



July 2022 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Welcome to the summer of 2022. Please plan to join your friends and neighbors first thing in the morning on the 4th of July for our annual 4th of July parade and pet parade that afternoon. Also, we will be enjoying the live music of “Dave & Bethany” before the fireworks over Lake Cheerful that evening. To add to the fun of the day, at the last city council meeting the council approved a free boating & fishing day on the 4th. Please note you will still be required to have a valid state fishing license and the Lake Cherful boat ramp and parking lot will be closed for vendor/stage set up all day on the 4th. Thanks to all who stepped forward to make this one of the best community events of the year.

After having the first meeting of the Oktoberfest committee we determined the date of October 22nd for this year's fall Oktoberfest. Members of the committee are working on having more music, more vendors, and more choices for food & beverage. I'll keep you posted.

We have good news for our Cherokee county citizens as we were able to reach a new agreement with the Cherokee County Commissioners for SPLOST in only three meetings. Now if we could get Fulton County to follow this example that would be awesome. I will be sure to keep everyone posted as things move forward with Fulton County.

I want to personally send out a “Thank You” to one of our neighbors from Mountain Park Overlook named Chris. Unfortunately, I was unable to get his last name during the chaos, but Chris and his family are members of our City pool and happened to be there right at the same time that we had an emergency in the Park which required me to retrieve the AED from the pool area. As Chris saw what I was doing, he immediately came forward and offered his military EMT training assistance. It was a huge comfort for the family of the person in need and a huge help for me until emergency services could arrive and take over. Everyone is okay and I am glad to know that we have people who are willing to step up to help even when it's not their job.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Fourth of July.

Jim Still- Mayor

Mountain Park 4th of July Celebration

All Mountain Park citizens are welcome to attend the annual 4th of July fireworks show over the lake! The fireworks will begin once it is dark outside, shortly after 9pm. There will be no parking near the lake or on the streets so please plan accordingly. Bring your own chairs, blankets, etc. to sit on and enjoy the show!

Civic Club News

Please join Civic Club on Monday, July 4th for a full day of fun festivities! We are looking for volunteers to help with the day's events so please come early to lend a hand if you're available.

Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, July 12th at 7PM in the Civic Building. Hope to see you there!

Mountain Park

4TH of JULY

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10am	PARADE PREP	Decorate your ride + have some from breakfast at Civic Bldg
11am	PARADE BEGINS!	See if you can make it through while staying dry!
3:30-5pm	PATRIOTIC PAWS PET PARADE	on the Green at City Hall
7pm	LIVE MUSIC	Sing along w/ Dave Pardue + Bethany Corson at the Lake Cherful dock!



MPVFR NEWS



MPVFR Training Day:

PUMP OPERATIONS, FIRE HOSE HANDLING, NOZZLE OPERATORS AND BACKUP FIREFIGHTERS



Top: 1) Chief *Craig Miceli* goes over pump operations as recruits look on. **2)** Lt. Barrett Kreiner operates the pump as Lt. *Michael Peck* looks ahead as they operate the hose.

Bottom: Recruit *Josh Estrada* practices the kneeling position while operating the nozzle with proper contact and pinch points. Recruit *Elliot Robinson* as the backup firefighter is supporting the operator in multiple ways: directing a majority of the nozzle energy towards the ground, acting as a solid point of contact for the operator (reducing fatigue), and creating additional hose pinch points with both legs and arms (allowing the operator more hose control).

MPVFR is currently looking for volunteers!

For more information, please contact mpvfr@mpvfr.org

To become a full-fledged member, candidates must pass a physical agility test, the state's volunteer firefighter program and/or emergency medical responder course.

Already certified and interested in volunteering?

Would you or someone you know like to be a firefighter or medical responder?

A Note from the City Arborist



Damage by the solitary oak leafminer on white oak.

Photo by J. R. Baker, NC State University

RE: Leafminer and Leaf Hopping Oak Gall.

As you may have noticed over the last several weeks, our (mainly) White Oaks have undergone quite a bit of change from being attacked by what's being identified as Solitary Oak Leafminer, and Leaf Hopping Oak Gall.

Solitary oak Leafminer, are small caterpillars that feed on the outer layer of oak tree leaves. As they are feeding, they form an irregular area that looks like small mines (easily seen under microscope). Heavy infestations cause browning and premature leaf drop. This injury is usually considered unsightly, but if the infestation is bad enough the leaves may die, but overall, the health of the tree is likely not compromised. Leaf Hopping Oak gall, if severe enough, will follow a similar path. With the Gall I haven't noticed as many generations in one year.

It is important to note that, if your more mature trees are already experiencing health concerns or have been impacted by other diseases, insects, or construction injury/stress you may need to have them looked at by a senior certified arborist. Treating or improving the trees health may help keep the tree(s) from going into an irreversible decline. However, be very cautious and suspicious if someone recommends removal immediately based off just hearing about the infestation.

And... As always, don't guess at any of the injuries or problems you see with your specimen trees (or any of the trees for that matter), as it may very well be a sign of an even more dangerous or problematic situation (with that tree).

Joshua Jarvis
Senior Consulting Arborist



Know Your City Code



Sign Posting, Yard Sales and Weapons

Sec. 38-4. - Posting signs on poles without consent.

It shall be unlawful for any person to post or display in or upon any bridge any sign or advertisement, or to post or display upon any telegraph, telephone, or electric company's pole, or upon any public property or the private property of any person any bills, signs, or advertisements without the consent in writing of the owner thereof.

Sec. 42-9. - Posting signs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to affix any bill, sign or notice on any tree, building or fixture in any of the parks or on any city property. It shall be unlawful for any person to place any paper, books, refuse or trash of any kind in any of the public parks or on any city property, except in containers provided for such.

Sec. 117-27. - Outside sales and yard sales.

(a) Outside sales are not permitted on any private lot, except as provided in this section. Yard sales (which shall include garage sales and estate sales) shall be permitted at any home within the city not more than three times per calendar year. Each such sale shall be for no more than three consecutive days, and shall be limited to Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and to Mondays that fall on a legal holiday. All remaining property for sale must be removed from the exterior of the lot by 5:00 p.m. on the next following business day. Consignment sales are not permitted, nor is the marketing of goods owned by individuals other than the residents of the lot on which the sale is being conducted.

(b) The persons conducting the yard sale shall apply for and obtain a permit from the city clerk prior to the sale being conducted and shall prominently display such permit at the property where the sale is being conducted during all sale hours. The issuance of the permit shall entitle the permit holder to post not more than five 18" x 24" directional signs on the right of way of the city, provided that such signs shall not obstruct traffic flow or traffic visibility. The permit holder shall remove such signs by 5:00 p.m. on the next following business day after the expiration of the sale permit. The fee for such permit shall be set from time to time by the city council.



[(c)] The fee for the issuance of yard sale permits shall be \$10.00. Such permit fee shall include the temporary parking permit fee provided for by section 58-128.

Sec. 38-5. - Weapons; discharge in city.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm, including pistol, rifle and shotgun, or to shoot an air gun, including BB gun and pellet gun, within the city, except by law enforcement officers in the line of duty, and the military when on drill or parade, or at a funeral in honor of the dead; provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful for any person to shoot a BB and/or pellet gun upon private property if that person shall have first obtained the express permission of the owner of that property to do so. This exception on private property shall not apply when the BB gun and/or pellet gun is discharged in such a manner that the projectile is intended or in fact does so leave the private property.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 4th.....City Hall Closed

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

July 16.....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!

July 20th.....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.

July 25th..... Regular Council @ 7pm

WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2021

You can now view the City of Mountain Park's Consumer Confidence Water Quality report on our website at the following web address www.mountainparkgov.com. You can also review the report at City Hall if you are unable to access it online or prefer a paper copy.

REMINDER

Due to the City being nestled in 2 counties and on the edge of a 3rd, this can and has caused issues with 911 services sending the correct stations to the location of your emergency. Because of this, when calling 911 for any emergency, please tell them your address and the county your home resides in (Fulton or Cherokee).

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.