

# September 2022 Newsletter

## Mayor's Message



What a muggy summer we have had this year. I look forward to the dryer cooler days of Fall. I am also looking forward to our second annual Oktoberfest on October 22nd of this year. Please go to the website and get your tickets early since we are expecting an even bigger turn out than last year.

Unfortunately, we had a house fire on August 23rd that destroyed a residence in Mountain Park. When a neighbor reported the fire to 911 dispatch a technical glitch prevented our own MPVFR from being notified and responding. This CAD configuration issue was addressed by 911 services the next morning and after three separate test calls, the configuration was determined to be fixed. We appreciate the quick and effective response from the City of Roswell Fire Department and the follow up by our MPVFR with Roswell Fire Department to address “a flare up” that existed the next day.

One of the largest revenue streams for the City of Mountain Park is the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) which is a one penny tax collected on retail sales in Fulton County over a 10-year period. This tax money is distributed between the cities and Fulton County and represents between \$150K & \$200K to the Mountain Park citizens each year that offsets property taxes. The most recent renewal of LOST means approximately \$3.2 billion over the next 10 years and is being negotiated between the cities of Fulton and the County Commissioners. This has proven to be a difficult negotiation because of the huge amount (35%) that is being asked for by Fulton County even though most of the county is no longer unincorporated. They currently get 4.39% of the LOST funds. This will be an onerous burden on our municipalities if we lose this revenue, but it has solidified ALL fifteen cities (including Atlanta) into a united coalition. Join me on September 21st on the steps of Roswell City Hall with all the other Mayors and elected officials from North Fulton communities to let our Fulton County Commissioners know we need to reach a fair and reasonable solution so that we don't lose LOST all together. South Fulton cities will be having a similar gathering as well. Otherwise, all the municipalities will be forced to either raise property taxes and/or cut services for all the citizens of Fulton County.

**Jim Still – Mayor**

# Important Trash & Recycling Updates

As of July 1, 2022, we no longer have curbside recycling, instead we have moved to a recycling day 2 times a month in the pool parking lot. The recycling day will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month from 7am to 10am. Should the recycling day ever change due to a holiday or similar issue we, City Hall, will notify all residents via email. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer from WastePro that goes over the acceptable and not acceptable items for recycling.

Waste Pro will not collect any trash that is not in a WastePro trash bin. This includes yard debris next to the can, trash bagged up and placed next to the can, and any additional trash bins that are not from WastePro.

You are able to get an additional trash can from WastePro for an additional cost of \$12.50 a month. If you need an additional can, please email [utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com) to request an additional bin.

Please put your WastePro issued trash bin(s) out Tuesday evening after 6pm or by 7am Wednesday morning so it can be collected. If your trash bin is not emptied by the end of the day on Wednesday each week please call City Hall at 770-993-4231 or email at [utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com) to let us know by 12pm on Thursday of that week so we can have WastePro come out on Friday to collect your trash. We ask that you bring your trash bin in from the road by Thursday morning, unless your trash was missed.



# MPVFR MESSAGE



## Physical Fitness:



**Pictured above: Lt. M. Peck guides Recruit J. Estrada through fitness drills. He is wearing full gear to simulate being on a scene. Lt. Peck not only watches for good form and technique. He is also watching for signs of fatigue, keeping Rec. Estrada motivated, hydrated, and safe during his workout.**

Fire ground fatigue is real and can happen to anyone of us. Pushing ourselves to the limit (and sometimes beyond) to get the job done can take its toll. That's why it is very important to consistently train to stay in shape. Cardio, calisthenics, Cross Fit, or a weightlifting routine are all good ways to maintain fitness levels needed to for a fire scene. Walking, light jogging, yoga, etc. are good low impact ways as well.



# 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, took, 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

September 1st.....Siren Testing @ 12pm  
September 1st.....Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing @ 7pm  
September 1st.....Special Called Meeting directly following hearing  
To vote on the adoption of the new tax millage rate for the City of Mountain Park

September 3rd.....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.

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*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!*

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September 5th.....City Hall Closed  
September 10th.....Recycle Day 7am-10am  
September 19th.....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.**

September 24th.....Recycle Day 7am-10am  
September 26th..... 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](https://mtnpark.secure.munibilling.com/customers/sign_in). Payments received on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 pick-up is missed, please contact City Hall Thursday morning before 12pm by calling 770-993-4231 or emailing [utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com). **The recycling flyer is attached for what can/can't be recycled.**

## \*\*REMINDER\*\*

If you would like to be on our email lists, please email [utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com](mailto:utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com) with your first and last name, email address and street address. We have 2 separate email lists. One for newsletter and one for important and urgent communication broken up by zones in the City. We use the zones for alerts regarding water shut-off, road closures, etc.. You must specify which list you would like to be included on so we can get you added to the correct list(s).

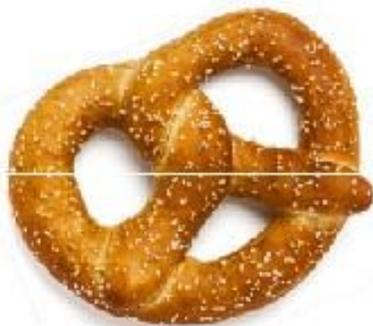
# Oktoberfest

on the Green  
in Mountain Park

Saturday, October 22nd  
4pm - 8pm



SCAN TO  
BUY  
TICKETS



Featuring German  
food and drink



Proceeds benefit



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# RECYCLABLE ITEMS



Plastic Food Trays and Cups



Plastic Bottles and Jugs



Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers #1-7



Rigid Plastics



Empty Aerosol Cans Lids Removed



Milk & Juice Cartons & Juice Boxes



Aluminum Cans, Foil & Trays



Metal Food Cans



Cereal & Food Boxes Flattened



Cardboard & Pizza Boxes Flattened



Magazines, Phone Books & Catalogs



Paperback Books



Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Paper Bags & Newspaper

## Items that **ARE NOT** accepted for recycling:



- NO Glass
- NO Shredded Paper
- NO Pots & Pans
- NO Glassware
- NO Paper Plates or Cups
- NO Napkins or Paper Towels
- NO Plastic Cutlery
- NO Food
- NO Clamshells or Styrofoam
- NO Batteries or Light Bulbs
- NO Wire Hangers
- NO Ceramics



- Empty and rinse all containers.
- Plastic caps and lids are recyclable.
- These guidelines apply to all recycling collection containers except bag customers in the downtown district.
- SAVE and POST this information.



# ATTENTION

## ALL RESIDENTS OF FULTON COUNTY

### LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)

# TOWN HALL

## Wednesday

## September 21

## 7:00 p.m.

Roswell City Hall  
38 Hill Street  
Roswell, GA 30075

Join us for a Town Hall on Local Option Sales Tax (LOST), which represents revenue of over \$3 billion over ten years. The Mayors from North Fulton cities are confirmed to participate in a panel discussion on LOST and its potentially dramatic effect on our communities. All Fulton County Commissioners have been invited to participate in this important opportunity for dialogue with residents.

#### Panel Participants Include:

- Jim Gilvin, Mayor of Alpharetta
- John Bradberry, Mayor of Johns Creek
- Peyton Jamison, Mayor of Milton
- Jim Still, Mayor of Mountain Park
- Kurt Wilson, Mayor of Roswell
- Rusty Paul, Mayor of Sandy Springs

#### Panel Moderator:

- Steve Gehlbach, Channel 2 Action News Reporter, WSB-TV