

February 2022 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



The new members of your city council had their first meeting Monday night and it was a productive one. This council is eager to address concerns and issues facing the community so I commend them for their initiative. With the establishment of some council/citizen committees we have residents stepping up to look for grants and help facilitate more activity including live zooming of the council work sessions/meeting for citizens unable to attend in person. I look forward to serving with the incumbent and newly elected council members.

I want to personally thank Lloyd Hendricks and Linda Dixon for their service on council and for volunteering their continued involvement as citizen representatives for the T-SPLOST committee.

In 2008, as your new Mayor, I had the good fortune to meet a resident of Mountain Park who had previous government experience and expressed interest in working for the city. Karen Segars joined our city hall team in July of that year as the City Clerk and eventually became the City Administrator for the next 13.5 years. Her experience moved the community from a peripheral small municipality to a fully engaged community with our sister cities in both Fulton County and Cherokee County. Karen helped me to understand what was needed to be done and how to accomplish it for the benefit of our citizens. I will be forever grateful for her loyalty, her work, her support and her friendship over the past 13.5 years. Monday night's city council meeting was her last as she is moving to Pittsburg to be closer to her family and new granddaughter expected in February. She will be missed, but fortunately she had the past two years to get Jennifer Zalokar trained to step into her role and continue to provide quality service in City Hall. I will truly miss Karen and expect her to visit often. In the meantime, I look forward to working with Jennifer as the new City Clerk serving this community and continuing to grow as a city. Thank you both for all that you have done and will do for Mountain Park.

Winter is definitely here so don't forget to take the steps to keep your pipes from freezing and bring your pets inside for the coldest nights.

Jim Still, Mayor





Civic Club News



Mountain Park Civic Club invites you to join us in 2022, mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Civic Club is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and enjoy planning, and supporting your community through various service activities, projects, and fun community events.

Our upcoming meeting is Tuesday, February 8th @ 7PM in the Civic Building.

Yearly membership is \$5.00/person or \$15.00 per family of 3 or more

Hope to see you there!

Gardening Club News

The Mountain Park Community Garden will be having our spring meeting on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Community building.
This is the 13th spring for our garden!

The Mountain Park Garden is an all-plant, all-pick membership garden (\$25 per household per year) using sustainable methods for vegetables, herbs, and flowers. We usually gather at the garden spring through fall, on Saturday mornings as schedules permit.

All levels of gardening experience are welcome, including children.

Poll Workers Needed!



We are looking for citizens that are interested in serving Fulton County by working as a poll worker for this coming up election season! Please contact City Hall by February 14th so we can provide your contact information to Fulton County.

Apply to become one of the many civic-minded citizens who work at the polls on Election Day. The Fulton County Elections Office is seeking highly motivated dependable individuals to work from 5:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Attached is a flyer to get more information.

Know Your Code

WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED

Description of Work		Permit	
Structure			
	New Residential	Yes	
	Accessory structure for use as a storage building	Yes	
	Appliance replacement using permanent hardwired devices such as piping or wiring	Yes	
	Simple deck repairs (non-structural)		No
	New deck construction or structural repairs	Yes	
	New doors or windows requiring structural alterations	Yes	
	Window or door replacement not requiring structural alterations		No
	New fireplace or stove	Yes	
	Interior remodel including either drywall, lighting, and/or non-structural framing	Yes	
	Interior projects that are limited to painting, tiling, carpeting and/or trim work		No
	Children's playhouse (maximum of 120 sq. ft)		No
	Garage door repair or replacement		No
	Repairs to roof covering(Shingles)		No
	New roof (Replacement of Decking and/or Tresses)	Yes	
	Retaining walls 48" or taller	Yes	
	Swimming pools or spas	Yes	
	New exterior siding, masonry or stucco finish	Yes	
	Repairs to siding		No
Plumbing			
	Bathroom fixture repair or replacement NOT needing piping alterations		No
	Bathroom fixture repair or replacement needing piping alterations	Yes	
	New buildings - residential	Yes	
	New plumbing fixture requiring piping alterations	Yes	
	Replacement of water heater	Yes	
Site			
	Driveway repairs and maintenance		No
	Enlarging footprint of driveway	Yes	
	Installing new driveway	Yes	
	Land disturbance in excess of 250 square feet	Yes	
Electrical			
	Appliance replacement using permanent hardwired devices such as piping or wiring	Yes	
	Service change out	Yes	
	Appliance replacement using plug-in devices		No
Mechanical			
	Appliance replacement using plug-in devices		No
	Replacement of HVAC system	Yes	
	Replacement of ductwork	Yes	
Fuel Gas			
	Gas piping	Yes	

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2nd.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

February 2nd.....City Court @ 7pm

February 5th.....Dumpster Day 7am-10am

1. Must provide proof of residence in the City of Mountain Park.
2. ONE TRUCKLOAD OR TRAILER LOAD PER RESIDENCE.

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!

February 21st..... City Hall Closed

February 23rdWork 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.

February 28th 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 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.

****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.

****REMINDER****

It's time to renew and complete a new application for your business license this year. All business license applications are due to City Hall by **March 1st**. The application can be found in the City Hall office or online at www.mountainparkgov.com.

Here are the fees to be paid:

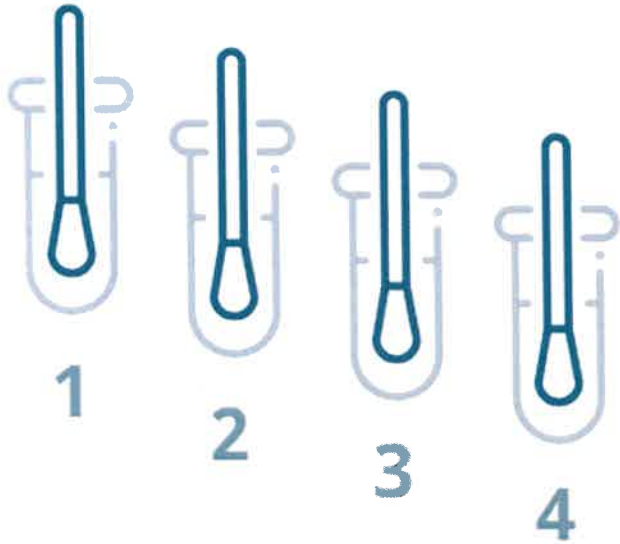
Administrative Fee = \$10.00

Regulatory Fee 1-10 employees = \$20, plus \$20 for each employee above 1

Occupation Tax 1-10 employees = \$50, plus \$50 for each employee above 1

So the fee is \$80.00 for a one person business.

FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TESTS NOW AVAILABLE!



The U.S. Department of Health has now made at home COVID-19 tests available to every citizen. All you have to do is go to the link below and complete your order for the tests. They will mail you FOUR at home rapid antigen tests for your use along with the simple instructions for testing.

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Reasons to take an at-home COVID-19 test:

- If you begin to have COVID-19 symptoms such as, but not limited to fever, sore throat, runny nose, sudden loss of taste or smell
- At least 5 days after you come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19
- When you are going to gather with a group of people, especially those who are at high risk for getting COVID-19 or people who are not vaccinated for COVID-19

Please protect you family and neighbors by getting this information easily and quickly!



BECOME A FULTON COUNTY POLL WORKER!



**POLL WORKER
RECRUITMENT**

Fulton County is looking for hardworking individuals to join the team and support Fulton County on Election Day.

LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP!



<https://bit.ly/FultonCountyPollWorker>