



# Connected

## Congratulations to Our Linemen and Apprentice Linemen!

The Georgia Lineman's Rodeo event is an annual competition that brings electric utilities from across the state together to compete. On Saturday, May 4 in Fort Valley, GA, teams from Municipal Electric Cities and Electric Membership Cooperatives came to participate in the 2024 Lineman's Rodeo. This event, more than just a competition, is a platform for lineworkers to showcase their skills and knowledge, vie for professional recognition, attend training courses, and hone essential skills safely.

Marietta Power and Water's Apprentice Team won the following awards in the Overall Municipal Division:

- 💡 **1st Place: Cesar Molina**
- 💡 **2nd Place: Matt Wojcik**
- 💡 **3rd Place: Jacob Krise**

"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our Linemen and Apprentice Linemen who participated in and proudly represented Marietta Power and Water in the 2024 Georgia Lineman's Rodeo. Your achievements are a testament to your skills and dedication!", said Ron Mull, General Manager.

The Georgia Lineman's Rodeo Association (GLRA) organizes this event annually. The association's mission is to support and conduct an annual Lineman's Rodeo that places safety, training, and safe work practices at the forefront of the electric utility industry. It also fosters relationships among electric utility companies in Georgia and the Southeast, promoting a spirit of camaraderie and collaboration. ☀️



## Water Wisely and Save

Now that spring is well underway, you may consider planting your favorite flowers and vegetables and giving your struggling lawn a little boost. As you're sprucing up your outdoor areas this year, there are several steps you can take that will minimize your water usage without sacrificing the beauty of your garden. Here's how:

- 💧 **Go natural.** Ask your nursery for a list of low-maintenance plants, such as Georgia native and southern climate plants that require less water. By practicing Xeriscaping, which means "water conservation through creative landscaping," you'll naturally reduce water consumption.
- 💧 **Dig in.** Dig basins around trees and bushes to concentrate the water where it is needed and to prevent runoff.
- 💧 **Start a routine.** Good routine maintenance involves understanding your plants' true watering needs. Water only when plants require it and not according to a set schedule. Also, water early in the morning when wind speeds and temperatures are lowest, and water doesn't evaporate as quickly. Remember that lawns need water only every five to seven days in summer, and set a timer to avoid overwatering.

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💧 **Make every drop count.** Position sprinklers so the water is on your grass, trees, and shrubbery — not patios, streets, and driveways. Use soaker hoses and other highly efficient watering methods and replace missing washers, punctured hoses, and anything with a chronic leaking problem.

💧 **Get more from each watering.** Place mulch around your plants to help the soil hold more moisture between waterings. A layer of mulch also restricts the growth of weeds that compete with preferred plants for water.

💧 **Grow taller.** Raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches. The longer grass will shade the ground more and keep water from evaporating as quickly, resulting in a healthier root system.



For more water conservation tips, visit [MariettaGa.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect](#). ☀

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Visit [MPWCheckout.com](#) for more information and instructions. You will need your account number to log in. A convenience fee of \$1.95 will be added to each cash payment. ☀

## Calendar of Events

### 2024 Glover Park Concert Series Last Friday of each month,\* April through September Marietta Square

The concert lineup:

June 28	Her Majesty's Request	British Invasion
July 26	G Clef and The Playlist	Variety Party Band
Aug. 23*	Troubadour Project	70's Rock Revival
Sept. 27	The Bourbon Brothers	Rat Pack Tribute

\*The August concert is on the 4th Friday

A limited number of stage-adjacent tables can be reserved for a fee on the first working day of each month beginning at 8 a.m. Attendees can bring a picnic or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park anytime on Friday. Plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are not permitted inside the park and will be removed. All personal tables must be set up on the street, not in the park, after 6 p.m.

For more information, please call (770) 794-5601.

### Marietta Square Farmers Market Saturdays, 9 a.m. until Noon Year Round GPS Address: 41 Mill Street, Marietta, GA

Approximately 54 vendors offer products including:

- heirloom tomatoes
- cut flowers
- potatoes
- local honey
- onions
- herbal soaps
- squash
- whole-grain breads
- beans
- jellies
- pattypan squash
- jams
- salad mix
- preserves

You may find many fruits and vegetables that are rarely, if ever, available from grocery stores. For more information, visit [MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com](#).

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