



February 2024 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Getting up to Mayoral speed has been my number one task these past few weeks. Always putting Mountain Park first is my most important commitment to you. Flattening out the learning curve has proven to be a daily and sometimes nightly endeavor. My first month in office has been a busy one. A lot of meetings, calls, and visits with our community, your Council, and your City Hall. I have also had several meetings and calls with other leaders outside of Mountain Park. I am a big believer of communicating and I hope to hear from you regarding Mountain Park and your thoughts...after all Mountain Park is your home. Please get involved and stay involved. Getting involved and staying involved can be accomplished so much easier by downloading our official App. MyMountainPark.

The next few months will unfold with a lot of happenings in the park.

The first week of February will mark the start of the Russell Road Culvert lining Project. Please take extra caution while passing through the construction and storage areas. You will see a lot of materials, workers, and curious onlookers for the next 30-90 days.

Heading into March/April the Russel Road Bridge repairs are set to begin. I don't have many details as of this writing. The details will be presented as the time to start draws near. The earthen dam and spillway inspections have begun. Hopefully all is well, and a verified alternative route can be used if it is ever needed.

All the above items could not have been made possible without the hard work of City Hall, City Council, our former Mayor, and citizens like you. A big thanks to everyone. There are a lot more discussions and thoughts happening...way too many to list here.

A visit by an unwanted and unexpected visitor into Mountain Park by an assumed bank robbing fugitive has initiated the need to complete several phases of our preparedness plan for events that affect us. This not only includes this incident but others including but not limited to weather events, Utility events and events that we may not know of. Being prepared and good communication is the key. I am and I'm sure you are glad the fugitive episode ended without incident.

An after-hours contact is in the works and should be rolled out by February 10. The details will be announced on (you got it....) our official App and Web Site. Speaking of our new web site...the finishing touches are being made. Its roll out is expected this month!

Please stop by your City Hall and check out the new colors and vibe. I am in the office most days after 10:30 for quick drop ins or if you prefer a conversation requiring more time feel free to contact City Hall to make an appointment. I welcome the opportunity to get to know each other better.

Happy Valentines Day and I hope to see you at the Civic Club sponsored dance on the 10th.

Thanks and stay well--Bill Kolbrener, Mayor

Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club invites you to join us in 2024, 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 13th @ 7PM in the Community Building.

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



Gardening Club News

The Mountain Park Community Garden will be having our spring meeting on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Community building.

This is the 14th spring for our garden!

The Mountain Park Garden is an all-plant, all-pick membership garden (\$20 per household per year) using sustainable methods for vegetables, herbs, and flowers. We usually gather in the garden spring through fall, on Saturday mornings as schedules permit.

Business License Renewals

Do you have a home business that operates in Mountain Park? 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 = \$150.00

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 \$220.00 for a one-person business.

If you have over 10 employees please contact City Hall for the fees.

ANNUAL FISHING AND BOATING PERMIT RENEWALS

The new year means that all boating and fishing permits purchased in 2023 have expired as of 12/31/2023. The applications for the new 2024 permits can be picked up by coming to City Hall or found online at our website <https://mountainparkgov.com>. The pricing is included below for residents of Mountain Park.

Fishing Rates Residents:

\$25/year

Boating Resident Rates-Yearly:

\$15-canoes, kayaks, sailboats

\$30-boats with electric trolling motors-LAKE CHERFUL ONLY

Gasoline powered watercraft are not to be used by anyone





MPVFR MESSAGE



Meet First Responder Kevin Sheehan

Firefighting a Family Tradition



Firefighting runs in Kevin's family. His father and grandfather were both firefighters. Many of Kevin's friends were firefighters as well. Kevin pursued his dream and graduated from the Firefighter Academy in 2007. Kevin worked for Baldwin County Fire Department for many years. When his career path took another direction, he left the fire service but remained "passionate about firefighting and helping others".

Eventually, Kevin moved to Brookfield. When he discovered that there was a volunteer fire department right next door, he contacted Chief Miceli and Lt. Peck about joining.

Kevin joined the Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department (MPVFR) in July of 2023. He then had to complete a re-certification process that included written, physical skills, and a live burn test. Live burn requires firefighters to go into a burning building and demonstrate their skills. Kevin passed with flying colors and was recertified as a Firefighter I.

Living in Brookfield, Kevin is literally minutes from Mountain Park. Even when he is not physically staffing at the MPVFR station, he works from home and is basically on call 24/7.



(Kevin as a child with his father)

Kevin loves Mountain Park. He says, "Mountain Park is beautiful, and I love this close-knit community. Mountain Park is a special place and I appreciate those that want to keep Mountain Park, Mountain Park."

Kevin stated, "I will do whatever I can to facilitate this department. What we have is a special resource that is not available to most small cities. It is something that you don't want to lose."

Kevin encourages citizens in Mountain Park and surrounding neighborhoods to become volunteers. In addition to Firefighting and Emergency Medical Personnel, there are many ways to be involved.

If you are interested in supporting our MPVFR first responders, MPVFR is looking for people with interest or experience in: Fundraising event/planning, 501c3 organizing, Grant research, Recruiting, Uniforms and gear acquisition, please email recruiting@mpvfr.org



Know Your City Code



CHAPTER 6 - ANIMALS

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 6-1. - Fulton County provisions adopted.

The Fulton County animal control ordinance, as now or hereafter amended, is hereby adopted as a general ordinance of the city to the extent that the animal control ordinance is not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. A copy of the current Fulton County animal control ordinance and any additions, deletions or local amendments thereto shall be maintained in the office of the city clerk and be available for inspection by the public.

Sec. 6-2. - Enforcement of Fulton County animal control ordinance.

The city code compliance officer as well as the county animal control officer and county board of health are hereby given the power to enforce the Fulton County animal control ordinance in the city.

Sec. 6-3. - Summons.

A city officer, at his direction, may elect not to impound a dog or other animal found in violation of any section of this chapter, but to issue or cause to be issued a summons directed to the owner or possessor of the dog to appear before the municipal court on a certain day to stand trial for the violation of this chapter.

(Code 1982, § 9-3-27)

FULTON COUNTY ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 34 - HEALTH AND SANITATION

ARTICLE VI - RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 34-205. - Running at large.

(a) Generally. Within the unincorporated area of Fulton County or within any municipality in Fulton County which has or may enter into an agreement with Fulton County for animal control services, the running at large of dogs, domestic animals, livestock, owned wildlife, exotic animals, public nuisance animal, dangerous, or vicious dogs, or dogs trained or in training as guard dogs is prohibited, with the exception of cats. Owners of wildlife or exotic animals must have the necessary state and/or federal permits on their person when transporting their animals.

(b) (1) Dogs. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or harborer of any dog to allow or permit such dog to leave the premises of the owner or other person having custody of the dog unless such dog is securely under leash; said leash being not more than six-feet long, and under the control of a competent person. Dogs must be confined to the premises of the owner or other person having custody of the dog and shall be restrained by means of a fence or wall or other enclosure, or restrained individually by a leash under the control of a competent person. Excluded are those dogs participating in or training for obedience trials, field trials, dog shows, tracking work, or law enforcement. Also, the requirements of this subsection shall not apply in any area zoned for agriculture where the owner or person having custody of the dog is at the time in question using the dog for hunting purposes and has on his/her person a valid hunting license and proof of vaccination.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 7th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

February 7th.....Court @ 7pm

February 12th.....Dumpster Day

1. Must provide proof of residence in the City of Mountain Park.

2. ONE TRUCKLOAD OR TRAILER LOAD PER RESIDENCE.

February 24th.....Council Retreat 11:30am-4:30pm

FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS at City of Milton Community Building: This is a planning session for council members. The public is welcome to attend the planning session, but may only be a silent observer during the event.

February 19th..... City Hall Closed

February 21st.....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.

February 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. Payments received on the 1st of the month or later will be assessed with a \$25 late fee.

REMINDER

****IMPORTANT CHANGE--TRASH PICK-UP IS NOW MONDAY.****

Please ensure you put your trash and recycle cans out the night before after 6pm or by 6am on Sunday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Please remove your cans from the curb by 9am on Tuesday. 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 Tuesday 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.

FAMILY SUNDAY FUN DAY

February 25th at 2pm
Bring the whole
family.
Games, Art, Activities

MP Civic Building
Presented by MP Civic
Club

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- Receive Notifications
- And more...



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