



February 2023 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

This 2023 weather seems as unpredictable as last years to say the least. With today's highs in the low to mid 60s and very cold lows in the mid-30s on the way, take care that you are not susceptible to catching a cold as the lingering COVID virus is still with us.

Fortunately, I think we are close to reaching an equilibrium with this ongoing situation soon. Please continue to exercise caution to stay healthy and happy this new year.

I know Public Safety is a major concern for all citizens in our community and for myself as well. One of the biggest challenges has been traffic cutting through from Cherokee to Fulton County during the commuter time frames with a complete disregard for STOP signs. Now that the Sheriff's department has opened a jail in the Alpharetta area and after some reorganization within their ranks, we now have a new Commander for the North Fulton municipalities. I look forward to working with the new Commander in creating a greater police presence in Mountain Park to address these issues and concerns.

The opportunity to serve your community is a great honor that comes around every two years. Later this year in November we have an election to fill three finishing four-year terms (two council seats & the mayor's seat). Please give serious consideration to stepping up and being a part of the leadership team for our City of Mountain Park.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Jim Still, Mayor

"No one wins a game by just watching."





Civic Club News



Mountain Park Civic Club invites you to join us in 2023, mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Civic Club is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and enjoy planning, and supporting your community through various service activities, projects, and fun community events.

Next community Event: Valentine's Sock Hop with an Italian Dinner on February 11th starting at 6pm. See attached flyer for more details.

Our upcoming meeting is Tuesday, February 14th @ 7PM in the Civic Building.

Yearly membership is \$5.00/person or \$15.00 per family of 3 or more.

Hope to see you there!

Gardening Club News

The Mountain Park Community Garden will be having our spring meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Community building.

This is the 13th spring for our garden!

The Mountain Park Garden is an all-plant, all-pick membership garden (\$25 per household per year) using sustainable methods for vegetables, herbs, and flowers. We usually gather at the garden spring through fall, on Saturday mornings as schedules permit.

All levels of gardening experience are welcome, including children.

Business License Renewals

Do you have a home business that operates in Mountain Park? It's time to renew and complete a new application for your business license this year. All business license applications are due to City Hall by March 1st. The application can be found in the City Hall office or online at www.mountainparkgov.com.

Here are the fees to be paid:

Administrative Fee = \$10.00

Regulatory Fee 1-10 employees = \$20, plus \$20 for each employee above 1

Occupation Tax 1-10 employees = \$50, plus \$50 for each employee above 1

So, the fee is \$80.00 for a one-person business.

If you have over 10 employees please contact City Hall for the fees.

ANNUAL FISHING AND BOATING PERMIT RENEWALS

The new year means that all boating and fishing permits purchased in 2022 have expired as of 12/31/2022. Fishing permits for residents are free for 2023 but you must come pick up a permit from City Hall to fish. The applications for the new 2023 permits can be picked up by coming to City Hall or found online at our website <https://mountainparkgov.com>. The pricing is included below for residents of Mountain Park.

Fishing Rates Residents:

FREE

Boating Resident Rates-Yearly:

\$15-canoes, kayaks, sailboats

\$30-boats with electric trolling motors-LAKE CHERFUL ONLY

Gasoline powered watercraft are not to be used by anyone



MPVFR MESSAGE



MPVFR Town Hall:

The Mountain Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue takes pride in serving the citizens of Mountain Park. Here is a link to a survey for the upcoming **Mountain Park Fire Town Hall Meeting** on 2/27 at 5:30pm in the Community Building. The survey is about 10 questions and will take you 2 minutes to complete. You may include other questions and topics you would like to be covered. <https://forms.office.com/r/sxHW3K0z30>

In the interest of time, citizens who wish to speak, will be given two (2) minutes each.

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.



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Know Your City Code



CHAPTER 6 - ANIMALS

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 6-1. - Fulton County provisions adopted.

The Fulton County animal control ordinance, as now or hereafter amended, is hereby adopted as a general ordinance of the city to the extent that the animal control ordinance is not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. A copy of the current Fulton County animal control ordinance and any additions, deletions or local amendments thereto shall be maintained in the office of the city clerk and be available for inspection by the public.

Sec. 6-2. - Enforcement of Fulton County animal control ordinance.

The city code compliance officer as well as the county animal control officer and county board of health are hereby given the power to enforce the Fulton County animal control ordinance in the city.

Sec. 6-3. - Summons.

A city officer, at his direction, may elect not to impound a dog or other animal found in violation of any section of this chapter, but to issue or cause to be issued a summons directed to the owner or possessor of the dog to appear before the municipal court on a certain day to stand trial for the violation of this chapter.

(Code 1982, § 9-3-27)

FULTON COUNTY ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 34 - HEALTH AND SANITATION

ARTICLE VI - RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 34-205. - Running at large.

(a) Generally. Within the unincorporated area of Fulton County or within any municipality in Fulton County which has or may enter into an agreement with Fulton County for animal control services, the running at large of dogs, domestic animals, livestock, owned wildlife, exotic animals, public nuisance animal, dangerous, or vicious dogs, or dogs trained or in training as guard dogs is prohibited, with the exception of cats. Owners of wildlife or exotic animals must have the necessary state and/or federal permits on their person when transporting their animals.

(b) (1) Dogs. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or harbinger of any dog to allow or permit such dog to leave the premises of the owner or other person having custody of the dog unless such dog is securely under leash; said leash being not more than six-feet long, and under the control of a competent person. Dogs must be confined to the premises of the owner or other person having custody of the dog and shall be restrained by means of a fence or wall or other enclosure, or restrained individually by a leash under the control of a competent person. Excluded are those dogs participating in or training for obedience trials, field trials, dog shows, tracking work, or law enforcement. Also, the requirements of this subsection shall not apply in any area zoned for agriculture where the owner or person having custody of the dog is at the time in question using the dog for hunting purposes and has on his/her person a valid hunting license and proof of vaccination.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1st.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

February 3rd.....Smart Water Meter Town Hall 10am

February 4th.....Council Retreat 9am-3pm

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.

February 4th.....Dumpster Day 7am-10am

1. Must provide proof of residence in the City of Mountain Park.
2. ONE TRUCKLOAD OR TRAILER LOAD PER RESIDENCE.

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!

February 7th.....Smart Water Meter Town Hall 1pm

February 8th..... Smart Water Meter Town Hall 10am

February 11th.....Recycle Day 7am-10am

February 20th..... City Hall Closed

February 22nd.....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.

February 25th.....Recycle Day 7am-10am

February 27th.....MPVFR Town Hall 5:45pm

February 27th..... 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.

****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 pick-up is missed, please contact City Hall Thursday morning before 12pm by calling 770-993-4231 or emailing utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com.



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
STARTING AT 6:00 PM**

VALENTINE'S SOCK HOP

AND ITALIAN DINNER



**MOUNTAIN PARK COMMUNITY
BUILDING**

**\$8.00 FOR ADULTS AND
\$6.00 FOR CHILDREN**

BYOB