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Marietta Receives Mark of Distinction as one of CNN Money Magazine's 25 Best Places to Retire

Marietta's first-rate quality of life has received one of the nation's highest nods of approval by being named one of CNN Money magazine's 25 Best Places to Retire. Keeping company with much larger cities, such as Austin, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona, Marietta is the only city in Georgia named on the list.

In lieu of an application process, cities are scrutinized according to a specific set of criteria that helps to gauge the overall quality of life. Key indicators include crime, health care, level of involvement of nonprofit organizations, median home prices, parks, city services, restaurants and recreational opportunities. After an initial selection, judges delve even deeper into what makes a potential honoree city special. Cities learn of their designation as one of the 25 Best Places to Retire only after the entire selection process is completed.

Community Involvement Creates a Captivating City

Marietta City Manager Bill Bruton attributes the honor to the members of the community. "The fact that cities are not allowed to apply for the ranking takes the politics out of this award so that judges can take a true look at the situation. This outstanding recognition is due to the efforts of hundreds of members of

our community who together help create an environment and quality of life retirees would like to have," said Bruton.

Judges particularly favored Marietta's strong sense of community featuring theater productions, museums, boutiques, art galleries, events, farmers market and restaurants. The magazine also lauds the abundance of activities geared toward older residents.

Marietta received recognition in 2006 by being named an All-America City by the National Civic League. The All-America City Award recognizes civic excellence in which citizens, government, businesses and volunteer organizations work together to address critical local issues.

For more information about Marietta or to read the full article visit www.marietta.gov. 



Add Nighttime Curb Appeal, Safety and Security with Marietta Power and Water's Outdoor Lighting Solutions

Don't let the shrinking daylight drive you inside this fall. An outdoor lighting system can lengthen the day, illuminate walkways and driveways, welcome you and your guests when you arrive home after dark, and provide added charm to your home. A lighting system will also help to brighten

vulnerable dark areas in a soft, subtle way, and help people avoid accidents and injuries that can result from tripping or missing a step.

Marietta Power and Water will help you choose the fixtures that look best on your property and provide installation and maintenance.



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Once installed, the system comes with an automatic dusk-to-dawn feature that allows the lights to come on only when needed.

The cost of your outdoor lighting system will appear as a line item on your monthly Marietta Power and Water bill so you don't have to remember another due date, write an extra check, buy an extra stamp, and mail another envelope.

Feel more secure and enjoy a more enchanting nighttime landscape. Call Marietta Power and Water at (770) 794-5106 and ask about all of our outdoor lighting possibilities. Marietta Power and Water will gladly help you put together the system that's right for you. Also visit us online at www.mariettapowerandwater.com. ⚡

Cherokee Heights Arts Festival Celebrates Historic Neighborhood by Showcasing a Wide Array of Local Talent

Just one mile north of the Marietta Square, the historic 1924 neighborhood of Cherokee Heights has proven over the years to be much more than a just a pretty face. The residents of this picturesque area of Marietta are also talented artists, crafts makers, and more.

Beginning as part of Marietta's 175th Anniversary Celebration in 2009, the Cherokee Heights Arts Festival has evolved from a boutique arts show to a multi-faceted arts festival and will be held this year on November 12, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Etowah Drive, one block off Cherokee Street. Admission is free. Parking will be available on Freyer and Seminole Drives.

Along with a child-friendly, art-play booth and local music acts throughout the day, the festival features handmade art made by residents associated with the Cherokee Heights neighborhood. More than 20 vendors will showcase their work including photography, paintings, jewelry, metal art, fabric art, pottery and bird houses. Festival-goers can also purchase home-baked goods and fudge suitable for gifting.

The Cherokee Heights Arts Festival is sponsored by First Landmark Bank and Keep Marietta Beautiful. For more information, visit the Cherokee Heights Arts Festival website at <https://sites.google.com/site/cherokeeheightsartsfestival/>. ⚡

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April through November 2011

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Saturdays 9 a.m. until noon

Sundays 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Featuring fresh, locally grown produce and garden products.

www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net

October 22 and 23

Rhythm and Rhapsody!

Georgia Ballet

The Georgia Ballet is proud to present an exciting performance of spirited elegance set to the musical works of George Gershwin.

Witness another exciting world premiere by The Georgia Ballet's own master choreographer, Janusz Mazon. For more information call (770) 528-0891 or visit www.georgiaballet.org.

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Saving Time ends

November 16 through 19

Thanks for Giving Food Distribution Program

Help feed 1,500 families in need this

Thanksgiving through The Center for Family Resources' Thanks for Giving food distribution program, now in its 26th consecutive year.

For more information on hosting a food drive, sponsorships or volunteering, visit www.TheCFR.org or call (770) 428-2601, ext. 242.

Thursday, November 24

Gobble Jog 5 and 10K

7 to 11 a.m. Glover Park in Marietta Square

Run wild for a great cause at the MUST Ministries Gobble Jog. The event features a 5K and 10K walk/run, a 1K walk/run and the Tot Trot for kids five and under. For more information, or to register for the event, visit www.gobblejog.org.

Marietta Power and Water
will be closed on
Thursday, November 24
and **Friday, November 25**
in observance of
Thanksgiving.

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

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