



January 2023 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had enjoyable and safe holidays this year with the extreme cold weather we had. I feel bad for those folks who had to deal with busted water pipes and other weather-related issues. I want to personally thank Councilman Bill Kolbrener who not only stepped up for the City but also his neighbors and other citizens when busted water pipes, icy streets and other unfortunate situations arose during the Christmas Holidays weekend. Bill never hesitated to help and was an impeccable example of the Christmas Spirit! Thank You Bill.

Speaking of stepping up, I think the whole covid pandemic issue has now become our new normal and we now need to get back to being the productive hard-working Americans that we have always been in the past. There are too many jobs that need to be filled and opportunities to be seized so we can continue to be the greatest society in the world. Otherwise, we will be relegated to a second or third tier status on the global scale.

Please be safe and healthy during these upcoming months if you travel to be together with your family and friends. I don't think the worst of winter is over yet and it doesn't hurt to have an emergency "Go Bag" in your car if you get caught in unexpected conditions. (remember Snowmageddon)

Don't forget to take a moment to reflect on those loved ones that are no longer with us so they may not be forgotten.

I wish everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year in 2023!

Jim Still

Mayor

"Say it and forget it- write it and regret it"



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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mpvfr@mpvfr.org

Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club Invites You all to join us for 2023!! 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

Our New Officers for this year are:

- President- Jennifer Giles
- Vice President- Kelly Dorsey
- Treasurer- Dee Lansche
- Secretary- Suzanne Close

Next Meeting is Tuesday January 10th at 7pm in the Community Building.

MTN PARK CIVIC CLUB PRESENTS

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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. 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:

- \$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**

Code Enforcement In Mountain Park

Greetings Mountain Park. As a matter of safety (law enforcement, fire services, or medical services) it is very important that First Responders can find your residence easily when responding. I have noticed during my rounds that there are some residences in the city that have hard to read or find house numbers. It is very imperative that they are visible and easy to read.

Per the City of Mountain Park Code:

Sec. 117-11. - House numbers.

(a)

All houses and buildings fronting on the various streets and alleys in the city shall be numbered under the supervision of the code compliance officer.

(b)

Each owner or occupant of a house, or part thereof, shall apply to the city clerk for the proper number of his house or building.

(c)

The city clerk shall keep a chart showing the proper street number of every lot in the city which shall be open to inspection by anyone interested.

(d)

It shall be the duty of the owners and occupants of every house and building in the city to have placed thereon or in a place where the house or building can be specifically identified, the street number of the house or building. The street number shall be clearly visible from the street to pedestrians and vehicles going in either direction. Any person failing to so number any house, building or other structure occupied by him, if after receiving written notice to do so from the city clerk, shall continue in his failure to so number such house, building or structure shall be fined \$10.00 for each day during or on which, failure to so number continues.

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 incoming New Year.

M. Peck

code.compliance@mountainparkgov.com



Know Your City Code

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2023



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 4th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

January 7th.....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!

January 11th.....Court 7pm

January 14th.....Recycle Day 7am-10pm

January 16th..... City Hall Closed

January 18th.....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 28th.....Recycle Day 7am-10pm

January 30th..... 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 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.

LIVING WITH DEER



White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are highly adaptable and can live easily in suburban and urban environments. Without some population management, deer can become overpopulated and cause damage to the environment around them, including damage to landscaping, gardens, and ornamental vegetation. Deer are extremely agile and can jump over obstacles as high as eight feet, which can make excluding them from yards difficult.

CONFLICTS

- Reduce or eliminate attractants. If you have fruiting trees in your background, harvest the fruits as soon as they are ripe and pick up any dropped fruit.
- Use repellents, such as Milorganite to discourage deer from browsing or using your yard.
- Plant deer tolerant plants ([UGA Extension List of Deer-Tolerant Plants](#)).
- Install motion activated sprinklers or alarms to scare deer away.
- Put up exclusion fencing on landscaping to prevent deer browse.
- Wrap trees or place tubes/tree shelters around the trunk of the tree will effectively reduce browsing and antler-rubbing damage on the trees.

ORPHANED FAWNS

Does give birth to 1–2 fawns between May and August with a peak in June. Fawns are hidden by the does for the first few weeks of their lives to avoid predators. It is not uncommon to see a fawn by itself. Does will leave fawns in protected areas, like a fenced yard, to help protect them from predators. Never pick up a fawn. A fawn's main defense is its lack of scent. You should only call a permitted wildlife rehabilitator when:

- You are certain the doe is dead.
- The doe does not return after 24 hours.



DISEASE CONCERNS

DISEASE CONCERNS: To date, neither chronic wasting disease (CWD) or tuberculosis have been detected in Georgia deer. However, there are circumstances where wildlife biologists rely on the public to notify them of sick animals in order to monitor disease issues. Here are the top 5 circumstances when you should call and talk to a biologist:

- Dead deer in or near a stream, lake, or pond with no apparent injuries.
- Emaciated deer, which are so skinny that their backbone, pelvic bones, and all ribs are showing.
- Deer with no apparent injuries with drooping ears, abnormal posture, or drooling heavily.
- Deer walking in circles, have a lack of coordination, or trouble standing or walking.
- Deer that are excessively coughing or sneezing.

LEGAL METHODS FOR REMOVING DEER:

Allowing hunting on your land or in your neighborhood [during hunting season](#).

For more information, call 1-800-366-2661 or visit GeorgiaWildlife.com.