

December 2023 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

The holidays are upon us and I hope everyone has a wonderful time with friends and family this season. I always have enjoyed my role as Mayor this time of the year because regardless of the issues that divide us, this is the time we come together as one of the most unique communities in North Fulton. We have the tree lighting,

Santa Run and family gatherings that remind us what is most important in our lives. I am thankful for my friends and family and all the folks who have supported me throughout my time in office. You are the reason I served as long as I did because you and this city have taught me a lot and that makes it worth it.

It may not have always been obvious but I love you all and “there ain’t nothing you can do about it!” 😊

Have a Merry Christmas & a wonderful new year.

Jim Still - Mayor

“We learn, we evolve, we improve.”





MPVFR MESSAGE



MOUNTAIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE
MPVFR- Celebrating more than 40 years of service
YOUR Partner in Public Safety

Happy Holidays!

The volunteers of Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue thank you for your support over the last year. We are looking forward to serving this community in 2024.

The last day to register for Santa Run 2023 is December 2, 2023, at midnight.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

MPVFR Volunteers





Civic Club News



Mountain Park Civic Club Meeting, Tuesday December 12th at 7:00p

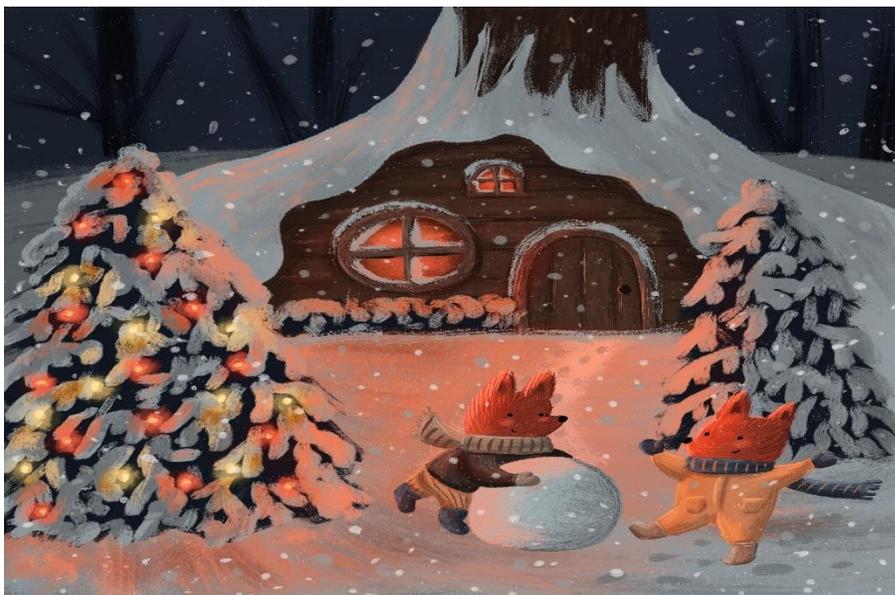
Civic Club welcomes all residents to join our organization as we continue to be of service to the community. To get more information and to see what Civic Club is all about, you can attend one of our monthly meetings.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

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

Sunday December 3rd 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.





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 13th.....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 18th..... Regular Council @ 7pm

December 25th 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 with a \$25 late fee.

****REMINDER****

We have switched to a new trash company, Legacy Disposal. Solutions. Please ensure you put your cans out the night before after 6pm or by 6am on Thursday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Please remove your cans from the curb by 9am on Saturday. No garbage will be taken that is left outside of the trash containers. Legacy Disposal WILL pick-up 3-yard waste bags left outside the can. If your trash or recycle pick-up is missed, please contact City Hall Monday morning before 9am by calling 770-993-4231 or emailing utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com.

****REMINDER****

If you are in need of bulk pick-up from the curb now that we no longer offer the monthly dumpster day, please call Legacy Disposal Solutions at 770-688-9515 to schedule. Legacy Disposal will bill you, the resident, for this.

****REMINDER****

If you would like to be on our email lists, please email utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com with your first and last name, email address and street address. We have 2 separate email lists. One for newsletter and one for important and urgent communication broken up by zones in the City. We use the zones for alerts regarding water shut-off, road closures, etc.. You must specify which list you would like to be included on so we can get you added to the correct list(s).

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!



SANTA RUN December 9, 2023 Not Just for Kids

Have a gift delivered to your spouse/significant other, pets (dog, cat, snake, turtle) prank gifts for friends, proposals - Parents, grandparents, great grandparents have a gift delivered in Mountain Park. Kids have a gift sent to your parents, grandparents. Use your imagination!



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 9, 2023, 8AM to 5PM. There is no cost to have a gift delivered but donations are accepted.

For those who plan to participate in the gift delivery from Santa you **must** email Robinauerbach@gmail.com to receive a link that **must** be submitted to be included. Registration ends Friday December 2nd at midnight. Pre-wrapped boxes or gift bags must be dropped off during one of the designated "gift drop off times" at the fire station on:

Monday December 4th	4:00 to 8:00PM
Tuesday December 5th	4:00 to 8:00PM
Wednesday December 6th	9:00 to 2:00 PM
Thursday December 7th	9:00AM to 8:00PM

40-50 Emergency gifts are needed as well. These are for children whose parents do 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. This is not the same gift drive as Trish Hill's North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC). Any left-over gifts will be donated to NFCC via Trish Hill's gift drive.

Volunteers needed – December 4th through 9th.

12/4 Help covering windows and setting up tables in Community Building for gift placement and storage 2PM to 4:00PM

12/4 to 12/7 Assistance with registration, receiving gifts and donations December 4th through 7th same dates as gift drop off times above.

12/8 – Noon until finished. Assistance with bagging and labeling gifts and then placing in the Fire House Bay for loading Saturday morning at 6:30AM.

12/9 6 Elves (teens to young adults) with 1 driver to load and distribute emergency gifts December 9th 7:00AM to 8:00PM

12/9 Breakfast items for 20+ volunteers 6:30 AM Truck begins route at 7:40AM

12/9 Civic Club is providing lunch

There is plenty to do. If you are interested in volunteering, please email robinauerbach@gmail.com and put Santa's run in the subject line.