

Mountain Park News January 2018

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year,

This is the longest stretch of cold weather for the New Year I can recall since moving to "The Park". Protect your pipes and your pets until the warmer temperatures return. Mountain Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue had another successful year for Santa's Run. I want to thank the volunteer firemen involved Erika Dame and Joanna



Smith for organizing the event. Also, of course, a BIG thank you to Santa and the elves! Thanks go to Michelle Dasher for pulling together the annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and resurrecting the Civic Club. As we

head into a new year, I want to thank the out-going elected official Scott Mills who has effectively served this community for the past 6 years. I want to congratulate Councilman Don Carlson for his re-election making his tenure 12 years in office. I also want to congratulate Gladney Cooper for her most recent election as she has already served for 4 years as a councilperson in Mountain Park. Please check your email for important city messages and updates as needed during this winter season. If you have not signed up for these emails please contact city hall. As always be safe and watch out for each other.

Jim Still – Mayor

CITY NEWS

**"Ice on bridges freezes first."
Ice on lakes is never strong
enough to walk on!**

Please be aware that new fishing and boating licenses will need to be obtained for 2018 in order to put boats on and lines in the water... available at City Hall or online.

Also, it's time to renew your business license!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 15 **City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Holiday**
- Jan. 16 **Regular Trash pick-up, NO delay due to MLK holiday schedule**
- Jan. 17 **Council Work Session, 7 pm: Citizen Participation is welcome.
Contact: city.clerk@mountainpark-ga.gov to be on work agenda**
- Jan. 22 **Regular Council Meeting, 7 pm: agenda, www.mountainpark-ga.gov**
- Feb. 3 **Dumpster Day, must show proof of residency.**



KNOW YOUR CITY CODE

We are using this section of our newsletter to familiarize residents with content found in the official City Code book. For a full version of the City's Code, please visit www.municode.com. For recent legislation, go to the city website www.mountainpark-ga.gov

Section 54-125 Businesses Required Information

All businesses and practitioners doing business within the city shall provide to the city clerk (or a designated officer) of the city:

- (1) The address of any location or office maintained by such business or practitioner within the city;
- (2) A description of the business or types of business conducted or occupation or profession performed at all such locations; and
- (3) The payment of any business or occupation tax or regulatory fee to any other city, county or state.

The City of Mountain Park requires Home Businesses to obtain a business license each year. This is due by January 31, 2018. If you have your business registered with another city or have discontinued this business please provide documentation by January 31, 2018.

A Home Business License is required when:

- 1. A corporation registered with the Secretary of State with a Mountain Park Address
- 2. A DBA registered with the Superior Court with a Mountain Park address
- 3. A Website with a Mountain Park address

Your business is required to register with the City for a Business License and pay Occupation Taxes on January 1 of each year and is delinquent if not registered and paid by January 31 of each year. If a business does not file by this date

Penalties shall be 100 percent of the payment due, plus accrued interest of 1.5 percent per month of the total due. If a business is found to be in non-compliance by the Code Compliance Officer, the court, may issue a fine in an amount not exceeding \$5,000.00 or imprisoned not exceeding 15 days imprisonment, either or both, in the discretion of the municipal judge.

Any person who may engage in casual or isolated activity and commercial transactions, where they involve personal assets only and are not the principal occupation of the individual, shall not require a business license. Projects involving less than \$500.00 shall not require a business license. **In all cases it is up to the individual to ensure that he is in compliance with all requirements set forth in this Code.**

If you have a home business and it was not registered last year, please do so by January 31, 2018 deadline.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Leash Law--we have one, follow it! Pet Waste Bags--please use them.

Garbage & Recycling—No more glass, please.

**HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING OUR EMAILS?
IF NOT, PLEASE READ!!!**

CCS: CITIZENS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

In an effort by City Hall to enhance the communication with the citizens of Mountain Park, we continue to update and expand our Citizens Communication System (CCS).

This system utilizes calling post and email contact information to be used in case of a situation within the city of Mountain Park or the surrounding area that could affect you. These situations could be anything from a temporary water outage to a more severe condition such as a tornado. We are asking all citizens to provide a current cell phone number if possible and a current email address for notification of the conditions and/or instructions for assuring your safety and awareness.

The request for a cell phone number is because in the case of a power outage most home phones or computers will not function. If you do not have a cell phone then a regular home phone is acceptable. Please select your phone contact information carefully as we can only send one telephone notification per household**(we must have an address). You may include up to three email addresses.

Please stop by city hall to complete a form or update any information you may have given in the past.

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This request to be added to the CCS must be signed and on file at City Hall. Please fill in the information below and return to city hall ASAP.

Name- _____

Street Address- _____

Phone contact number- (____) _____

Email contact address- _____

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION-THANKS

SAVE THE DATE!

Hello Neighbors,

A local member of our community, who grew up in Mountain Park over the last 35 years, is in dire need of an expensive medical treatment. She has an excruciating nerve pain disease called CRPS. Her skin burns like fire 24/7. She had to quit her job and is struggling every day just to maintain some semblance of normalcy.

Her family, with the help of the new civic club, are throwing a fundraiser on January 27th for our dear friend, Elise Sutton. The event starts at 2 Pm till.... We will have a local band, Poverty Level, possibly a 2nd band, food, beverages, activities for the kids, a silent auction with items and gift certificates.

We are asking all our neighbors to join us in making this fundraiser a success! Please take this opportunity to attend and help make a huge difference in this young woman's life!

We are in need of food or beverage donations for the event. Or volunteers to help the actual day of. Anything helps! If you or your business has anything you would like to donate to the fundraiser, it would be most welcome. All sponsors will have their names on our flyers, Facebook posts and marketing material, or you can remain anonymous. We feel we are all part of this community and need to rally around one of our own and help her if we can.

We are working alongside a nonprofit organization, 501c3, called **The Burning Limb Foundation**. So, if you need the tax ID, then it is available. Or you may find it easier to just donate from your business personally.

If you would like to join us in supporting this fundraiser, then please contact:

Lynne Sutton

baker23@bellsouth.net

770-402-9592



FULTON COUNTY TRANSIT MASTER PLAN PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

There will be four opportunities in January throughout the county to present the scenarios and collect public input.

Fulton County Transit Master Plan homepage: <http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/tmp-home>

Survey link: <https://form.jotform.com/kimleyhorn/fulton-county-transit-master-plan>

Video presentation link: https://youtu.be/Y_smDcZPkm4