



August 2023 Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Hottest summer on record and it's just now August! With this being an election year in November, August is the month when candidates must register to be in the upcoming election. The dates for qualifying in August 21st, 22nd, 23rd from 9am to 5pm.

Good government is not a spectator sport! Every citizen must consider giving their time to helping determine the future of our community and how we will govern ourselves going forward. The seats up for election

are two council seats and the mayor's seat.

After a total of 20 years in elected office for the City of Mountain Park, I have decided to retire from the public service life and will not be running for the mayor's office again. We need good leadership to continue making our community the best it can be for now and future generations to come. Please consider spending two nights a month as a representative of your friends and neighbors helping solve the challenges that affect us all.

It has been an honor and privilege to represent Mountain Park as its Mayor for the last 16 years and as a councilman for four years prior to that. I hope that I have been successful in being a part of leaving our home as good or better than I found it. There will always be more work to be done but I think it's time for someone else to "take the reins" and be the face that represents our city. Please think about these opportunities to serve your community and discuss it with your family because this is not a role that one pursues alone. You need the support of those closest to you, especially when it gets tough trying to do what you see as in the best interest of the city while others that don't agree stand in your way.

Stay cool and safe and enjoy the closing days of summer.

Jim Still

"When the right people don't step up the wrong people will step in, and we will always get the government we deserve."



MPVFR MESSAGE



MOUNTAIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE (MPVFR) UPDATE

YOUR Partner in Public Safety

MEET *First Responder* & Mountain Park Resident Marcus Brown Fekitoa



Marcus first served as a volunteer for the Mountain Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue (MPVFR) from 2013 to 2018. He then worked for ten years with the Fulton County Fire Department as a Certified Firefighter II and went on to become a Captain with the South Fulton Fire Rescue Department. Marcus is also a Certified Emergency Service Technician (EMT), has attended Paramedic School, is a certified Hazmat Technician, certified DO1 Driver/Operator and a certified Extraction Specialist (Jaws of Life). Marcus returned to MPVFR two months ago and is one of several volunteers that live in Mountain Park. Having a certified driver/pump operator benefits us because even if Marcus isn't on shift, he can be at the firehouse within a minute and respond to calls here in our City. When asked why he wanted to be a firefighter, Marcus replied, "I have always believed in doing something to serve. I have a servant's heart to take care of people."

Marcus has been a resident of Mountain Park for seven years. He is excited to be back with MPVFR. He and his wife Claire, who live on Spruce Street, have been married for seven months. They purchased a Puro Clean franchise a few months ago. They help families and businesses recover from property damage caused by water, fire, mold, and other emergency situations. Perfect business for a firefighter! We are so glad to have them both.

Marcus loves Mountain Park. He says, "I love the seclusion of Mountain Park, the diversity of people, the feeling of community, the green, the trees, nature and all of my neighbors...There is nothing I would rather do than serve this great community."



Marcus pictured serving hotdogs and hamburgers during the morning MPVFR shift on the Fourth of July. Marcus also donated all the food to assist his fellow volunteers with this fundraiser.

Mountain Park Citizens donated over \$2600.00 on Independence Day this year!

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, August 8th @ 7PM in the community building. Yearly membership is \$5.00/person or \$15.00 per family of 3 or more.

CIVIC CLUB AND MPVFR PARTNER UP FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND COFFEE WITH NEIGHBORS



MPVFR Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser + Civic Club Coffee with Neighbors

Saturday August 19th 9:30 to 11:00

Suggested Donations \$5.00 children \$10.00 Adults

Give more if you can, less if you can't.

Want to Serve on City Council?

For the 2023 election there are 2 council seats and the mayor seat open to be voted for. If you are interested in running for any of these openings, 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 and \$35 for the mayor seat.

ELECTION QUALIFYING DATES

August 21st from 9am to 5pm

August 22nd from 9am to 5pm

August 23rd 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.

UPDATE TO POOL HOURS FOR 2023

August 7th through September 10th– Weekends only from 1:00pm to 8:00pm on Saturdays and 1:00pm to 7:00pm on Sundays.

Code Enforcement in Mountain Park

Here is a quick reminder to those that have not applied for building permits to visit City Hall or go online and apply for the necessary permit(s).

Per the Mountain Park Code of Ordinance, Subpart B – Development Regulations, Chapter 101, Article, Section 101-7:

(a)(1):

When required. Any owner, authorized agent, or contractor who desires to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the construction codes, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit for the work. A permit shall not be issued to an owner, who is neither a licensed contractor nor the occupant of a residential structure being altered.

Please be mindful of this part of the Mountain Park Code of Ordinance. If you have any questions, please refer to the codebook on the Mountain Park website, reach out to City Hall. We will be more than happy to assist you.

Also, if you would like to report any possible violations or observances, please feel free to email Code.Compliance@mountainparkgov.com.

One last thing, if you have a tree (or group of trees) that you will need to cut, please email City Hall at utilitybilling@mountainparkgov.com photos of the tree(s) with size, specimen and reason for removal. That way we can advise you on what else we need to get you a permit to remove the tree(s).

Thank you all,

M. Peck





Know Your City Code



ARTICLE V. - MOSQUITO CONTROL

Sec. 113-191. - Nuisance declared.

A violation of any provision of this division is a nuisance.

Sec. 113-192. - Keeping water in which mosquitoes may breed.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to have, keep, maintain, cause, or permit within the city any collection of standing or flowing water in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed unless such collection of water is so treated as to effectively prevent such breeding.
- (b) The collection of water prohibited by subsection (a) of this section shall be those contained in ditches, pools, ponds, excavations, holes, depressions, open cesspools, privy vaults, fountains, cisterns, tanks, shallow wells, barrels, troughs (except horse troughs in frequent use), urns, cans, boxes, bottles, tubs, buckets, defective house roof gutters, tanks of flush closets or other similar water containers.

Sec. 113-193. - Treatment of collections of water.

The method of treatment of any collections of water that are specified in this section directed toward the prevention of breeding of mosquitoes shall be approved by the health officer and may be one or more of the following:

- (1) Screening with wire netting of at least 16 meshes to the inch each way, or with any other material that will effectively prevent the ingress or egress of mosquitoes.
- (2) Complete emptying every seven days of unscreened containers, followed with thorough drying and cleaning of such containers.
- (3) Using a larvicide approved and applied under the direction of the health officer.
- (4) Covering completely the surface of the water with kerosene, petroleum, or paraffin oil once every seven days.
- (5) Cleaning and keeping sufficiently free of vegetable growth and other obstructions, and stocking with mosquito-destroying fish.
- (6) Filling and draining to the satisfaction of the health officer, his agent or accredited representative.
- (7) Proper disposal by removal or destruction of tin cans, tin boxes, broken or empty bottles and similar articles likely to hold water.

Sec. 113-194. - Mosquito larvae as evidence of breeding.

The natural presence of mosquito larvae in standing or running water shall be evidence that mosquitoes are breeding there; and failure to prevent such breeding within three days after notice by the health officer, his authorized agent or representative, shall be deemed a violation of this article.

Sec. 113-195. - Failure to remedy conditions after notice.

Should the person responsible for conditions giving rise to the breeding of mosquitoes fail or refuse to take necessary measures to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, within three days after due notice has been given to him, the health officer or his authorized agent is authorized to do so; and all necessary costs incurred by him for this purpose shall be a charge against the property owner or other offending person, as the case may be.

Sec. 113-196. - Right of entry of health officer.

For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article, the health officer or his duly accredited agent under his authority, may at all reasonable times lawfully enter in and upon any premises within his jurisdiction

IMPORTANT DATES

August 1st.....Special Called @ 6pm
The purpose of the meeting will be to complete verification of the citizen petition to amend the city code.

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

August 2nd.....Court 7pm

August 12th..... Council Retreat 9am-3pm

FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS at City of Milton Community Building: This is a planning session for council members. The public is welcome to attend the planning session but may only be a silent observer during the event.

August 17th.....Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing @ 7pm

August 17th.....Special Called Meeting directly following hearing
To vote on the adoption of the new tax millage rate for the City of Mountain Park

August 9th..... 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.

August 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****

We have switched to a new trash company, Legacy Disposal. Solutions. 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.

Legacy Disposal offers weekly curbside recycling service. All Legacy customers will receive a NEW 95-gallon recycle cart.

Acceptable Items:

- Metal Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans and lids, empty aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed
- Plastic Bottles (empty, crush, reattach lid): Bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles
- Plastic Tubs: Containers for butter, sour cream cottage cheese, yogurt, Jello and fruit slices would fall into the tub category. Lids should be reattached prior to recycling
- Paper: newspaper, magazines, cardboard, mixed office paper and envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes), pizza boxes free of food debris and grease, telephone books and catalogs
- Paper Cups (remove/discard lids, straws and stoppers) Fast food beverage cups, coffee cups, Dixie cups
- Cartons: food and beverage cartons, such as milk, juice, soup, wine, broth, and other cartons.

Unacceptable and NOT for Recycling:

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Garbage
- Yard debris
- Electronics
- Cassette tapes
- Linen (bed sheets, towels, etc.)
- Clothes
- Hangers
- Metal chains
- Garden hoses
- Batteries
- Needles
- Syringes
- Polystyrene foam
- Buckets
- Car parts
- Food
- Light bulbs
- Glass
- Ceramics
- Pots, pans, and scrap metal



Recycling Tips

- Mix all items together – no separation required
- Break down cardboard boxes
- DON'T use plastic bags
- Empty all bottles, jugs and cans
- No need to remove labels
- For plastic bottles, empty, crush and reattach lids
- For cartons, remove plastic caps and straws
- NEVER place medical sharps or needles in the recycling