



June 2023 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

This month of May has started off more like Fall than Summer. Now that the pool is open, we need some good ole' upper 80s or lower 90-degree temps to make that pool more tempting.

Please plan to join us for this year's Fourth of July. A fun filled day of activities and fireworks that night. As a sign of the times, we do not know for sure that we will be able to continue the fireworks

after this year. With the current cost of goods and staffing challenges for everybody, we have been put on notice that prices of fireworks for a city as small as Mountain Park may not be tenable even if we can get the qualified people to shoot them. I wrote an opinion piece in 2005 at the end of my first four years on city council called "Time For A Change". It expressed my concerns about the inevitable changes for a city of our size that were destined to come in due time and adjustments we as a city needed to make if we wanted to avoid some of these. This is one of those times. I cannot remember us not having one of the most beautiful fireworks displays in the Roswell-Woodstock area since we moved here in 2000. Please know that this administration will work diligently to find any way we can to keep this from being the last year but don't miss it just in case.

We have already received another year's commitment from Hofbräuhaus and General Wholesale Distributors to participate in the Third Annual Oktoberfest of Mountain Park. This "Fun-raiser" is for the benefit of our volunteer fire department MPVFR. Please put October 21st on your calendar to come to the Hofbrauhaus tent and Beer Garden at the community building and listen to the band that was so popular last year while enjoying the food from the same food truck that was such a hit as well. Ein Prosit!

Stay safe & healthy and we'll see you around The Park.

Jim Still Jr, Mayor

Important Trash & Recycling Updates

On July 1, 2023, the City will transition over to a new trash collection company. The new trash company we are working with is Legacy Disposal Solutions, formally known as RAK Sanitation. Legacy Disposal will be doing both curbside trash and curbside recycling. We will send out a separate email when we have a date when WastePro cans will be picked up. The new trash company, Legacy Disposal, will drop off new cans, 1 recycle and 1 trash, at your home the last 2 weeks of June. If you do not have your new bins by the end of June and/or your WastePro bin(s) are not picked up, please contact City Hall so we can get them picked up/delivered to your home.

If you already have back-door pick-up or a second trash can, that service will still be provided to you as before. You are able to get an additional trash can from Legacy Disposal Services for an additional cost of \$12.50 a month. If you need an additional can, please email utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com to request an additional bin.

Our new trash and pick-up day will be Fridays with the first pick-up day being June 30th. Please put your Legacy Disposal issued trash bin(s) out Thursday evening after 6pm or by 6am Friday morning so it can be collected. If your trash bin is not emptied by the end of the day on Friday each week, please email City Hall at utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com by Monday morning at 9am so we can let Legacy Disposal know to pick it up on Monday afternoon. We ask that you bring your trash bin in from the road by Saturday morning, unless your trash was missed.

Items allowed in recycling bins are printed on the recycling can should you have questions on what is allowed. #1 plastics, paper, and cardboard ARE allowed, but they must be cleaned and free of food/trash. Legacy Disposal WILL NOT put any contaminated recycle bins in the recycle truck.

We will no longer have our monthly bulk dumpster day at the pool. Instead, we will have a dumpster at the pool 2 times a year and the weekend that it is there will be announced in the monthly newsletter and on the City website. Legacy Sanitation does offer curbside bulk pick-up for a price that will be billed directly to the homeowner. Should you need this service you can contact Legacy Disposal's office at 770-688-9515 to schedule.

Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club invites you to join us in 2023, so mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Civic Club is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and support your community through various service activities, projects, and fun community events.

Our upcoming meeting is Tuesday, June 13th @ 7PM in the community building. Yearly membership is \$5.00/person or \$15.00 per family of 3 or more.

MOUNTAIN PARK CIVIC CLUB

NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY — PROJECT —

It's been several years since the last Directory was created. So many new folks have moved in—it's time to get a new one in your hands with up to date information.

Help us get this project in the works by letting us know if you would like to **OPT IN** or **OPT OUT** of including your information in the 2023 edition.

It's easy! Just click the link below and fill out the form. We are hoping **ALL RESIDENTS** will respond, otherwise we'll come find ya, so save us all some time and participate. Thanks!

MTN PARK CIVIC CLUB

Come and meet with your neighbors over a cup of joe and some baked goods!



**SATURDAY
JUNE 10TH
9:30 AM**

COFFEE WITH NEIGHBORS

CIVIC CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR

Mountain Park

4TH of JULY

FIREWORKS AT DARK

9AM **PARADE PREP** Decorate your ride + purchase sausage biscuits at Civic Bldg

10AM **MAYOR'S SPEECH** Jim Still will get us started

10:30AM **START YOUR ENGINES!** Parade begins Try to stay dry :)

3-4:30PM **DOG SHOW!** on the Green at City Hall



MPVFR NEWS



MEET *First Responder*, Lt. Michael Peck

MPVFR VOLUNTEER AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN PARK



According to Lt. Michael Peck, Mountain Park is “The best kept secret in Georgia. No visible commercial business. No brick and mortar. A wildlife refuge not ruined by retail.” Lt. Peck is passionate about public safety and joined the Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue in 2017 to “fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a Firefighter”. He searched for just the right-sized department and chose Mountain Park because “It is a small, tight knit community. Whether you love your neighbor or you don’t, you look out for them, because what affects them affects you.” The compassion and family-like environment of this close-knit city

reminds Michael of the small community where he spent his youth in Montgomery, AL and wants to do his part to ensure both the safety and progression of our city.

Lt. Peck became the city’s Code Enforcement Officer in October 2022. The city of Mountain Park is fortunate to have this well trained and dedicated man serving us as an MPVFR volunteer and as the city Code Enforcement Officer.

While serving in the Marines, Michael attended Alabama State University studying Theatre and Criminal Justice. He has served in the justice system for 18 years. First as a DeKalb County Police Officer for eight years, where he was assigned to North Precinct and eventually the Special Operations’ Tactical Response Team/Mobile Field Force. He went on to work at DeKalb Medical in Security and Emergency Management. In 2016 he accepted a position at Children’s Hospital Atlanta in Security as a Special Investigator, a supervisor, and departmental Instructor and currently works in Campus Safety at Oglethorpe University. He is considering working part-time in the city with the Fulton County Sheriff’s Department as well. If that works out, he says, “he is just as happy and eager to do it unpaid, in the same manner as he is working with the Fire and Rescue Department, as a Reserve Deputy.”

Michael has three boys and works hard for them. “My parents taught me how to be a great parent, but my boys make me an *amazing* one. They are my reason for everything,” He says. Lt. Peck has Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training in the past. He has been first to arrive at medical emergencies and lift assist calls in Mountain Park. He completed his Volunteer Firefighter with Live Fire training in 2018. He is currently assisting Chief Miceli with recruiting new volunteers; in addition to the 15 volunteers on staff, there are new volunteers coming on board. He adds that MPVFR now has three certified in-house instructors, so instruction doesn’t cost the city a dime. Recruits have been completing courses in Basic Life Support (BLS) and are now moving on to Firefighter I training. Classes are held every Thursday night at the station. COVID severely affected MPVFR staffing. Michael himself contracted COVID *three*

times and pneumonia *right after*. With the addition of new recruits and certified trainers on staff, MPVFR is bouncing back better than ever.

Michael states, “When God tells you to do something, you do it. I may not be a resident of Mountain Park, but I am willing to do anything I can to help this beautiful city.”

In addition to Fire and Emergency medical calls, MPVFR assists with other emergencies like down power lines, fallen trees, etc. On May 28th, a tree fell blocking Hemlock Street – residents could not get in or out. Lt. Peck and our one and only maintenance worker, George Owens, came to the rescue! The tree was cleared in less than an hour.





Know Your City Code



LITTERING

Mountain Park is unique for its wooded beauty and surrounding lakes. In order to keep our community's beauty the City of Mountain Park staff would like to remind you that it is unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw, leave, cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this city or any waters in this city. The litter and debris, including yard clippings, ends up in our streams and lakes. Please help keep our city clean!

Sec. 105-365. - Prohibition against littering public or private property or waters.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this city or any waters in this city unless:
- (1) The property is designated by the state or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;
 - (2) The litter is placed into a receptacle or container installed on such property; or,
 - (3) The person is the owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, or has first obtained consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession, or unless the act is done under the personal direction of the owner or tenant, all in a manner consistent with the public welfare and all other applicable laws and ordinances.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when such property or waters is a construction site, construction site operators must control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality. "Control waste" means to properly contain and dispose of waste. Loose construction debris (e.g., packing materials, scraps of lumber, etc.) shall be promptly contained and removed from the site and properly disposed of.



Sec. 105-366. - Vehicle loads causing litter.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle with a load on or in such vehicle unless the load on or in such vehicle is adequately secured to prevent the dropping or shifting of materials from such load onto the roadway. This shall require at a minimum covering any waste load with a tarp.

Sec. 105-369. - Penalties.

Any person who violates this article shall be guilty of a violation and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

- (1) By a fine of not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$1,000.00; and
- (2) In addition to the fine set out in subsection (1) above, the violator shall reimburse the city for the reasonable cost of removing the litter when the litter is or is ordered removed by the city; and
- (3) a. In the sound discretion of the court, the person may be directed to pick up and remove from any public street or highway or public right-of way for a distance not to exceed one mile any litter he has deposited and any and all litter deposited thereon by anyone else prior to the date of execution of sentence; or
b. In the sound discretion of the court, the person may be directed to pick up and remove any and all litter from any public property, private right-of-way, or with prior permission of the legal owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, any private property upon which it can be established by competent evidence that he has deposited litter. Pick up and removal shall include any and all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of execution of sentence; and,
- (4) The court may cause to be published, at the convicted violator's expense, the names of persons convicted of violating this article.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 3rd.....**FINAL** monthly 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!

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

June 7th.....City Court @ 7pm

June 10th.....Recycle Day 7am-10am

June 14th.....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.

June 24th.....Recycle Day 7am-10am

June 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 a \$25 late fee.

****REMINDER****

Please ensure you put your cans out Sunday night after 6pm or by 7am on Thursday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Please remove your cans from the curb by 8am on Saturday.. If your trash or recycle pick-up is missed, please contact City Hall Monday morning by 9am by emailing utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com.

