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Georgia Water Stewardship Act Promotes Responsible Use of Our Area's Water Supply

In an effort to support water conservation in Georgia, the Georgia Water Stewardship Act became effective June 2, 2010. The new legislation eases some of the restrictions that were in place during the recent drought while maintaining time-of-day constraints.

Outdoor watering is now allowed daily for all routine residential landscape maintenance between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. Other permissible daily watering includes drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses, hydroseeding, and the irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, and public turf grass and recreational areas.

The act encourages the use of gray water and endorses the capture and reuse

of cooling system condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable local ordinances and state guidelines.

The odd/even restrictions still apply for any other outdoor water use, such as washing cars or pressure washing.

For more information, visit the Georgia Environmental Protection Division at <http://gaepd.org/Documents/outdoorwater.html>. ↗

Watering Schedule

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
All Hours	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	No	Even	Odd

THRIFTY WAYS TO WEATHER THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER SAFELY

While you may have done your early summer preparations to ensure lower cooling costs this year, the dog days of summer can still put both your health and your utility budget to the test. There are plenty of small, inexpensive ways to help stay comfortably cool around your home that can add up to not-so-little savings on your bill.

Turn off overhead lights during the day and take advantage of the natural lighting from the longer days of summer. Lights can also produce a significant amount of heat.

Reduce the amount of heat generated by the oven or stove by designating one or two meals each week as "cook-free."

Schedule yard work or other outdoor chores for early morning or early evening,

taking several breaks in outdoor shady areas.

Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes.

Have one or two "no-television" nights — you'll reduce a heat source and lower energy costs. Plus, you may even spend more quality time with family and friends.

Make or purchase a cooling neck wrap to wear during the warmest part of the day.

Drink plenty of nonalcoholic and low-sugar fluids. Avoid very cold drinks that can cause stomach cramps.

Enjoying the last days of summer in comfort doesn't have to mean blowing your cooling budget. Use these sensible tips for saving money and your health.

For more energy saving tips, visit www.mariettopowerandwater.com. ↗

Marietta Reads! Puts its 8th Year into High Gear September 25 in Marietta Square

Family fun tops the agenda for the eighth anniversary kick-off of Marietta Reads!, the Marietta City Schools citywide effort to foster reading and literacy in the community. The free event takes place Saturday, September 25, 2010, in Glover Park on Marietta Square from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reading helps to improve a student's vocabulary, and improves academic performance. Cultivating a love of reading helps develop a long-term habit that enriches life experiences.

For more information, visit www.marietta-city.org or www.mariettareads.org. ✨



A New Career Could Be Just Around the Corner

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 30, 2010 and plan to attend the Eighth Annual Marietta/Cobb Career Expo. The Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cobb County Civic Center located at 548 South Marietta Parkway.

At least 50 businesses, colleges and universities, and service organizations will be on hand to recruit during the free event.

Sponsors include: Marietta Ward 5 City Councilman Anthony Coleman; City of Marietta; Cobb/Cherokee Career Center; Cobb County Government; CobbWorks!, Inc.; Georgia Department of Labor.

For more information, call the Georgia Department of Labor at (770) 528-6109 and ask for Stephan Butler. ✨

TWO FREE WAYS TO ENJOY THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MARIETTA SQUARE

Labor Day Weekend, September 4-6 – Art in the Park



Enjoy over 130 artists who showcase their talent through media including painting, photography, pottery, sculpture and jewelry. Visitors can also stroll the Interactive Art Alley and create their own

make-and-take projects. Sponsors include Comcast, Marietta Daily Journal and Blick Art Materials. www.MariettaArtPark.com

September 18 – 19th Annual Marietta StreetFest: Antiques, Autos and More



Now in its 19th year, StreetFest continues to draw shoppers and visitors to the Marietta Square. A fundraiser for the Marietta Museum of History, the Marietta StreetFest will feature Georgia antique dealers, Georgia artisans, the Marietta Square Farmers Market and the Trash or Treasure Show plus Classic Cars on display. www.mariettastreetfest.org

Visitors can also experience the charm of downtown Marietta restaurants, shops and culture. FREE parking is available at Cobb County Parking Deck on Cherokee Street. ✨

Calendar of Events

September 14 through October 10

Theatre for Youth: "How I Became a Pirate"

Theatre in the Square Alley Stage

Great fun for kids of all ages. For more information visit www.theatreinthesquare.com or call (770) 422-8369.

Thursday, September 16 2010 Lecture Series: "Brown Bag Banter"

Marietta Museum of History
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Exciting and inspiring stories on the life of Marietta's own Regina Rambo Benson will be presented. For more information or to make reservations, call (770) 794-5710.

Friday, September 24 Glover Park Concert Series

8 to 10 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square
Come enjoy the last concert of the season. Listen to The Glow Band (pop) and enjoy a picnic under the stars. For more information, call (770) 794-5601 or visit www.mariettaga.gov.

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