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Help Shape the Future of Marietta by Participating in the 2010 U.S. Census

Since 1834, generations of families have been proud to call Marietta home. Quality health care, superior education, beautiful parks, new developments and redevelopments are just a few of the reasons that Marietta boasts a unique blend of small-town values with big-city opportunities. Help preserve Marietta's long history of the good life by participating in the United States Census 2010.

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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Occurring only once every 10 years, the U.S. Census has been a significant part of Marietta's history and all other cities throughout the United States. The event was established as part of the Constitution of the United States. Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution states, "The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the

Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of 10 years, in such manner as they shall by Law direct."

The information collected in the census questionnaire helps determine the annual allocation of \$400 billion dollars for infrastructure and services such as schools, roads, hospitals, job training centers, senior centers and emergency services. The information is also important in determining state populations and representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The census forms began arriving in March to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. Easy to complete, the questionnaire features only 10 questions that take about 10 minutes to answer and adding the questionnaire to your to-do list will eliminate the inconvenience of a census representative visiting your home to collect the information. You are also provided a postage-paid envelope to return the form when you're done.

Take part in creating an even better quality of life for you, your family, and your community by completing the United States 2010 Census questionnaire.

For more information on the United States 2010 Census, visit 2010census.gov. ↗

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National Electrical Safety Month Can Help You Get the Most Out of Your Spring Cleaning Chores

After the long and especially hard winter we've had this year, spring is a particularly welcome sight in Georgia. And with spring comes the proverbial and not-so-welcome spring cleaning. Although it may not be a favorite task for many homeowners, it's a necessary aspect of protecting and maintaining the value of your home. Another aspect of necessary routine maintenance is ensuring that your home's electrical system is in safe

working condition. This year, combine the tasks and maximize your time and efforts by participating in National Electrical Safety Month happening during the month of May.

The National Fire Protection Association reports that in recent years an average of 53,000 home electrical fires have been reported each year and that one in every seven homes experiences an electrical fire. These fires have resulted in an average of

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500 deaths, 1,400 injuries, and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage each year.

So while you're scrubbing floors and dusting light

fixtures, use this checklist to detect potential electrical troubles and consult a qualified electrician if you suspect problems:

1. Watch for household lights that dim or flicker. Also make sure light bulbs are the appropriate wattage for the size of the fixture. Bulbs that are too high in wattage can lead to a fire through overheating.
2. Wall outlets, switches, and switch plates should be in good working condition and cool to the touch. Consider Tamper Resistant Receptacles (TRRs) if there are small children in the home.
3. Make sure all lamp cords are not worn or damaged and are unwrapped — tightly wrapped cords can overheat and burn.

4. Use extension cords on a temporary basis only — they are not safe as permanent house wiring.

5. Listen for crackling, sizzling, or buzzing from outlets.

6. Frequently blown fuses and circuit breakers that trip often can indicate electrical wiring problems.

7. A TV picture that shrinks in size, arcs, sparks, flashes of bright lights and sizzling or buzzing sounds from the electrical system also need immediate attention.

Other important safety measures include Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) and Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) that recognize fire hazards and shut off the power. GFCIs should be tested monthly and after storms.

For more information on electrical safety, visit mariettagov.com/powerandwater. ⚡

Despite Non-Drought Conditions Some Water Restrictions Still Apply

Remember when you're out gardening this spring that the following non-drought watering schedules still apply:

- Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays with no hourly limits.
- Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays

and Saturdays with no hourly limits.

Water use may occur at any time of the day on the assigned days, but to be water efficient, landscape watering should not occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information on water conservation visit mariettagov.com/powerandwater. ⚡

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 1

Generations of Love

A Women's Brunch

10 a.m. to noon

Zion Baptist Church

165 Lemon St., Marietta

Enjoy great food, great company, great music and a great speaker at A Women's Brunch, honoring grandmothers, mothers and daughters.

Admission is \$20 per person; reserve seats by April 24. Mail reservation requests along with a check to 10 Women of Hope, P.O. Box 235, Marietta, GA, 30061. For more information, e-mail 10 Women of HOPE at womenofhope@gmail.com or call (770) 427-8523.

May 1 and 2

34th annual May-retta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival

Marietta Square

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibitors include paintings, pottery, woodwork, metal, jewelry, glass, fabric, floral designs, demonstrations and much more. For more information, call (770) 794-5601.

Thursday, May 6, 13, 20 and 27

Brown Bag Concert Series

Marietta Square

Noon

Bring your lunch and enjoy a free concert. There is a different performer every Thursday. Visit www.mariettagov.com for more information.

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

Friday, May 28

Glover Park Concert Series

Marietta Square

8 p.m.

Concerts are the last Friday evening of each month April through August. Visit www.mariettagov.com for more information.

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit www.mariettagov.com and click on Calendar of Events.

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