



October 2021 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



October is here so let Fall begin. Don't forget to join us for the Oktoberfest event this Saturday from 4pm to 8pm. Proceeds from the festival will go to the MPVFR fire department and the weather should be perfect. We are hoping this will become an annual event that brings our friends and neighbors together in the perfect setting for a fall festival. Get your tickets online in advance on the city web site by Friday at noon.

After much deliberation and negotiation we presently have a contract with Roswell for fire protection and 911 services. This coupled with policing from Fulton County Sheriff's Department provides a more affordable level of public safety we have needed since Roswell announced its huge increase in cost for providing all these services almost two years ago. This contract is effective through the end of this

year and will be up for review in January.

It is an election year for three city council seats and you may have noticed all the signs for the incumbents and new candidates running for these seats. There are currently 11 candidates for these three seats which gives all of us a range of choices for the next city council. Learn about what these candidates stand for and vote to get the council you deserve. I want to thank the civic club and Trish Hill for hosting a very successful Meet the Candidates event on Wednesday evening. We have some great choices going forward to tackle our current and future challenges.

Please note that we have an agreement with Beazer Homes to remove the sediment from the cove in Lake Cherful closest to the Cherokee subdivision sometime in the next month or so. This will be disruptive for traffic going to and from Cherokee county during this process. City Hall will keep you apprised of any road blocks or equipment movement on Mountain Park road for your safety.

It is with a sad heart that we mourn the passing of Frank Baia long time citizen of Mountain Park and former elected official. He and Trish made many contributions to our community including the development of the first Mountain Park city website and citizens website. Frank was a friend, colleague, adversary and a neighbor. I could always trust he spoke from his heart and defended his position vehemently. In periods of greatest turmoil in our city there were moments Frank was a much needed voice of reason and for that I am grateful.

Have a wonderful Fall in The Park and come have a brat & Hofbrau with your friends on Saturday

Jim Still – Mayor

Civic Club News

October is a busy month this year for Civic Club.

Octoberfest on the Green 4:00 – 8:00 pm, October 2nd -- Assisting this City event by selling souvenir Beer Steins, water, soft drinks, and Mountain Park T shirts (if our shipment arrives on time)



Informal Coffee with the Candidates, 9:30 – 11:00 am October 23rd at the Community Center Patio

Second Candidate Forum, October 27th 7:00 pm at the Community Center and on ZOOM

Mountain Park Civic Club Meeting Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm.

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.

MOUNTAIN PARK GARDEN NEEDS LEAVES

Do you need somewhere to get rid of all those leaves in your yard? Once again this year, the Mountain Park Community Garden will accept your yard leaves. The Garden is at the corner of Spruce St and Mountain Park Rd heading towards Cherokee County. You can lean the bags against our Gate to Nowhere (you'll see). If you want to empty your bags and reuse them, you can drop the leaves into the enclosure. Leaves and pine straw only please (no branches, ivy, etc.). This will continue through the winter.

If you'd like someone to come to pick up your bagged leaves, please call Mike at 404-944-0027.

Join us for our first annual **OKTOBERFEST** on 10/2.

This is a fundraising event sponsored by Hofbrau Munchen and hosted by the City of Mountain Park for our Mountain Park Volunteer Fire Dept. The event will be outdoors on the community Green in our Beer Garden and Hofbrau Tent.

Accordion Beer Hall music provided by Jacob Herzog

- **General admission \$10 (no beer) Available online and at Festival**
- **Bavarian admission \$35 (includes 3 beer tickets*) Available online and at Festival**
- **Commemorative 16 oz. Beer Stein \$10 (more beer per ticket) Available online and at Festival**

Wear LEDERHOSEN OR DIRNDL and get a free beer!

Authentic German Food provided by “Hansel & Griddle” Food Truck with menu options listed below**

- 1. Bratwurst w/sauerkraut**
- 2. Chicken schnitzel w/red cabbage and spätzle**
- 3. Potato pancakes**
- 4. German potato salad**
- 5. Pretzels**

If you have any questions please call City Hall at (770) 993-4231.

Tickets available in advance at: <https://mountainparkgov.com>

***Additional beer tickets available at Festival**

****Contact Lydia @ Facebook.com/hanselandgriddle to pre-order food for the festival.**



Know Your City Code



LITTERING/WASTE

Sec. 62-145. Littering prohibited.

- (a) No person shall throw, discharge, discard or otherwise cause to be deposited waste of any character into the streets, gutters, drains, walkways, alleys, rights-of-way, streams, lakes or impoundments or other property of the city.
- (b) Except as otherwise set forth in this code, no person shall maintain or accumulate on his property or discard on the property of another, waste of any character.

Sec. 62-146. Accumulated waste constituting a nuisance.

- (a) During noncollection times, no waste containers may be kept stored or located in public view or in such a way as to create a public nuisance.
- (b) No person on any property may allow or cause waste or materials of any sort to accumulate on the property.
- (c) Accumulated waste or materials deemed a nuisance may be picked up at the discretion of the city. Charges for full costs and expenses incurred by the city, plus an administrative fee, will be added to the person's utility service bill for the month following the action taken by the city, and, in addition, the person on the property will be issued a citation. If necessary, the provisions for abatement of a nuisance set forth in article I of chapter 113 may be utilized to abate the nuisance.
- (d) Any waste or material not in the proper containers or not as specified for waste management service pickup will not be picked up and will be considered a nuisance if left on the property's curb side.
- (e) It is the responsibility of the person to deposit all inert trash in the scheduled dumpster provided by the city, and the person must ensure his inert trash is stored or located out of public view or in such a way as to not create a public nuisance until the dumpster is available.
- (f) Any person violating this section shall be cited to appear in the magistrate's court and, if found guilty, shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, a maximum fine of \$300.00 for the second offense and, in the case of a third offense, the violator shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$500.00. For each additional offense, the violator shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 and 60 days in jail.



IMPORTANT DATES

October 2nd.....Oktoberfest 4pm-8pm

October 2nd.....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!

October 20th.....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.

October 25th..... 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.

****REMINDER****

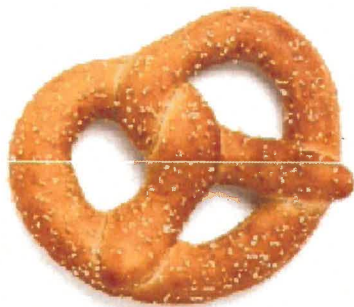
If you see a street light out in the City of Mountain Park please contact City Hall at 770-993-4231 to report it.

Oktoberfest

on the Green
in Mountain Park

Saturday, October 2nd

4pm - 8pm



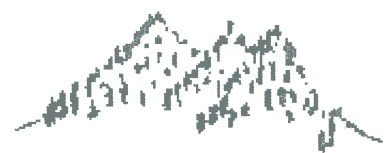
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food and drink



Proceeds benefit



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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



CHEROKEE COUNTY

253-MP01, 922-FMP01

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT

**MUNICIPAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

INSTRUCTIONS:

To Vote

- 1. Use black or blue ink to mark the ballot
- 2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote
- 3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided

Warning

- Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot
- Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices
- Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot
- Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed
- Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot

If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:

- A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "Spoiled" across the ballot and across the return envelope
- B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you

If you decide to vote in-person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-265(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

CITY OF MOUNTAIN PARK

**For City Council
(Vote for Three)**

Robin Montgomery Auerbach

Nancy Braswell

Robert deLaSalle

Linda Dorough Dixon
(Incumbent)

Lloyd Hendricks
(Incumbent)

Bill Kolbrener

Eddie F. Mathis

Glenn McCoin

Emily Myers

Marvin Penick

R. Scott Read
(Incumbent)

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Turn Ballot Over To Continue Voting

**SPECIAL ELECTION
(NON-BINDING QUESTION)**

Do you support any of the three options for use of the Lakes Restoration fund on Lake Garrett, and if so choose only one

Option A:

Option Description: No Action
Pros: 65 year lifespan of lake; no permitting
Cons: Unhealthy wetlands, potential flooding downstream, property devaluation with loss of lake
Yearly cost to maintain: Increased future costs to remediate siltation
Estimated cost: \$12,000 (lakes restoration fund not used)
over 5 years: .70
over 10 years: .34

Option B:

Option Description: Spillway similar to Russell Rd
Pros: 65 year lifespan of lake; reduces sedimentation
Cons: No sediment removal; \$65,000 U.S. Army Corps Engineers Individual permit
Yearly cost to maintain: \$45,000
Estimated cost: \$620,600
over 5 years: \$35.42
over 10 years: \$17.71

Option C:

Option Description: Drain lake and dredge; haul sediment to north shore of Garrett
Pros: 100 year lifespan. Limited permitting; allows trail or park along new embankment
Cons: \$58,000 U.S. Army Corps Engineers individual permit. Does not address future sedimentation
Yearly cost to maintain: \$25,000
Estimated cost: \$2,578,600
over 5 years: \$147.21
over 10 years: \$73.59

Option A

Option B

Option C

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2021 Lake Garrett Restoration Ballot Referendum

What is it?

Lake Garrett was built by the US Army Corps of Engineers to collect silt. It currently has about 2 feet of silt on the bottom and is estimated to last no longer than 60 years. The lake has been studied by Cardo and cost estimates and possible options have been updated to 2021.

A referendum is non binding. City Council is trying to collect as many resident opinions regarding lake restoration as possible, after online surveys have had limited responses from residents. A referendum was scheduled for November 2019, but it was cancelled.

How does it work?

The ballot is limited to just three possible options, one to leave the lake as is, one to install a permanent spillway to stop incoming silt, and one to dredge and move silt to the north shore of Garrett. The ballot shows what the overall cost of each option is to the city, over five years, and over ten years. Council is seeking residents' guidance on how to steer the Lakes Restoration fund over the next ten years.

How much does it cost?

This is an investment commitment. No assessment is currently being proposed, but it is not out of the realm of possibility, given the maintenance that a lake requires. No bond has been issued, but it is a possibility given the current interest rates and our credit history. No grants have been accepted, as residents in the past did not want the City advertised to the general public, but grant funds are readily available. For illustrative purposes, the proposed cost of each option has been reduced by \$250,000 from the Lakes Restoration fund and divided by 292 households, and again divided over 60 months and 120 months.

Why now? Why not wait until we have proof that the economy is turning around or things get better?

If we wait to act, the cost increases an average of 10% per year. The siltation gets worse. The appearance of our city and its lakes affects all our property values. As long as we remain the City of Mountain Park, we can decide for ourselves what our legacy will be for future generations.