



September 2023 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



We are entering the Fall season which means hopefully cooler weather, Georgia football and our Third Annual Oktoberfest on October 21st. I have enjoyed helping to facilitate the many events over the past 16 years that have brought our community together. The one thing I have always said is the greatest asset we have is our beautiful environment. We have shared this beauty over the years with our neighbors during the Fourth of July fireworks, Dave Pardue outdoor concerts, Markets on the Green, Craft Beer Festivals, and Oktoberfest. I know we will continue to share this sense of community while having lots of fun, raising needed money for good causes and enjoying being together as part of one of the most unique places in North Fulton County.

I want to personally congratulate and thank all the individuals who stepped up to run for office during the upcoming election in November. I wish each one the best of luck in running their campaigns. One of the first things we did after I became Mayor was to try and make it possible for more people to serve their community so we would have more different perspectives represented on the ballot. We reduced the size of council from 7 to 5 and made committees elective on an “as needed” basis instead of mandatory so more people would have time to participate. I think it has worked since today we have many different choices of candidates, and you can vote for who you think best represents your interests and goals for the future of Mountain Park. I will miss the excitement of the election to be your Mayor, but think it is time for “New Eyes & New Ideas” going forward.

Good Luck to all this Fall.

Mayor Jim Still

“Character is more important than reputation. Character is who you are and reputation is who people think you are.”



MPVFR MESSAGE



MOUNTAIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE (MPVFR) UPDATE

YOUR Partner in Public Safety

Meet First Responder Bailey Goldberg

Volunteering for Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue (MPVFR) a family tradition?



Bailey is an official Emergency Medical Service (EMS) member of MPVFR. His current certifications are National and Georgia EMT-basic, Psychological First Aid from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Basic Life Support (BLS), and several emergency management certifications from FEMA.

Bailey is the son of MPVFR Chief Medical Officer/Assistant Fire Chief, Howard Goldberg. When Howard was recruited by Atlanta Fire & Rescue as an EMS instructor, Bailey followed two years later and moved from Florida to Georgia. He attended his dad's MPVFR training sessions and became an MPVFR volunteer, because he "loved the small-town atmosphere and helping people without asking for anything in return". During the Fourth of July celebration in the park, Bailey

was the medic in charge, responding to a resident medical emergency. He recorded patient vital signs, medical history, had the patient in a sling and swathe, and provided emotional/psychological support well before AMR arrived on the scene. Bailey worked for Central Emergency Services, one of the largest emergency medical services networks in the Southeast before transitioning to Puckett EMS, where he is full-time on a 911 ambulance with a paramedic partner. He is currently in advanced EMT school and taking three classes online at the University of Central Florida. He will begin paramedic school in January 2024.

Even with his busy schedule, Bailey attends training every Wednesday night at the MPVFR station and recently staffed the station in the event of emergency calls from 10PM to 10AM – 12 hours!

It's not all about Fire – According to FEMA, fems.dc.gov/page/incident-counts, during the most recently completed fiscal year (FY 2022), EMS calls averaged 79% of total call volume, Fire/Other calls averaged 21% of total call volume; only 4% of emergency calls are for fire.

Mountain Park is fortunate to have highly qualified professionals like Bailey staffing our Volunteer Department. Bailey urges anyone in the city with interest in emergency medicine or firefighting to inquire about joining MPVFR. Contact a member or show up at the station at 7:00 pm on a Wednesday night". You may also contact recruiting@mpvfr.org.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS MPVFR PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER + CIVIC CLUB COFFEE WITH NEIGHBORS RAISES \$3045.09!

Mountain Park community spirit at its finest; 20+ volunteers, 100+ eggs, 12 pounds of bacon, plenty of sausage, dozens of muffins, tons of pancakes, 15 gallons of Orange Juice, all donated by citizens. We are estimating at least 100 attended. **MPVFR has been a tradition in this city for 45 years**, supporting our community and providing first responder Emergency Medical, Fire suppression and other public safety services. Thank you for your overwhelming support!



Donations to MPVFR can be made by scanning the QR code to donate with a credit card or in City Hall by cash or check made out to the City of Mountain Park with MPVFR donation in the memo line.

Follow MPVFR on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MPVFR/>

Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club invites you to join us in 2023, 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, September 12th @ 7PM in the community building. Yearly membership is \$5.00/person or \$15.00 per family of 3 or more.



Want to Serve on City Council?

A Special Election will be held on November 7th to fill the vacancy in the office of City Council caused by operation of law when Bill Kolbrener qualified to run for Mayor. The term of such office will be for the final two years of the term for which Mr. Kolbrener was previously elected. If you are interested in running for this opening, you will need to come to City Hall on the dates listed below in order to qualify. The fee to run for a council seat is \$27.

ELECTION QUALIFYING DATES

September 5th from 9am to 5pm

September 6th from 9am to 5pm

September 7th from 9am to 12pm

Sec. 2.11. - Qualifications of office.

No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilman unless such person shall have attained the age of 21 at the beginning of the term of office and unless such person shall have been a resident of the city for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of such person's election and shall continue to reside therein during the term of office and shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of Mountain Park. Neither the mayor nor any councilman shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city.



Know Your City Code

https://library.municode.com/ga/mountain_park/codes/code_of_ordinances



Responsibilities As a Homeowner

Sec. 58-3. - Sight obstructions at intersections; notice.

(a) No person owning, occupying or in manner controlling property in this city shall permit any tree, bush or shrub on the property to project over any street or sidewalk of this city so as to obstruct or interfere with the view and use of persons walking or riding in a vehicle on the street or sidewalk or of other persons or vehicles approaching from crossing or intersecting streets. (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, whether the owner, tenant, agent or person controlling property in the city to fail to remove any tree, bush or other obstruction from the streets or sidewalks of this city after ten days' notice by the city to do so.

Article IV. Vegetation

Sec. 113-152. - Height permitted.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, tenant, or other person having the possession and control of real property, or responsible for its management, maintenance, or upkeep, to permit the growth and accumulation of weeds, grass, or other vegetation to a height in excess of 12 inches above the ground.

Sec. 113-153. - Notice to abate.

For a violation of this article, the owner of the property shall be given notice to remove excess growth within seven days from the receipt of the notice. Such notice may be served personally, registered, or certified mail or by attaching a copy of the notice to the principal entrance of the dwelling and shall contain a description of the location of the property upon which such condition exists.

Animal Ordinance:

- Generally – running at large dogs, domestic animals, etc., dangerous, or potentially dangerous dogs is prohibited with the exception of cats.
- Dogs – unlawful for owner, custodian or harbinger of any dog to allow such dog to leave the premises or the owner or other such person having custody unless dog is under security of leash being no more than 6 feet in length and under the control of a competent person. Dogs must be confined to the premises of the owner or other person having custody and must be restrained by means of a fence or wall or other enclosure.
- Restraint of domestic animals – it shall be unlawful for owner, custodian or harbinger of any domestic animal to allow or permit such animal to leave the premises of the owner or other person having custody unless securely under leash, carry case or restrained by some other means and under the control of a competent person.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 4th.....City Hall Closed

September 6th.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

September 6th.....Court 7pm

September 13th.....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 25th..... 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****

We have switched to a new trash company, Legacy Disposal Solutions. **Our trash/recycle day is Friday.** Please ensure you put your cans out the night before after 6pm or by 6am on Thursday and leave them at the curb until they are picked up. Please remove your cans from the curb by 9am on Saturday. 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 Monday 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.

****REMINDER****

If you would like to be on our email lists, please email 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).

Advance Voting Hours and Locations

October 16 – November 3, 2023

Hours Include:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21 & October 28: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 22 & October 29 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ASTERISK* INDICATES ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION

Alpharetta Library*
10 Park Plaza
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Buckhead Library*
269 Buckhead Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30305

**Chattahoochee Hills
City Hall**
6505 Rico Road
Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268

**C. T. Martin Natatorium
Recreation Center***
3201 Martin Luther King Jr.
Drive SW
Atlanta, GA 30311

**East Point First Mallalieu
United Methodist Church ***
2651 N Church Street
East Point, GA 30344

East Roswell Library*
2301 Holcomb Bridge Road
Roswell, GA 30076

Fairburn Annex
40 Washington Street
Fairburn, GA 30213

**Fulton County Government
Center (Office)**
OFFICE
141 Pryor Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30331

**Gladys S. Dennard Library
at South Fulton ***
4055 Flat Shoals Road
South Fulton, GA 30291

Ponce De Leon Library
980 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Robert F. Fulton Ocee Library
5090 Abbotts Bridge Road
Johns Creek, GA 30005

Roswell Library
115 Norcross Street
Roswell, GA 30075

**South Fulton Service Center
(Office)**
OFFICE
5600 Stonewall Tell Road
South Fulton, GA 30349

Southwest Arts Center
915 New Hope Road SW
South Fulton, GA 30331