

# CONNECTED



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## E-Notification Makes Paying Your Utility Bill Quick and E-asy

Marietta Power and Water offers a number of value-added services to help make our customers' lives a little easier, and our e-notification service is one we think you'll really like.

With e-notification, Marietta Power and Water will notify you by e-mail that your monthly statement has been generated. This e-mail includes a link to our online system where you can view your charges and make your payment by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or electronic check.

And signing up for e-notification is easy. Simply send an e-mail request to [thepower@mariettaga.gov](mailto:thepower@mariettaga.gov) and include your account number and the e-mail address where you

would like the notification to be sent.

As an online service subscriber, you will also automatically receive an e-mail message reminding you when your account balance includes charges from the previous month's billing and the due date has passed on the most recent billing. This added convenience gives you another opportunity to pay your bill without interrupted service.

Get the most for your utility dollars by taking advantage of our free e-notification and online services. You'll like how easy bill paying can be.

For information regarding our other services, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). ✎

## Warm up to energy and money savings by preparing your home now for hot weather

Although we're still knee-deep in this especially chilly Georgia winter, spring is only a matter of weeks away. So while you're putting together your list of spring chores, be sure to include the following checklist for saving cash and kilowatts during the warmer months.

- 💰 Clean refrigerator condenser coils. With pets spending more time indoors in winter, pet hair (and dust) can accumulate even more on your refrigerator's condenser coils causing the motor to work harder and use more electricity. Also make sure the seals on your refrigerator door are clean and tight.
- 💰 Reduce air leaks in your home by caulking, sealing and weather stripping around doors and windows. To test both doors and windows, close them on a used piece of paper lying against the frame — if you can remove the paper without tearing it, the seal needs to be tighter. If your home has a sliding glass door, make sure the track is kept clean; dirty tracks

can ruin the seal and create gaps in which cool air can escape.

- 💰 Look for air leaks inside and outside your home. Check for cracks in your home's foundation, attic floor and walls, noting spider webs, which can be an indicator of air leaks. Also check for leaks around electrical outlets and switches.

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# GET READY TO ROLL WITH MARIETTA READS! REVVED UP FOR READING

## MOTORCYCLE RIDE MARCH 26

Hit the highway for a literacy cause with the Marietta Reads! Revved Up for Reading Escorted Motorcycle Ride taking place March 26, 2011 (rain date April 2, 2011). Meet up with other bikers for this fun-filled ride kicking off at WOW Motorcycles located at 508 Cobb Parkway North in Marietta, Georgia. All proceeds benefit Marietta Reads!, the Marietta City School's citywide effort to foster reading and literacy in the community.

Early-Bird Registration is \$20 by mail per rider (plus \$10 additional passenger)

or in-person at Marietta City Schools, 250 Howard Street,

Marietta, before March 15, 2011. After March 15, registration is \$25 per rider (plus \$10 additional passenger). A portion of your registration fee is tax deductible.

On-site registration begins at 9 a.m. with the escorted ride starting at 10 a.m. For more information, call Cheryl Hood at (770) 422-3500 ext. 268 or visit [www.marietta-city.org](http://www.marietta-city.org) or [www.mariettareads.org](http://www.mariettareads.org). ⚡



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- 💰 Consider having an attic ventilator installed. By drawing cool air up through your house, an attic ventilator can help you save significantly on cooling costs. Attic ventilators can also help lower winter heating costs.
- 💰 Standard incandescent bulbs generate a considerable amount of heat and cost more to use. Replace them with energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.
- 💰 Clear leaves, dirt and other debris from your air conditioner grille, and prune

shrubs and trees to allow at least two feet clearance around the unit. Also replace your air conditioner filter regularly to keep airflow unrestricted due to dust and dirt build-up.

Get a jump on your spring chores by taking care of your energy saving to-do list now. Save those warm, pretty days for something fun with family and friends.

For more energy saving tips, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). ⚡

## Calendar of Events

### February 18 through March 6

#### Leader of the Pack

The Strand Theatre

Presented by the Atlanta Lyric Theatre

This hit Broadway musical revue celebrates the life of Ellie Greenwich and her rise to fame and fortune with the virtual Hit Parade of her music: "Chapel of Love," "Da Do Ron Ron," "Be My Baby," "Hanky Panky," "Do Wah Diddy," "And Then He Kissed Me," and, of course, the title song "Leader of the Pack." For more information call (770) 293-0080 or visit [www.earlsmithstrand.org](http://www.earlsmithstrand.org).

### March 9 through April 10

#### The Little Foxes

MainStage

Theatre on the Square  
A modern classic of greed and deception. Two scheming brothers and their wickedly clever and conniving sister, Regina, plot to get control of her husband's wealth. Recommended for age 14 and up. For more information call (770) 422-8369 or visit [www.theatreinthesquare.com](http://www.theatreinthesquare.com).

### Sunday, March 13

#### Daylight Saving Time Begins

### Thursday, March 17

#### Brown Bag Banter Lecture

Marietta History Museum

For more information call (770) 794-5710 or visit [www.mariettahistory.org](http://www.mariettahistory.org).

### Sunday, May 1

#### We hope you will join us for the 17th Annual Taste of Marietta!

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

It's a fun way to sample the fare of a variety of Cobb County's restaurants, as well as experience Marietta's history, culture & shopping. We hope to see you there! For more information visit [www.tasteofmarietta.com](http://www.tasteofmarietta.com).

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