



November 2023 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



EIN PROSIT! THANKS AGAIN FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSEFUL OKTOBERFEST "FUN-RAISER"! Our 3rd annual City of Mountain Park Oktoberfest supporting Mountain Park Volunteer Fire Department was another huge success. This year we added axe throwing to the events taking place and it was a great addition to the music, food and German beers/wines. The City once again would like to thank those that helped at our most anticipated event of the year, we couldn't have done it without all of you. Thanks to our sponsor and beverage provider Hofbräu München and General Wholesale. Logan, Lourdes and Jennifer in City Hall who were invaluable in coordinating vendors and participants, making sure all the details were covered. We especially want to thank our volunteers, the "Beeristas" Matt & John Jr, my lovely wife Debbie, the folks from the Civic Club, Watershed Preservation, Elizabeth and all her friends, Gisela & Julie the raffle ladies, the Set-up crew, the Breakdown crews, Shuttle drivers from MPVFR and anyone else I forgot to mention that helped make it successful. Thank you again to all the generous contributors that provided raffle items & Elizabeth once again for her incredible strudel cake.

As we adjust to the colder weather remember it's that time of year with the holidays, football and deer mating season is upon us. Please keep a watchful eye out when driving through Mountain Park as the deer will only have one thing on their minds like "Catching a doe" or "Outrunning a buck" so they will bolt right out in front of you. Let's not forget the young buck from last year that was so distracted he ended up tangled in a hammock and had to be cut lose.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's upcoming elections and many thanks to any outgoing incumbents for serving your community. we look forward to what the newly elected officials have in store for the city of Mountain Park and where they take us in the next four years.

Thanks and Stay Well & Warm.

Jim Still, Mayor

"You can not be a great leader if no one is willing to follow you, always do the right thing."



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

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT FIRE!

On November 7th you will be answering the following ballot question:

“Should the City of Mountain Park continue to sponsor and provide funding to Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue (MPVFR)”?

The MPVFR budget for this fiscal year is \$19,343.00 which is an **average** cost of \$5.57 per household per month. This cost is included in the taxes paid annually by property owners to the City of Mountain Park.

Nationwide less than 4% of all fire department calls are for fire – 64% are for Emergency Medical Services.

We’ve come a long way in a little over a year. Currently, MPVFR has fifteen volunteers on the roster and our certification status is as follows: Firefighter (9), EMS/EMT (11), paramedic (4), instructor (3), hazmat technician (3), driver (4). MPVFR members are asked to volunteer 12 hours per week. Currently, the MPVFR station is staffed for approximately 100 hours per week. As our volunteers complete off-site career training and become certified, more staffing hours are coming soon.

What services does Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue provide?

<p>Emergency Medical Services: Basic Life Support (BLS): Promptly recognizing life threatening emergencies such as cardiac arrest and stroke. CPR for adults, children and infants. Automatic Electric defibrillation Effective ventilations - breathing assist Remove foreign body obstruction (choking) for adults and infants Wound care: Stopping bleeding with hands tourniquet, etc. Lift assist (Falls) Wellness checks</p>	<p>Fire Services Provided: House fires require at least 15 firefighters. If MPVFR arrives first, they can provide: Basic exterior rescue from windows and doors. External Water application (EWA) “Hit it hard from the yard” - increases safety and buys time for internal rescue. All fire departments have a “two in; two out” buddy system. Two firefighters must be outside a burning structure, for two firefighters to go inside . Single Engine Response Fire Prevention Post Fire inspections</p>	<p>Non-medical services: Fallen tree removal Traffic incident; Jaws of Life Public Works Emergency assist Downed power line monitoring Patrols to identify public safety issues Home safety inspections – smoke alarms Added security at city events First Aid Station at city events Emergency preparedness Free CPR Heart Saver/First Aid/Citizen Emergency and Medical classes for all Fourth of July fire parade Fire Hydrant testing</p>
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*We, the volunteers of the Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue, have been proudly serving this city for 45 years. We are not paid. We are an all-volunteer department. We serve because we love this city and what we do, helping fellow citizens when they need assistance the most! We are working hard to build staff and training. **IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT FIRE!** We work to unite this community for a common cause...helping our neighbors.*

Comparing us to an all paid, career department that has a \$14M budget, is truly comparing apples to oranges. Roswell Fire is great! We are not competing with them. We support them and provide many other services to this city.

*We are asking you to vote, “Yes” to the question that will be on the ballot November 7th. **“Should the City of Mountain Park continue to sponsor and provide funding to Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue (MPVFR)”?***

We want to continue to serve this great community.

Sincerely,
MPVR Volunteers



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, tool, 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

November 1st.....Court 7pm

November 7th..... General Election 7am-7pm

All Georgia voters are required to provide valid photo identification in order to vote.

November 8th.....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.

November 10th..... City Hall Closed

November 23rd and 24th..... City Hall Closed

November 27th..... 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

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.

