



August 2021 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Hard to believe another long hot summer is coming to a close with kids going back to school just around the corner. Please remember to be extra careful when driving through The Park as kids and deer are out in greater numbers.

Unfortunately our situation with the new COVID-19 variant has gotten worse and may require revisiting some of the past mandates we had experienced before. Because of this increase in COVID cases, we are again encouraging but not requiring the 10-6 rules (10 people or less/ 6 ft. or more) for the City of Mountain Park. As more current information is received, City Hall will plan accordingly and let you know if we will be instituting some of these mandates which are in the best interest of the community. I only hope we do not get to that point again in our future as a City.

Take care, stay healthy and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Jim Still - Mayor

UPDATE TO POOL HOURS FOR 2021

August 9th – Pool is closed

August 10th through September 6th (Labor Day) – Monday & Wednesday 4pm-9pm and Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11am-9pm

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

September 14th and 15th - 11am-9pm

September 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th - 11am-8pm

Want to Serve on City Council?

For the 2021 election there are 3 council seats 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.

ELECTION QUALIFYING DATES

August 16th from 9am to 5pm

August 17th from 9am to 5pm

August 18th 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

Greetings from the Mountain Park Civic Club

We are looking forward to the end of summer as it stretches into the fall. At our last meeting we launched a Blue Bird Box project.

We invite you to join us in planning fun events and projects. Your fresh ideas are welcome!

Civic Club welcomes all residents to join our organization as we continue to be of service to the community. To get more information and to see what Civic Club is all about you can attend one of our monthly meetings.

Civic Club Meeting
August 10th, 2021 at 7:00pm
In the Community Building

Code Enforcement in Mountain Park

Alcohol!

Love it or cuss it, but alcohol is regulated by the City of Mountain Park in two ways, which are separate from what state law calls for.

Two basic City ordinances apply: covering “places” where possession or consumption is unlawful, and a person’s “condition”.

The first of these is “places” – primarily covering the city’s parks, lakes and other public areas.

Sec. 42-6. - Alcoholic beverages.

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess and/or consume any alcoholic beverage, or be under the influence of alcohol, malt and/or vinous beverage, within or upon the lakes, parks, picnic areas, playgrounds and swimming pool of the city; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to nor shall it prohibit the possession, use or consumption of alcoholic, malt and/or vinous beverages within the premises of the city's civic center/senior citizen's building by persons or groups who have applied for and been granted a special use permit for such premises through and by the city clerk's office.

All violations are bad, but probably the most dangerous and high risk violations of this ordinance are when people have a few beers and climb into a boat to paddle around the lake – this is a recipe for disaster.

The second of alcohol –related ordinances covers a person’s “condition”. The applicable ordinance states:

Sec. 38-3. - Public drunkenness.

It shall be unlawful for any person to be on the streets of the city or in any public place in an intoxicated condition.

So, from the City’s perspective, where is it lawful to possess and/or consume alcohol in the city?

The basic answer to this question is: at home, or other private property. There is an exception as set forth in ordinance 42-6, cited above, for people that get a special use permit. So if you want to hold a wedding reception, or a large family reunion, in a city park, or a bingo game in the civic center a permit can be applied for.

Otherwise, please avoid alcohol in public places in the City of Mountain Park.

Whit Engle

Code Compliance Officer



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-ways 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

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

August 4th.....Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing @ 12pm and 6pm

August 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!

August 11th.....Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing @ 6:30pm

August 11th.....Special Called Meeting @ 7pm

To vote on the adoption of the new tax millage rate for the City of Mountain Park

August 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.

August 23rd.....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. 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. Payments received on the 1st 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.

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.

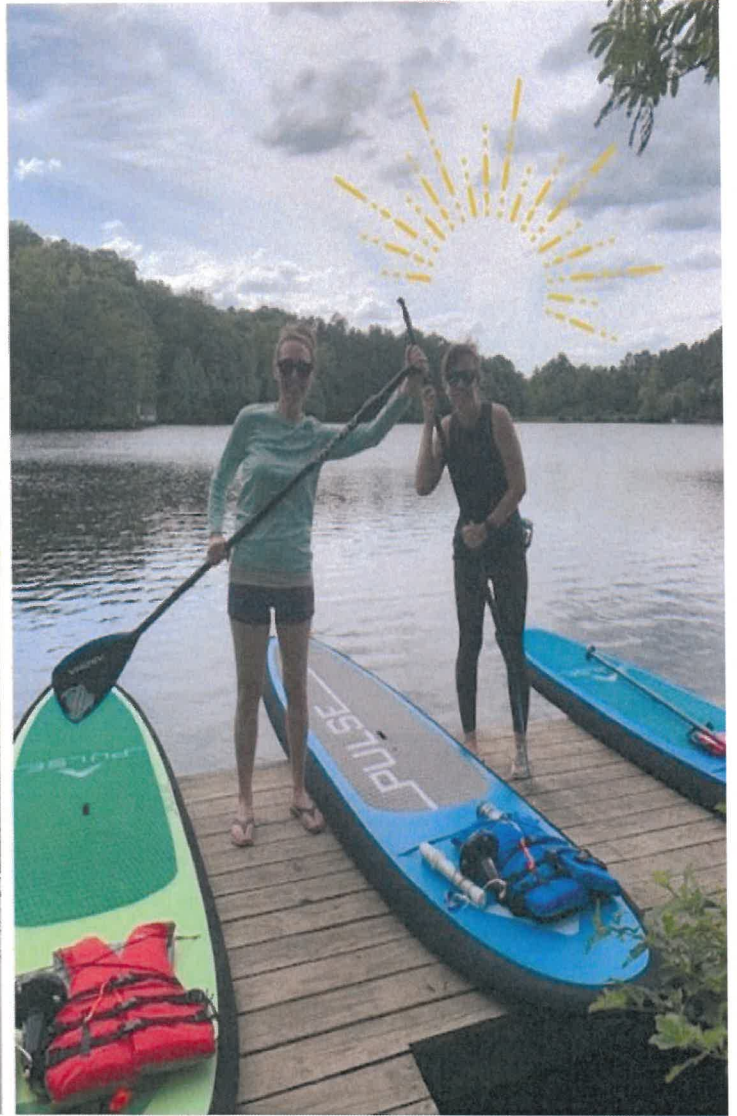
Zoom or in person

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