



December 2021 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



I hope everyone had Happy and Safe Thanksgiving gatherings this year. Unfortunately it looks like we have a “new version of the same old song” with the Omicron variant making its way into our holidays. Please continue to practice safety throughout the rest of this year’s holidays including Christmas and New Year’s.

I look forward to the annual City Christmas Tree lighting on December 12th at 5:30 pm so please join us on the Green for this holiday tradition.

It with a heavy heart that I share the passing of one of our longtime residents Gary Bennett. Gary lost his battle with cancer and passed on in the month of November. His presence and humor will be missed.

We look forward to next year and seeing the newly elected councilmembers address the challenges that our little community faces. Thanks to all the candidates who ran and current outgoing councilmembers who stepped up to serve their community. We greatly appreciate your willingness to service.

Stay safe while having a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim Still- Mayor



Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club Meeting, Tuesday December 14th 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 T-Shirts Available – Civic Club has a new supply of Mountain Park shirts available in both ladies and men's styles. The ladies shirts are tailored differently than the men's with a v neck. The men's shirts come in a sport grey and an antique irish green. The ladies shirts come in a sport grey and a lime green. All of the shirts are \$15 and the proceeds are used to support Mountain Park community events. Please contact the Civic Club to make a purchase.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Jingle all the way over for a jolly good time at the Mountain Park Christmas Tree Lighting:

Sunday December 12th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Community Building

Civic club will host an evening of festive fun and fellowship, all are welcome to attend

We'll have Marshmallows for toasting and fingers crossed caroling out in the snow!

Ho-ho-hope to see you there!

P.S. - We've made a list and checked it twice... here are a few items to bring to make the evening extra nice.

B.Y.O. C.....

CHAIR - for roasting marshmallows over an open fire

CUP- or festive holiday mug to toast your neighbors with your choice of hot cocoa or cider "Cheer" not included (Bring your own)

CLOTHING- don your most festive threads! Tis the season!

Festive attire strongly encouraged!





Know Your City Code



BUILDING PERMITS

Sec. 117-14. - Building permit required.

It shall be unlawful to commence the excavation for the construction of any building or other structure, including accessory structures, or to store building materials, or erect temporary field offices or structures, or to commence the moving, alteration, or repair of any structure, including accessory structure, until the city has issued for such work a building permit. Application for a building permit may be made through the city clerk. The process for making application, the required supporting documentation and the approval process is defined by the attachment titled, Process for Obtaining a Building/Development Permit in the City of Mountain Park.

Editor's note— The attachment cited in section 117-14 and throughout the sections following section 117-14, is not set out in this codification, but is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Accessory structure means all other impervious improvements, which include, but are not limited to, driveways, parking areas, decks, porches, pools and gazebos.

Sec. 117-15. - Approval of plans and issuance of building permit.

- (a) The city shall not approve any plans or issue a building permit for any excavation of construction until such plans have been reviewed in detail and found to be in complete conformity with the process and requirements as defined in the Process for Obtaining a Building/Development Permit in the City of Mountain Park. The application for new construction and all development permits shall include at least the following:
- (1) Diagrams of the actual shape, proportions and dimension of the lot to be built upon at a scale of one inch equals 20 feet;
 - a. This boundary survey will also include distances to property lines, all building setback lines, parking and driveway locations;
 - b. Existing and proposed contours at a two-foot interval;
 - c. Graphic scale and north arrow;
 - (2) Diagrams of the actual shape, proportions, location and dimension of all existing and proposed structures to be built at a scale of one inch equals 20 feet;
 - (3) Vicinity map showing site relative to nearest intersection;
 - (4) Plans must be signed and sealed by a plan preparer registered in the state of Georgia (i.e., land surveyor, engineer, landscape architect or other registered qualified plan preparer);
 - (5) Name, address and phone number of developer and owner;
 - (6) Size of project site;
 - (7) Statement from city and county tax officials that ad valorem and property taxes owed and due are paid;
 - (8) A current sewer or septic permit issued for the application property paid in full;
 - (9) A narrative defining the existing and intended use of all such buildings or other structures; and
 - (10) Diagrams of the location of erosion and sediment control practices, using uniform coding symbols from the Manual for Erosion Control in Georgia, chapter 6, with legend;
 - a. Including name and phone number of 24-hour local contact who is responsible for erosion and sediment control;
 - b. Certification by the plan preparer and owner that the site is not within 200 feet of state waters. If the site is within 200 feet of state waters as determined by the plan preparer or as determined by the city, the information in the Process for Obtaining a Building/Development Permit in the City of Mountain Park, plan review checklist B, will also be required.
- (b) The building codes applicable to all construction within the city shall be those of the county, as amended from time to time.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 1st.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

December 1st.....City Court @ 7pm

December 4th.....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!

December 15th.....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.

December 20th..... Regular Council @ 7pm

December 23rd and 24th..... City Hall Closed

December 31st..... City Hall Closed

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.

MTN PARK TREE LIGHTING



COME FOR
S'MORES
—
STAY FOR
FRIVOLITY,
FESTIVE MUSIC,
FELLOWSHIP +
FIRE

B.Y.O.C.

CHAIR
(FOR SITTING)

CUP
(FAVE MUG)
FOR SIPPING HOT
COCOA + CIDER

"CHEER"
(TO ENHANCE
SAID CIDER...)

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**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER
12TH
5:30 -
7:30^{PM}**