



# **September** 2021 **Newsletter**

## **Mayor's Message**



Hard to believe Fall is just around the corner with school back in and the hot temperatures we are currently experiencing. I am looking forward to the cooler weather and some exciting events in the future. Labor Day weekend is here and one of our last flings for summer fun. We do have extended hours for the city pool so come out and enjoy before it closes.

Also on October 2<sup>nd</sup> we are having our first (what hopefully will be annual) Oktoberfest to raise money for the MPVFR. In the true spirit of the German celebration we will have authentic German food, beer and music. Tickets will be going on sale soon on the City of Mountain Park website so get out your lederhosen or dirndls (not required) and prepare to “Ein Prosit”. I want to thank our sponsors Bob Stacey with Hofbräuhaus of America and Judson Cuttino & Dale Jones with General Wholesale for providing the printing of the posters and banners for our festival.

As many of you know this year was supposed to be an improvement over last year but signs indicate that we are “not out of the woods yet”. With that said the City plans to continue monitoring events or changes that take place both locally and State wide that may affect our plans going forward. If anything changes with our events or mandates we will notify the citizens of Mountain Park as soon as possible.

We have an election this November and I am happy to say we have 11 candidates for the three city council seats. Please attend the Civic Club “Meet the Candidates” event coming up and get to know their positions on some of the challenges we face here in Mountain Park.

Please stay safe, keep your distance and wear a mask when appropriate.

Jim Still – Mayor

# Civic Club News



--**September 11th** Everybody is invited to a **Clean-up Party at the Community Building** immediately following the Fire Department Commemoration of 9/11. We will be washing windows outside and attacking the spider webs. We also will be cleaning up around the exterior of the building itself. Come join the "fun".

-- **Mountain Park Civic Club Meeting** Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Possible Agenda Items will include:

- Coffee with Neighbors
- Candidate Forum
- Possible participation in Oktoberfest
- Earth Day Substitution Activities

-- **Coffee with Your Neighbors** Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 – 11am at the Community Building



-- **Candidates' Forum** - Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7- 8:30pm at the Community Building



# UPDATE TO POOL HOURS FOR 2021

September 1st through September 6<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day) – Wednesday 4pm-9pm and Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am-9pm

Labor Day the pool will be open 11am-9pm

After Labor Day the pool will only be open on the weekends and close for the season on 9/29.

September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - 11am-9pm

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - 11am-8pm

## FREE Fishing and Boating Day

**Fishing.** The State of Georgia has set September 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 as a free fishing day (no license required). Since the City of Mountain Park requires that adults (over the age of 16) have a State of Georgia fishing license in order for its city-issued fishing permit, Mayor Jim Still has elected to waive the requirement for a fishing permit on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. So this day will be a FREE fishing day as far as a city-issued fishing permit is concerned.

**Boating.** The Mayor has also designated September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as a FREE boating day, as far as a City of Mountain Park boating permit is concerned.





# Know Your City Code



## ARTICLE IV - WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

### Sec. 6-131. - Purpose.

This section is adopted for the purpose of declaring and designating the City of Mountain Park as a wildlife sanctuary in an effort to protect wild animals and birds within the city in order to promote the aesthetic and environmental amenities of the city for the edification, education and well-being of the citizens and residents of the city.

### Sec. 6-132. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, words and terms are defined as follows:

- (1) *Wildlife* shall mean and include birds, warm-blooded animals and reptiles, which are not domesticated and which are not vermin as defined herein. "Wildlife" shall not include formerly domesticated animals which are feral, and any warm-blooded animals or reptiles which are determined to be a nuisance under applicable city ordinances.
- (2) *Vermin* shall mean rats, mice, dangerous or rabid animals, and poisonous snakes which are inherently dangerous to human health or life.
- (3) *Sanctuary* shall mean a place set apart for the protection and propagation of wildlife.
- (4) *City* shall mean the City of Mountain Park.
- (5) *Weapon* shall mean:
  - a. Firearms of all sizes, makes and types;
  - b. Guns or devices which discharge projectiles by spring under tension, by compressed air or gas, or by any other means, including but not limited to BB guns, air guns, and pellet guns;
  - c. Bows and arrows;
  - d. Spears;
  - e. Slingshots;
  - f. Any other missile or projectile thrown or launched with intent to harm or injure or kill wildlife;
  - g. Any vehicle used with intent to harm or injure or kill wildlife; and
  - h. A stick, club, took, or other device used with intent to harm or injure or kill wildlife.
- (6) *Trap* shall include any device or man-made creation by which wildlife can be trapped or ensnared.



### Sec. 6-133. - Wildlife sanctuary.

The city within its corporate limits is herewith declared to be and is designated as a wildlife sanctuary, and the appropriate officials are directed to place signs at all entrances to the city stating that the city is a wildlife sanctuary.

### Sec. 6-134. - Protection of wildlife.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the city to:

- (1) Intentionally harm or injure or kill any wildlife;
- (2) Intentionally use any weapon to harm or injure or kill any wildlife;
- (3) Place or set any traps designed to entrap or ensnare any wildlife;
- (4) Intentionally disturb or destroy the nesting or breeding place of any wildlife;
- (5) Knowingly permit dogs and cats to harm or injure or kill any wildlife, or to disturb or destroy the nesting or breeding place of any wildlife; and/or
- (6) Take the eggs or young of any wildlife.



# IMPORTANT DATES

- September 1st.....Siren Testing @ 12pm
- September 1st.....ARC Comp Plan Update Hearing @ 6:30pm
- September 6th.....City Hall Closed
- September 8th.....Tax Millage Rate Hearings @ 12pm and 6pm
- September 11th.....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!*

- September 15th.....Tax Millage Rate Hearing @ 6:30pm
  - September 15th.....Special Called Meeting @ 7pm
  - September 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.
- September 27th..... Regular Council @ 7pm

The City of Mountain Park will now have audio recordings of work session and regular council meetings available on our website at [www.mountainparkgov.com](http://www.mountainparkgov.com). We are working to have them posted 48 hours after the meeting occurs, but there may be times it could take longer. If you are unable to attend any meetings please visit our website to stay up to date on what is going on in the City. You can find the recordings on the home page under the posting of the agenda. You can also go the City publications tab, then to council minutes and you will see an audio folder there.

**\*\*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 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 or recycle 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). The recycling flyer is attached for what can/can't be recycled.

Save the date!

# Oktoberfest

on the Green  
in Mountain Park

Saturday, October 2nd

4pm - 8pm



Proceeds to benefit



Featuring German food  
and drink

# RECYCLABLE ITEMS



Plastic Food Trays and Cups



Plastic Bottles and Jugs



Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers #1-#7



Rigid Plastics



Empty Aerosol Cans Lids Removed



Milk & Juice Cartons & Juice Boxes



Aluminum Cans, Foil & Trays



Metal Food Cans



Cereal & Food Boxes Flattened



Cardboard & Pizza Boxes Flattened



Magazines, Phone Books & Catalogs



Paperback Books



Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Paper Bags & Newspaper

## Items that **ARE NOT** accepted for recycling:



- NO Glass
- NO Shredded Paper
- NO Pots & Pans
- NO Glassware
- NO Paper Plates or Cups
- NO Napkins or Paper Towels
- NO Plastic Cutlery
- NO Food
- NO Clamshells or Styrofoam
- NO Batteries or Light Bulbs
- NO Wire Hangers
- NO Ceramics



- Empty and rinse all containers.
- Plastic caps and lids are recyclable.
- These guidelines apply to all recycling collection containers except bag customers in the downtown district.
- SAVE and POST this information.



# CHAIR YOGA

with Julie

at the Mountain Park Community Building

Join us for fun and flexibility

All ages and levels welcome

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11A.M.-12P.M.

Zoom or in person

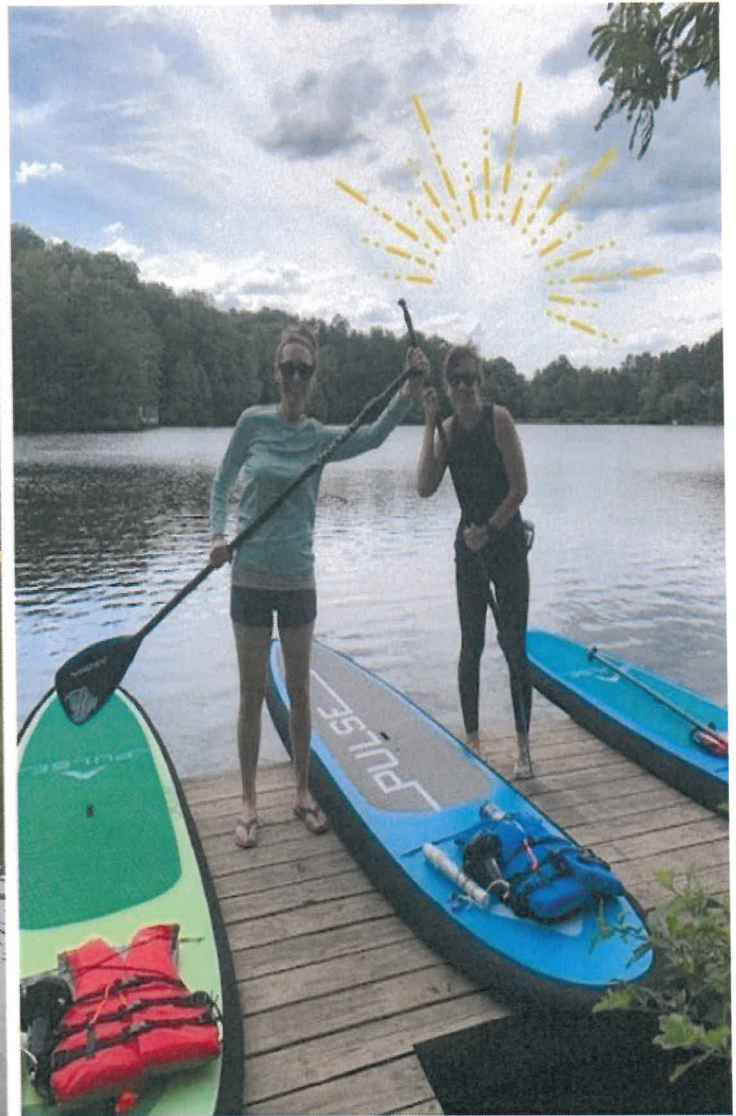
RSVP when possible 404.434.4030

Chairs provided, bring a mat

Donations







# Mountain Park SUP Yoga

Enjoy the benefits of yoga & meditation, being in nature, in sunshine, and on the water all in one, and right in your backyard! Local Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Yoga & SUP Intro classes right here at Lake Cherful. Beginners welcomed. Come, connect, explore, and find some JOY!

5% of all sales donated to the City of Mountain Park

To learn more, visit: [www.manypathswellness.com](http://www.manypathswellness.com)