



January 2024 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the new year and some new leadership in your local government. We have an exciting year ahead of us with some of the most industrious elected officials I've had the pleasure to work with.

As I have stated before it has been an honor and privilege to represent all of you as the City of Mountain Park. As we approach our 100th year as a city we have seen a lot, overcome a lot and accomplished a lot over the past 16 years.

We will continue to persevere as the best kept little secret in North Fulton County.

Your friend, neighbor and former Mayor signing off for the final time,

Jim Still – Citizen



Mayor-Elect Message

I hope this finds you well and you are enjoying this holiday season. As Mountain Park closes a historic chapter under the leadership of Mayor Jim Still, I would like to express my gratitude for his service and leadership. I would also like to thank Debbie Still for her support of Jim and Mountain Park during Jim's time of Public Service.

As the next chapter begins, I am honored and humbled by the support and trust that has been bestowed upon me by our residents. Thank you.

Our city is a unique and special place, and I am excited to lead it into its second century. The challenges ahead are many, but I know that together we can rise to meet them. I am looking forward to working with residents, volunteers, City Hall, and Council in the coming years towards our common goal of making Mountain Park the best it can be.

Thank you again for the support I have been shown before, during and after the election. It is with great pride and honor that I will serve you and Mountain Park.

Stay well,
Bill

Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club Invites You all to join us for 2024!! It is an opportunity to get to know your neighbors and enjoy planning, and supporting your community through various service activities, projects, and community events.

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

Next Meeting is Tuesday January 9th at 7pm in the Community Building.

ANNUAL FISHING AND BOATING PERMIT RENEWALS

The new year means that all boating and fishing permits purchased in 2023 have expired as of 12/31/2023. The applications for the new 2024 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:

\$25/year
\$10/week
\$5/day

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



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

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Know Your City Code



BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2024

Sec. 14-31. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Home occupation means any use, occupation or activity conducted entirely within a dwelling by the residents thereof which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residence purposes and does not change the character thereof, and in connection with which there is no display; no stock-in-trade nor commodity sold or stored on the premises, and no person not a resident on the premises is employed specifically in connection with the home occupation; provided, however, that no mechanical equipment is installed or used except such as is normally used for domestic purposes, and that not more than ten percent of the total floor space of any dwelling is used for home occupation. "Home occupation" shall include the use of premises by a physician, dentist, lawyer, clergyman or other professional person for consultation or emergency treatment, but not for the general practice of the profession.

Sec. 14-33. - Permitted in residential districts.

Home occupations, as defined in section 14-31 may be established in a dwelling in a residential district. The following requirements and restrictions shall apply in addition to all other applicable requirements, provisions and restrictions of the Code of the City of Mountain Park, Georgia:

- (1) Home occupations are subject to the occupational taxes set forth in Chapter 54, in section 54-101 through section 54-136 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (2) No accessory buildings or outside storage shall be used in connection with the home occupation.
- (3) No internal or external alterations inconsistent with the residential use of the building shall be permitted.
- (4) Only one vehicle designed and manufactured to be used primarily as a passenger vehicle shall be permitted in connection with the conduct of the home occupations.
- (5) No equipment that interferes with radio and/or television reception shall be allowed.
- (6) There shall be no exterior evidence of the home occupation.
- (7) No use shall create noise, dust, vibration, odor, smoke, glare or electrical interference that would be detectable beyond the interior of the dwelling unit.
- (8) All activities associated with the home occupation shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit and only persons residing in the dwelling unit shall be employed to perform those specific home occupation related activities which occur at the location of the home occupation.
- (9) No more than ten percent of the interior square footage of the dwelling unit shall be used for the conduct of the home occupation.
- (10) No use shall involve any type of public contact in connection with the home occupation other than occasional and incidental public contact, which shall be limited to no more than two non-resident visitors at any one time at the location of the home occupation and furthermore, no article, product, or service shall be sold, traded or exchanged on the premises other than by telephone.
- (11) No business vehicles, materials or equipment shall be stored or parked on the exterior of the dwelling except that one vehicle as described in subsection (4) of this ordinance and used exclusively by the resident may be parked at the location of the home occupation.
- (12) No off-site employees of the home occupation shall congregate on or adjacent to the premises for any purpose concerning the home occupation.
- (13) No home occupation shall be operated so as to cause a nuisance or create a fire hazard or any other hazard to public safety.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 1st.....City Hall Closed
 - January 4th.....Swearing-In Ceremony 7pm
 - January 11th.....Court 7pm
 - January 15th..... City Hall Closed
 - January 10th..... 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.
- January 22nd..... 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 with a \$25 late fee.

****REMINDER****

. Please ensure you put your trash and recycle 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).