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Stay Cool this Summer and Still Save on Summer Energy Costs

There are still several weeks of summer ahead and energy-saving opportunities are around every corner. Here are a few smart ways to stay comfortable this season without blowing your utility budget:

- Clean or replace air conditioning filters monthly and reuse only those filters specifically designed for reuse.
- Seal leaks by caulking and weather-stripping around windows, doors, plumbing and electrical outlets.
- Use heat-producing appliances such as the dryer and dishwasher during early morning or late evening when possible.
- Ceiling fans help maximize the cool air allowing you to set the thermostat higher. Turn off fans when you leave the room — fans cool people by creating a wind chill effect, but are inefficient when there is no one in the room.
- Install a door sweep on the door to your garage to seal the gap between the bottom of your door and the threshold.
- Consider installing patio covers and awnings to shade your home from the sun or plant deciduous trees on the west, east and south sides of the house for even better shade.
- Heat can enter your home through the ceiling and walls. Upgrade your attic insulation. By having at least 12 inches of insulation in your attic you can cut cooling costs by 10 percent.

For more tips on saving energy, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 



Make Time for Art in the Park this Upcoming Labor Day Weekend

Historic Marietta Square offers Labor Day weekend fun with the 28th annual Art in the Park, this year featuring the Chalk Spot! A favorite with locals and visitors alike, Art in the Park welcomes more than 175 artists showing fine arts and crafts. This outdoor event has creative fun for the entire family. The brand-new Chalk Spot, a street chalk art display for children in kindergarten through 12th grade, is scheduled for Saturday, August 30 during the festival.

Participants will have the opportunity to create one-of-a-kind designs in three sq. ft. spaces, and the art will remain on display throughout the festival. The festival is from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. starting Saturday, August 30 and runs through Monday, September 1. For more information visit www.artparkmarietta.com.



SAVE THE DATE

2014 Marietta/Cobb Career Expo on September 18

If your company is seeking to hire new employees, please sign up to recruit at the 12th Annual Marietta/Cobb Career Expo on Wednesday, September 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Cobb County Civic Center located on 548 South Marietta Pkwy.

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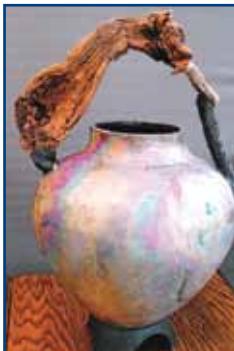
For more information please contact michael.oneal@gdol.ga.gov or Lucius McRunnels at (770) 528-4646.

Calendar

Saturday, September 20

Marietta StreetFest

9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Back for its 23rd year, StreetFest brings arts & crafts, vintage vehicles, local musicians, fun for children and more to the downtown streets. The expanded Kid's Zone complete with old time children's games and activities like hopscotch, bubbles, a scavenger hunt



and modern day bounce houses. Marietta StreetFest welcomes the Marietta Grassroots Music Festival, featuring bands and singer/songwriters from throughout the metro area. Visitors the day of StreetFest will also receive free admission to the Marietta Museum of History. For more information visit www.mariettahistory.org.

Saturday, September 27

Whole Hawg Happenin' BBQ & Music Fest

11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Marietta Square



Over 25 food vendors will be participating in this fun event. Live entertainment, Kids Corner and more! Admission is free and food prices range from 50 cents to \$5. For more information visit wholehawgbbqfest.com.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

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