



March 2022 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Once again, we are riding the “see-saw” of winter and spring. As I write we are expecting a 41 degree low for tonight and we just had a 77 degree high yesterday. For the past couple of years we have all missed the typical spring events that would bring us out on The Green especially this time of the year. I am hopeful we are closing in on better times as the COVID pandemic seems to be reaching a plateau, and we all start to enter this new “normal” phase of life where we can gather together as a community again. I know I look forward to all the fun Spring, Summer and Fall events here in our community.

I recently renewed my Mayor’s Monarch Pledge to support all pollinating species and their importance to our existence. We look forward to seeing the caterpillars feasting on the milkweed on the Green again this year. Thanks again to Gisela for all her dedicated work on this project.

We finally got the “Overlook Island” remove from Lake Cheerful and appreciate Beazer for getting that done like they said they would.

Congratulations to our new Mayor Pro Tem Councilperson Carol Silver and much appreciation to Councilman Mark Murphy for serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the past couple of years. The Mayor Pro Tem serves as the representative of the City who presides over council meetings and other public functions in the community during the absence of the Mayor.

It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of one of our longtime residents, former City Clerk and former councilmember Judy Brice. Judy passed last week on February 16th.

Have a safe healthy March and enjoy the start of another beautiful spring in The Park.

Jim Still—Mayor

“Respect is a two-way street that should be traveled often.”

Civic Club News

Mountain Park Civic Club invites you to join us in 2022, 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, March 8th @ 7PM in the community building.



And please join us for Coffee with Neighbors on Saturday, March 12th from 9:30AM-11:00AM @ the community building.

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

Hope to see you there!

Yard Waste and Recycling

It's that time of year when you may be thinking about doing some spring cleaning around your house and in your yard. Waste Pro **DOES NOT ALLOW** yard waste to be collected in the weekly trash service. If you have yard waste it can be mulched/composted or put into the monthly dumpster that is available to residents of Mountain Park. The dumpster is available from 7am-10am on the first Saturday of each month. Residents of Mountain Park can utilize the dumpster provided to get rid of larger items and yard waste that you are unable to put into the regular trash. Also attached to this newsletter are the proper recycling procedures and a detailed listing of what can be recycled and what cannot be recycled.





Know Your City Code



TREE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION

A Tree Removal Application must be completed and approved by the City before removing trees from your property.

Specimen tree means trees which qualify for special consideration due to their size and type. The following size and condition criteria are used to identify specimen trees; except as expressly provided herein, both the size and condition criteria must be met for a tree to be considered a specimen tree:

Size criteria:

- Pine Trees: 30-inch diameter or larger
- Overstory Trees (Excluding Pines): 24-inch diameter or larger
- Understory Trees (Excluding Pines): 8-inch diameter or larger

Condition criteria:

- Greater than 15 years life expectancy, Trunk is relatively sound and solid with no extensive decay,
- Free of major dead limbs, and free of major insect or pathological problem.

Sec. 105-202. - Purpose and intent of article.

The city deems it necessary and desirable in the interest of public health, safety and welfare to enact an ordinance for the conservation, planting and replacement of trees and to prevent the indiscriminate removal of trees in the city without denying the reasonable use and enjoyment of real property. The importance of trees is recognized for their shade, cooling, noise and wind reduction, soil erosion prevention, oxygen production, dust filtration, carbon dioxide absorption, aesthetic and economic enhancement of all real property, and their contribution to the general wellbeing and quality of life of the citizens of the city. Consistent with the expressed purpose of this article, all persons shall make reasonable efforts to preserve and retain existing, self-supporting trees. It is also the intent of this article that all applicable lots within the city maintain or obtain a minimum tree density.

Sec. 105-203. - Exemptions.

- (a) The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this article:
- (1) The removal of trees with a four-inch caliper or less, provided that the removal does not reduce the tree density of the lot below the minimum specified in section 105-206.
 - (2) The necessary removal of trees within dedicated utility easements by the utility company having the easement.
 - (3) The removal of trees on public rights-of-way (and adjacent areas within the construction limits of rights-of-way) conducted by, on behalf of, or any activity pursuant to work to be dedicated to, a federal, state, county, municipal or other governmental agency in pursuance of its lawful activities or functions in the construction or improvement of public rights-of-way.
 - (4) The removal of trees from lakes and drainage easements.
 - (5) The removal of any tree which has become or threatens to become a danger to human life or property.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, all reasonable efforts shall be made to save specimen trees.

Sec. 105-204. - Approval letter required for nondevelopment activity (activity which does not require a building permit).

- (a) Except for routine or seasonal pruning or transplanting of trees, and except as exempted in section 105-203, no person shall engage in any nondevelopment activity without first obtaining an approval letter. The request for an approval letter shall be submitted to the city and shall be, unless waived by the city clerk, in the form of a brief, written narrative stating the reason for the proposed work and include either a site sketch or photograph of the tree proposed to be removed, identifying such tree by size and species. If the application is complete, complies with this article, and requests tree removal for one of the purposes identified in subsection (b) of this section, the city shall issue an approval letter not later than 30 working days from receipt of a complete request, and shall inform the applicant if replanting will be required. If the application is incomplete or denied, the city shall notify the applicant in writing regarding the specific reason for denial.
- (b) The city shall allow submittal of dated photographs instead of an approval letter for the following if a letter of approval or denial has not been issued within 30 working days:
- (1) The removal of dead, substantially injured, damaged or diseased trees; and
 - (2) The removal of trees occupied within ten feet to the side, front or rear of an existing authorized structure, provided that the applicable minimum tree density requirement is maintained.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2nd.....Siren Testing @ 12pm

March 2nd.....City Court @ 7pm

March 5th.....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!

March 23rd.....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.

March 23rd.....Variance Hearing @7pm
for 133 Magnolia St.
and 0 Spruce St.

March 28th..... 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 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 yard debris is allowed. If your trash or recycle pick-up is missed please call City Hall at 770-993-4231 or email City Hall at utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com on Thursday morning by 12pm.

MTN PARK CIVIC CLUB

COFFEE WITH NEIGHBORS



Dress in green and join
us for Biscuits, Blarney
and a wee bit o' fun!

SATURDAY
MARCH
12TH



FROM 9:30AM - 11:00AM
AT THE CIVIC BUILDING



Recycling Information



1. Be sure to rinse out all containers before placing them in the recycling bin or cart.
2. Put only acceptable materials in recycling bin or cart—no sorting required.
3. Break down large cardboard boxes for recycling.
4. Recyclable items not placed in recycling bins or carts can be placed in another container as long as the container is clearly marked “Recyclable Items”. Haulers won’t collect recyclables placed in plastic bags since plastic bags cannot be recycled at the curb, and if the recyclables are contained in a bag, your hauler cannot tell if there are non-recyclable materials in the bag and has to assume it is trash.

Acceptable Recyclable Items

Aluminum

Aluminum baking tins
Aluminum beverage containers
Aluminum food containers

Cardboard

Boxes broken down
Pizza boxes (clean with no food inside)

Kraft Paper

Paper grocery bags
Paper shopping and lunch bags

Magazines/Catalogs

Mail

Discarded Mail
Envelopes
Greeting Cards

Mixed Paper

Calendars
Miscellaneous Papers

Newspapers and Inserts

Other Paper

Computer paper
Paperback books
Phone directories

Paperboard

Beverage cartons
Cereal or other food boxes
Paper towel and toilet paper cores
Shoe boxes
Tissue boxes

Numbered Plastic Recyclable Containers

#1: Soda and water bottles
#2: Milk jugs, juice bottles, butter and yogurt tubs
#3: Detergent and household cleaner containers, shampoo and cooking oil bottles
#5: Syrup, ketchup and medicine bottles, straws and some yogurt containers
#6: Disposable plates and cups, CD cases
#7: Three and five gallon water bottles, certain food containers

Steel

Metallic lids
Steel food containers

Unacceptable Waste for Trash and Recycle

Some types of waste may not be placed curbside for collection by residential haulers. Glass is no longer recyclable and should be disposed of in household trash or taken to separate facility that offers glass recycling.

Ammunition of any type

Biomedical waste

Chemicals

Compressed gas cylinders

Construction/demolition waste

Containers with wax coating/food containers (ok for trash)

Engine parts

Firearms/Hazardous waste

Glass containers (ok for trash)

Large glass panes

Paint and paint solvents

Plastic wrap and plastic bags (ok for trash)

Stumps

Styrofoam (ok for trash)

Tires

Treated Wood

