



July 2023 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Summer heat is finally here and so is the humidity. Please come out and join us for this July 4th fireworks which may be our last due to cost unless we find an alternative to who we have been using. I want to thank Eric & Gwynne Ketchum and MPVFR for all the years of fantastic firework displays we have enjoyed since moving here in 2000. It will be a full day of activities starting with the popular Mountain Park parade. Opening ceremonies/vehicle

decorating and the parade start at the Fire Station parking lot. Anybody can include their vehicle/float in the parade which features the City Firetruck and as usual lots of water balloons. Then later that afternoon on The Green the Civic Club is hosting a "Paws Parade" so bring your pet down and show it off. And right after dark about 9:00 pm over at the Lakeside Pavilion the fun continues with our annual City of Mountain Park fireworks over Lake Cherful. Come out and enjoy the fun and fireworks this fourth down by Lake Cherful in the City Pool parking lot.

Unfortunately, for as long as I have been in elected office in Mountain Park (19.5 yrs.) there has always been something that divides our community and creates a polarization of citizens. It has been everything from speed humps, lakes litigation, annexation into Roswell, COVID restrictions etc. that has put us at odds with each other. I believe it will always be this way to some degree and only hope that at the end of the day we can all "agree to disagree" then let it go. I first ran for office because I knew that complaining has never worked for me as a solution to anything. If you don't like something, then fix it. Put yourself in a position to do something about what doesn't seem right to you because if you don't then it won't change, and you will just have to live with it. The people who step up and act are the ones who decide the course of our community, not those that just criticize their actions by whatever means they choose. Everybody thinks they are right but the majority rules. Create your own majority, get elected and vote for what you think is right.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Jim Still

"Everyone believes they're the good guy — no one thinks they are the bad guy. Even Al Capone felt he was misunderstood."

Mountain Park 4th of July Celebration

Join us for a 35+ year tradition celebrating our Country in our favorite way with your neighbors. Events are hosted by Civic Club, Mountain Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue and City Council + Mayor.

All Mountain Park citizens are welcome to attend the annual 4th of July fireworks show over the lake! The fireworks will begin once it is dark outside, shortly after 9pm. There will be no parking near the lake or on the streets so please plan accordingly. Bring your own chairs, blankets, etc. to sit on and enjoy the show!

Schedule of Events

7:00 AM to 9:00	MPVFR moves fireworks equipment to earthen dam
9:00 to 10:AM	Decorate your ride. Purchase sausage biscuits Civic Club @ community building
10: 00AM	Opening Ceremony Color Guard - presentation of the flag by MPVFR launches the opening ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem Mayor's Speech -- Jim Still
10:30 (approximately)	Parade Begins led by MPVFR – Citizens follow
12:00 to 3:00	Hotdogs, chips, drinks, and popcorn -sold at Community Building (MPVFR fundraiser) First Aid Station
9:00 – 12:00PM	Fulton County VEO, Voter Education and Outreach, will be at the community building with Hope Mays. They can register voters, check your registration, provide identification cards as well as answer questions about absentee, early, provisional voting, and more. Find out how to become a poll worker, train to be a registrar, and participate more fully in the democratic process.
3:00 – 4:30PM	Dog Show! On the Green at City Hall
4:30 – 7PM	MPVFR will be prepping the fireworks area and moving the First Aid Station (Community parking lot behind the pool by the picnic tables)
7:00 – 9:00(dark)	Gather at parking lot behind the pool. Our own David Perdue and his crew will be entertaining from about 7:45 to about 9:00. (all weather-dependent)



Parade Route: Some citizens set up watching points along the way:

From the city hall parking lot ,
Right on Lakeshore,
Right on Mountain Park Road
Continue on Russell Road
Left on Thrush Drive
Left on Cardinal Drive (it's tricky)
Right on Russell Road
Right at the pool onto Mountain Park Road
Left on Beech Street
Take Mountain Park Road to
Left on West Lake Drive



Want to Serve on City Council?

For the 2023 election there are 2 council seats and the mayor seat open to be voted for. If you are interested in running for any of these openings, you will need to come to City Hall on the dates listed below in order to qualify. The fee to run for a council seat is \$27 and \$35 for the mayor seat.

ELECTION QUALIFYING DATES

August 21st from 9am to 5pm

August 22nd from 9am to 5pm

August 23rd from 9am to 12pm



Sec. 2.11. - Qualifications of office.

No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilman unless such person shall have attained the age of 21 at the beginning of the term of office and unless such person shall have been a resident of the city for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of such person's election and shall continue to reside therein during the term of office and shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of Mountain Park. Neither the mayor nor any councilman shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city.

Civic Club News

A poster for the Mountain Park Civic Club Neighborhood Directory Project. The background is a green-tinted map of Mountain Park, Georgia. The text reads: "MOUNTAIN PARK CIVIC CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY - PROJECT - SUBDIVISION OF MOUNTAIN PARK GEORGIA". Below the map, it says: "It's been several years since the last Directory was created. So many new folks have moved in—it's time to get a new one in your hands with up to date information. Help us get this project in the works by letting us know if you would like to **OPT IN** or **OPT OUT** of including your information in the 2023 edition. **It's easy!** Just click the link below and fill out the form. We are hoping **ALL RESIDENTS** will respond, otherwise we'll come find ya, so save us all some time and participate. Thanks!"

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Next Meeting: July 11th at 7pm

Last chance to order bricks: Morning of July 4th!



[This is the link to the Neighborhood Directory Opt In/Opt Out Form](#)



MPVFR NEWS



**MOUNTAIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE
(MPVFR) UPDATE: A Partner in Public Safety**

MEET *First Responder*, Assistant Chief and MPVFR Chief Medical Officer Howard Goldberg



Howard comes to Mountain Park from Florida and has operational, administrative, and training experience within all aspects of Public safety; a master's degree in Public Administration, 33 years as a Paramedic, 32 years as a Fire Fighter, and 30 years of experience in law enforcement. He is a certified Fire Instructor III, and Fire Officer. Currently, he is an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) instructor for [Atlanta Fire Rescue Department](#) and one of only 200 Licensed Paramedic Instructors in Georgia. Howard has so many credentials it is impossible to list them all here. Howard has the heart of a volunteer, and we are incredibly blessed to have someone of this caliber volunteering in Mountain Park.

"I joined MPVFR about a year ago. I want to remain active in the Fire Service and I enjoy the camaraderie. I serve as the Assistant Chief and Chief Medical Officer for MPVFR, where I am proud to be an in-house trainer for the men and women who are volunteering to provide services to the citizens of Mountain Park". MPVFR now has three certified in-house Instructors, so basic instruction is provided at no charge. ***"We are all non-paid volunteers because we want to give back to the community. Basic Life Support/Healthcare provider classes have been completed and we are moving on to Firefighter 1 training"***.

Howard also teaches CPR instruction and Emergency Medical Response Training Mountain Park citizens also at no charge.

Howard has his fun side too. He was an elf for the 2022 Santa Run and provided an updated sleigh for Santa. We raised almost \$4000.00 for MPVFR.



Mary G. Packard

MPVFR costs the city about \$5.00 per month per household. MPVFR survives on fundraising activities and donations. Donations may be made to City Hall with MPVFR written in the memo.

Basic Life Support/Healthcare Provider



STOP THE BLEEDING



CERVICAL STABILIZATION



*****MPVFR IS NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR PRIOR CERTIFIED FIRE/EMS PERSONNEL*****

MPVFR is looking to increase staffing levels. Whether you are a certified EMT looking to become a firefighter, a prior service member looking to maintain certifications***, or a civic-minded citizen with a job who just wants to give back, We want YOU to apply! MPVFR is greater Atlanta's only fully volunteer department, providing Fire and EMS response to Mountain Park. Certified In-House Instructors – Training in Emergency Medical Services – Firefighting – Emergency Vehicle Driving – Operating Fire Pumps – Traffic Incident Management – and more.

***** Our continuing education provided allows public safety personnel to maintain their certifications that took years to acquire (i.e., Paramedic, Firefighter, Emergency Management, etc.) mpvfr@mpvfr.org**



Know Your City Code



Sign Posting, Yard Sales and Weapons

Sec. 38-4. - Posting signs on poles without consent.

It shall be unlawful for any person to post or display in or upon any bridge any sign or advertisement, or to post or display upon any telegraph, telephone, or electric company's pole, or upon any public property or the private property of any person any bills, signs, or advertisements without the consent in writing of the owner thereof.

Sec. 42-9. - Posting signs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to affix any bill, sign or notice on any tree, building or fixture in any of the parks or on any city property. It shall be unlawful for any person to place any paper, books, refuse or trash of any kind in any of the public parks or on any city property, except in containers provided for such.

Sec. 117-27. - Outside sales and yard sales.

(a) Outside sales are not permitted on any private lot, except as provided in this section. Yard sales (which shall include garage sales and estate sales) shall be permitted at any home within the city not more than three times per calendar year. Each such sale shall be for no more than three consecutive days, and shall be limited to Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and to Mondays that fall on a legal holiday. All remaining property for sale must be removed from the exterior of the lot by 5:00 p.m. on the next following business day. Consignment sales are not permitted, nor is the marketing of goods owned by individuals other than the residents of the lot on which the sale is being conducted.

(b) The persons conducting the yard sale shall apply for and obtain a permit from the city clerk prior to the sale being conducted and shall prominently display such permit at the property where the sale is being conducted during all sale hours. The issuance of the permit shall entitle the permit holder to post not more than five 18" x 24" directional signs on the right of way of the city, provided that such signs shall not obstruct traffic flow or traffic visibility. The permit holder shall remove such signs by 5:00 p.m. on the next following business day after the expiration of the sale permit. The fee for such permit shall be set from time to time by the city council.



[(c)] The fee for the issuance of yard sale permits shall be \$10.00. Such permit fee shall include the temporary parking permit fee provided for by section 58-128.

Sec. 38-5. - Weapons; discharge in city.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm, including pistol, rifle and shotgun, or to shoot an air gun, including BB gun and pellet gun, within the city, except by law enforcement officers in the line of duty, and the military when on drill or parade, or at a funeral in honor of the dead; provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful for any person to shoot a BB and/or pellet gun upon private property if that person shall have first obtained the express permission of the owner of that property to do so. This exception on private property shall not apply when the BB gun and/or pellet gun is discharged in such a manner that the projectile is intended or in fact does so leave the private property.

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 4th.....City Hall Closed
 - July 5th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm
 - July 12th.....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.**
- July 24th..... Regular Council @ 7pm

WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2022

You can now view the City of Mountain Park’s Consumer Confidence Water Quality report on our website at the following web address www.mountainparkgov.com. You can also review the report at City Hall if you are unable to access it online or prefer a paper copy.

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. We are not responsible for any payments delayed due to USPS.

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.



Statement of Services for Residential Collection

Trash Pickup Guidelines: Trash collection is provided for everyday generated household waste, most often produced from the kitchen and bathroom. Material should be bagged and placed in the provided Legacy Disposal container(s). ****Please note Legacy Disposal will not be responsible for items left within the vicinity of trash material or containers. Do not place or store valuables on or near equipment.**

Unacceptable Household Waste: Household waste does not include construction, cleanout material or remodeling debris. Including rocks, concrete, dirty, soil, sod, tree stumps, tires, free liquids, paint, motor oil, combustibles, toxic or hazardous wastes, or any other material excluded from the disposal site or any applicable state or federal law as being hazardous or toxic. In addition, but not limited to flammable products, dead animals, fecal matter, manure, brick, landscaping timbers, friable or non-friable asbestos, rechargeable batteries, bio-hazardous material, needles, and other medical waste.

Acceptable Recycling Material: Recycling will be collected on a weekly schedule. Material should be clean, loose and placed in the provided Legacy Disposal container(s). Acceptable material includes cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, magazines, aluminum and tin cans, plastics codes #1- #7.

Unacceptable Recycling Waste: Glass, plastic bags, Styrofoam, garbage or yard debris, food contaminated materials, electronics, or hazardous materials. Materials listed under unacceptable household waste are also unacceptable for recycling collection.

Bulk and Special Garbage Disposal Items: Oversized bulk items, large household items such as appliances and construction or renovation material can be scheduled for removal for a fee. Items must be scheduled in advance with Customer Support and pre-paid for removal. Bulk and Special waste must be placed curbside for collection. Items that cannot be safely removed by our crews will not be collected.

Yard Waste Guidelines: Grass clippings and leaves should be bagged or placed inside a container for removal. Bags and containers should not exceed 35lbs each. Brush and limbs should be cut in 3-foot lengths, 4 inches in diameter and bundled no larger than 2 feet in diameter (armful size) with rope or twine. Dirt, sand, sod, and mulch is not considered yard debris and should not be placed out for removal. Yard waste should be placed curbside for collection along with household trash. Up to 5 bags or 5 bundles of yard material, not debris due to landscaping renovation or tree removal, will be collected on your regular service day. To schedule removal of additional bags or bundles, please contact customer service.

Christmas Trees will be collected the first two weeks of January for an additional fee. Trees should be placed curbside the night before. All decorations, tinsel, lights, garland should be removed. Do not place trees in plastic bags. Trees taller than 5 feet should be cut in half.

Holidays and Inclement Weather: Legacy Disposal observes the following holidays and days facilities are closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. Legacy Disposal reserves the right to cancel services on any day we consider unsafe due to inclement weather or dangerous driving conditions. For updated information on impacted service schedules, please visit our website www.LegacyTrash.com.

Property: All containers provided by Legacy Disposal will remain the property of Legacy Disposal. Please do not write or paint on equipment. Please do not place sharp objects or hot ashes into your container(s). All equipment must remain on the property that Legacy Disposal is servicing.

Legacy Disposal offers weekly curbside recycling service. All Legacy customers will receive a NEW 95-gallon recycle cart.

Acceptable Items:

- Metal Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans and lids, empty aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed
- Plastic Bottles (empty, crush, reattach lid): Bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles
- Plastic Tubs: Containers for butter, sour cream cottage cheese, yogurt, Jello and fruit slices would fall into the tub category. Lids should be reattached prior to recycling
- Paper: newspaper, magazines, cardboard, mixed office paper and envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes), pizza boxes free of food debris and grease, telephone books and catalogs
- Paper Cups (remove/discard lids, straws and stoppers) Fast food beverage cups, coffee cups, Dixie cups
- Cartons: food and beverage cartons, such as milk, juice, soup, wine, broth, and other cartons.

Unacceptable and NOT for Recycling:

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Garbage
- Yard debris
- Electronics
- Cassette tapes
- Linen (bed sheets, towels, etc.)
- Clothes
- Hangers
- Metal chains
- Garden hoses
- Batteries
- Needles
- Syringes
- Polystyrene foam
- Buckets
- Car parts
- Food
- Light bulbs
- Glass
- Ceramics
- Pots, pans, and scrap metal



Recycling Tips

- Mix all items together – no separation required
- Break down cardboard boxes
- DON'T use plastic bags
- Empty all bottles, jugs and cans
- No need to remove labels
- For plastic bottles, empty, crush and reattach lids
- For cartons, remove plastic caps and straws
- NEVER place medical sharps or needles in the recycling