look forward to next year and continuing to address the challenges that our little community faces. Thanks to all the councilmembers who have really stepped up to serve their community. We greatly appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

Stay safe while having a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jim Still- Mayor





MPVFR MESSAGE



SANTA'S RUN 2022

Santa's Run is alive and well and returning to Mountain Park and surrounding areas on December 10th. This is an all-day event for our Mountain Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue starting at 6:30am and ending between 6pm and 8pm.

Even though long, this event is a fun filled day full of laughter and joy!

Santa will be delivering gifts on December 10th, 2022, 8AM to 5PM. There is no cost to have a gift delivered to children (or pets), but donations are accepted. This is the largest fundraiser of the year.



For those who plan to participate in the gift delivery from Santa you must email robinauerbach@gmail.com to sign up to be included in the route!

Then, pre-wrapped boxes or gift bags must be dropped off during one of the designated "gift drop off times" at the fire station on:

December 5th 8am to 9pm

December 6th 8am to 9pm

December 7th 8am to 5pm

40-50 Emergency gifts are needed as well. These are for children whose parents did not provide a gift, but who run out to join the excitement. No child goes away empty handed. All children who visit Santa will receive a gift. Gifts should be small, inexpensive, unisex. Drop off times are the same as above. Any left-over gifts will be donated to North Fulton Community Charities via Trish Hill's gift drive.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving the city, please email us. We are looking for certified (fire and/or EMS) or non-certified people.

Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue
 112 Lakeshore Dr Mountain Park GA 30075
 (770) 998 - 3533
mpvfr@mpvfr.org



Civic Club News



Mountain Park Civic Club Meeting, Tuesday December 13th at 7:00p

Civic Club welcomes all residents to join our organization as we continue to be of service to the community. To get more information and to see what Civic Club is all about you can attend one of our monthly meetings.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Jingle all the way over for a jolly good time at the Mountain Park Christmas Tree Lighting:

Sunday December 11th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Community Building

Civic club will host an evening of festive fun and fellowship, all are welcome to attend.

MOUNTAIN PARK CIVIC CLUB

2022 ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

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5:30 -
7:30 PM



Code Enforcement in Mountain Park



Greetings Mountain Park, I'd just like to take this time to remind all that have new (in progress or upcoming) constructions projects to get the necessary permits. For all of you that have had construction done (new decks, driveways, additions, etc.) and have not obtained the permit for it, enforcement for failing to obtain the necessary permit can still be done. If you would like to prevent that, then it is imperative that you contact City Hall to start the process. Otherwise, a citation(s) will be issued.

As a reminder, the code that will be enforced on all construction without permits is below:

Per the Mountain Park Code of Ordinance, Subpart B – Development Regulations, Chapter 101, Article, Section 101-7:

(a)(1):

When required. Any owner, authorized agent, or contractor who desires to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the construction codes, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit for the work. A permit shall not be issued to an owner, who is neither a licensed contractor nor the occupant of a residential structure being altered.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Codebook on the Mountain Park website or reach out to City Hall. We will be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you and have a great holiday season.

M. Peck





Know Your City Code



BUILDING PERMITS

Sec. 117-14. - Building permit required.

It shall be unlawful to commence the excavation for the construction of any building or other structure, including accessory structures, or to store building materials, or erect temporary field offices or structures, or to commence the moving, alteration, or repair of any structure, including accessory structure, until the city has issued for such work a building permit. Application for a building permit may be made through the city clerk. The process for making application, the required supporting documentation and the approval process is defined by the attachment titled, Process for Obtaining a Building/Development Permit in the City of Mountain Park.

Editor's note— The attachment cited in section 117-14 and throughout the sections following section 117-14, is not set out in this codification, but is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Accessory structure means all other impervious improvements, which include, but are not limited to, driveways, parking areas, decks, porches, pools and gazebos.

Sec. 117-15. - Approval of plans and issuance of building permit.

- (a) The city shall not approve any plans or issue a building permit for any excavation of construction until such plans have been reviewed in detail and found to be in complete conformity with the process and requirements as defined in the Process for Obtaining a Building/Development Permit in the City of Mountain Park. The application for new construction and all development permits shall include at least the following:
- (1) Diagrams of the actual shape, proportions and dimension of the lot to be built upon at a scale of one inch equals 20 feet;
 - a. This boundary survey will also include distances to property lines, all building setback lines, parking and driveway locations;
 - b. Existing and proposed contours at a two-foot interval;
 - c. Graphic scale and north arrow;
 - (2) Diagrams of the actual shape, proportions, location and dimension of all existing and proposed structures to be built at a scale of one inch equals 20 feet;
 - (3) Vicinity map showing site relative to nearest intersection;
 - (4) Plans must be signed and sealed by a plan preparer registered in the state of Georgia (i.e., land surveyor, engineer, landscape architect or other registered qualified plan preparer);
 - (5) Name, address and phone number of developer and owner;
 - (6) Size of project site;
 - (7) Statement from city and county tax officials that ad valorem and property taxes owed and due are paid;
 - (8) A current sewer or septic permit issued for the application property paid in full;
 - (9) A narrative defining the existing and intended use of all such buildings or other structures; and
 - (10) Diagrams of the location of erosion and sediment control practices, using uniform coding symbols from the Manual for Erosion Control in Georgia, chapter 6, with legend;
 - a. Including name and phone number of 24-hour local contact who is responsible for erosion and sediment control;
 - b. Certification by the plan preparer and owner that the site is not within 200 feet of state waters. If the site is within 200 feet of state waters as determined by the plan preparer or as determined by the city, the information in the Process for Obtaining a Building/Development Permit in the City of Mountain Park, plan review checklist B, will also be required.
- (b) The building codes applicable to all construction within the city shall be those of the county, as amended from time to time.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 3rd.....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!

December 6th.....Runoff Elections 7am-7pm

December 7th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

December 7th.....City Court @ 7pm

December 10th.....Recycle Day 7am-10pm

December 14th.....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.

December 19th..... Regular Council @ 7pm

December 23rd and 26th..... City Hall Closed

****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 can(s) 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 can(s) from the curb by 8am on Thursday. **No bin(s) that are not from WastePro WILL NOT be picked up and any trash outside of the trash bin WILL NOT be picked up. 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.

****REMINDER****

If you see a street light out in the City of Mountain Park please contact City Hall at 770-993-4231 to report it.

Help Families in Crisis: Give to the Annual Mountain Park Santa Shop Drive

Join in the 15th annual Santa Shop gift drive for the benefit of the North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) knowing your gift will make a child or teen of a family in crisis smile on Christmas day! Please bring a new, unwrapped gift to the Santa Shop Donation Bin on the side porch of the Mountain Park City Hall now through Sunday, December 11.

Go shopping for infants, children and teens and enjoy sharing clothes, toys, sporting goods, games plus more or buy gift cards to Old Navy, Best Buy, Kohl's, Target and Walmart for special gift shopping or putting Christmas dinner on the table of those families in need. Ask your neighbors to give, too.

Last year, the NFCC program served more than 1300 children in our community. Once the gifts are taken to the special drop off location in the name of Mountain Park residents, chosen parents are able to pick out the exact gifts that will create Christmas smiles.

Need some more ideas?

For infants 1-24 months: Stroller, Fisher Price play sets, building blocks, workbench, educational toys, riding toys, bath toys, pull/push toys for toddlers, musical toys, baby blankets, activity table

Children preschool and school ages: Dolls all ethnicities, baby dolls, Dora/Diego, Doc McStuffins, My Little Pony, Fur Real Friends, books, board games, Nerf toys, Hatchimals, Pokémon, Fortnite items, Art sets, craft sets, jewelry bead kits, bike, scooter, wagon, skates, skateboard with helmet, soccer, football, basketball items, wooden train sets, clothing items, stuffed animals, Legos

Teens: Gift cards to popular teen stores, watches, jewelry, curling/straightening irons and hair accessories, make up kits, nail polish kits and pens, sporting goods, purses, wallets, mini backpacks, telescopes, microscopes, science kits, clothing items, video games and controllers, headphones, earbuds, virtual reality gear, portable speakers, comforters, room décor, lamps, mirrors

Please give generously! Say Merry Christmas with your Santa Shop donation for a family in need!





Mountain Park Watershed Preservation Society, Inc.

Look 'em in the eye. Do you care?
We do. Together we can make a difference.

Who

Mountain Park Watershed Preservation Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization.

Why

To preserve, protect and restore the City's watershed – its streams, lakes and the natural environment to help ensure a healthy environment for all that live here.

Support us today to help fulfill our Mission

How

Adopt A Stream

With at least seven streams in our watershed there are many points to explore our water quality. Current monitoring is ongoing at Indian Springs, Lake Garrett, Lake Cherful and the City Hall stream. The first testing occurred on November 12, 2022 with great community support. The test results should be forthcoming soon. Please contact Mark Corson, corson.mark@yahoo.com, for more information.

www.smile.amazon.com

As a nonprofit, Mountain Park Watershed Preservation Society, Inc. may be selected as your charity of choice on smile.amazon.com. Amazon will donate to MPWPS, at no cost to you, a portion of all qualifying purchases.

Donations

Monetary donations may be made payable to Mountain Park Watershed Preservation Society, Inc. and mailed to Mary Sheppard, Treasurer, 130 Thrush Drive, Roswell, GA 30075.

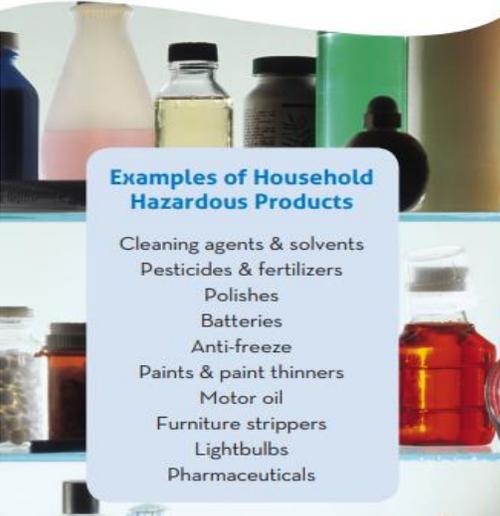
Volunteer

Ongoing projects include web page and logo design, fundraising, education, newsletters, community outreach, water quality monitoring, review of restoration and other options, such as mussel restoration, to maintain healthy water quality. Inquire via email to mpwps@mindspring.com

Thank you for your continued support!

What is a Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous products are products used in and around the home that contain chemicals that are hazardous to human and animal health or the environment. By definition, household hazardous products are consumer products that are toxic, corrosive, reactive, flammable, or explosive. Labels on a hazardous household product will contain the words caution, warning, or danger. There are a number of adverse human health effects from exposure to these products. After a consumer has used these products, the remainder can easily become a household hazardous waste if not disposed of properly.



Examples of Household Hazardous Products

- Cleaning agents & solvents
- Pesticides & fertilizers
- Polishes
- Batteries
- Anti-freeze
- Paints & paint thinners
- Motor oil
- Furniture strippers
- Lightbulbs
- Pharmaceuticals



What can YOU do?

How you dispose of everyday household products can impact water quality as well as your health. Use these tips to help prevent household hazardous products from becoming household hazardous waste. Be the solution to water pollution!

In general:

- Buy only what you need. You'll prevent having to dispose of remaining waste.
- Never pour materials or products down the storm drain, drainage ditch, surface waters, toilets or sink drains.
- If you have leftover hazardous household products, recycle and dispose of products properly. The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials, livethrive.org/charm, accepts many hazardous materials. You can also visit earth911.com to find local recycling centers near you or contact your local government for information on proper disposal and collection events.
- Purchase non-toxic or the least toxic material and products for the job. Find free natural cleaner recipes online.
- Always follow the directions and guidelines listed on the product.
- Do not over fertilize you lawn. Consider composting kitchen scraps to use as fertilizer.

The Clean Water Campaign

The Clean Water Campaign is a collaborative multi-agency education and outreach effort coordinated by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District for the 15-county Metro Atlanta area. The Clean Water Campaign's mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions.

Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution!
#stormwaterpollutionprevention



The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District serves as the water planning organization for the greater metropolitan Atlanta area, which encompasses the following counties and their respective municipalities: Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale.

Clean Water Campaign

www.cleanwatercampaign.com

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Reducing Household Hazardous Waste Protects You and the Environment



Home Improvement Projects

- Your local Lowe's, Home Depot and Batteries Plus Bulbs locations will recycle most household batteries and light bulbs. Never place these items in the garbage.
- Upcycle house paint with Global Paint for Charity, globalpaints.org. If you can't upcycle, paints can be disposed of by mixing it with sawdust or cat litter, letting the paint dry then throw it in the trash.
- Store products in their original packaging in covered areas such as a shed or garage.

Pharmaceuticals

- Drop them off at a collection site. Visit cleanwatercampaign.org/meds for more information on drop off locations.
- If you can't drop them at a collection site, mix medicine with dirt, kitty litter, or used coffee grounds and place container in the trash. Never dispose of meds by toilet or sink.

Metro Atlanta Resources That Accept Hazardous Waste

CHaRM

The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials diverts household hazardous waste and hard to recycle items from metro Atlanta landfills and water systems. livethrive.org/charm

Global Paint for Charity

Global Paint for Charity upcycles unused post-consumer latex paint by redistributing it to underserved communities around the world. globalpaints.org

Car Maintenance

- Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks of oil, coolant and other vehicle fluids.
- Never work on a vehicle in the street or near a stormwater drain or drainage ditch.
- Perform maintenance work on a flat concrete surface where spills can be easily cleaned up.
- Place a tarp, ground cloth, sheet of plywood, cardboard or newspaper under a vehicle to capture any leaks or spills.
- Always use a funnel when pouring liquids to avoid spills.
- Use a drip pan under a vehicle when changing fluids, unscrewing filters and removing other parts that might leak.
- Immediately clean up vehicle fluid spills with rags or other absorbent materials such as kitty litter, sawdust or oil absorbent.
- Recycle used tires, motor oil and batteries at CHaRM, livethrive.org/charm.

