



Citizens of Ward 5 Community Connection Newsletter

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Councilman Coleman's Corner



- You can help me better serve you by contacting me and letting me know about your concerns.
- Please make a note of the upcoming special events and regular meetings to get involved in the community.

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Ward 5 Part of 2006 All-America City

In, June, the National Civic League named the city of Marietta one of the 10 best communities in the nation as a 2006 All-America City.

Nearly 600 communities began the application process, and Marietta beat other national finalists for the award, which recognizes exemplary grassroots community problem-solving.

Marietta's presentation to a panel of expert judges addressed a wide range of social and community issues, including youth, education, poverty, affordable housing and race

relations. In its application, Marietta demonstrated how three unique projects were solving challenges through community partnerships.

M-STAR: The citywide program combines community policing and computer analysis of crime trends with accountability of city staff and public involvement to reduce crime and stabilize deteriorating neighborhoods .

Marietta Revitalization Program: The goal is to save the city from decline and create a stronger sense of community by balancing the city's housing stock, stabilizing school enrollments, creating affordable workforce housing and revitalizing neighborhoods.

"People Working Together to Build a Better Community"

Special Events

- 2006 Career Expo**, 9/20/2006 - 9/20/2006, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Cobb County Civic Center - 548 S. Marietta Parkway
- Marietta Reads** - 4th Annual Reading Initiative for Marietta Schools and Community, 9/30/2006 - 9/30/2006, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Glover Park - Marietta Square
- 10,000 a Day for Life, Cobb Walk for Wellness** , 10/7/2006 10/7/2006, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Glover Park - Marietta Square
- Marietta Bazaar - Treasures from the Attic**, 10/21/2006 - 10/21/2006, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Various Locations

Regularly Meetings

- The Marietta City Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- The North Marietta Neighborhood Association (NMNA) meets the 1st Monday of each month

To learn more about these and other meetings and events visit www.mariettaga.gov

Councilman Coleman Sponsors Annual Job Fair

Each year thousands of job seekers come to Marietta to meet employers at the Annual Career Expo. This years event is expected to be as or more successful as years past. Come out and meet with employers including the American Red Cross, Bank of America, Bellsouth, Cobb County Schools, Walmart, Wellstar Health Systems and many more.

Find your next job at 2006 Career Expo

The sixth annual Cobb-Marietta Career Expo is September 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Business, education and non-profit employers will be on hand for the free event. Sponsors include the City of Marietta, Cobb County Government, City Councilman Anthony Coleman, Georgia Department of Labor, Cobb/Cherokee Career Center, Cobb Works and local businesses. Dates:



Community Development

City and local agencies continue to help homeownership and homeowners in Ward 5

Assistance is available to homeowners and first time home buyers with low to moderate income through a variety of housing programs. The City of Marietta, through the Marietta Initiative for Neighborhood Transformation (M.I.N.T.) , Cobb Housing, Inc. (CHI), and the Marietta Housing Authority (MHA) all work to assist low to moderate income individuals maintain and purchase housing through individual programs and initiatives.



CHI: Over the last 5 years CHI has constructed and rehabilitated single family homes for sale to qualified first time homebuyers throughout Ward 5. Most recent new construction has taken place on Fort Street and Griggs Street. For more information on CHI and their programs call 770-429-4400 or visit www.cobbhousinginc.org.

Photo left: New construction on Fort Street, Marietta

M.I.N.T. and CDBG: The City continues to improve housing conditions for homeowners in Ward 5 through replacement and rehabilitation of homes through the M.I.N.T. program using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The most recent success took place on Griggs Street where Ms. Barbara Head's distressed home was replaced through new construction. The CDBG program was established in 1974 to provide homeowners money for home renovations and emergency repairs. During the last two decades the Program has provided funds for repairs to over 500 homes. For information call or visit



Photo left: Ribbon Cutting for replacement home on Griggs Street, Marietta

MHA: The Marietta housing Authority continues its mission by administering public and subsidized housing to low to moderate income residents of Marietta. Through redevelopment the MHA will seek opportunities to reduce the purchase price of homes for low to moderate individuals. More information on opportunities will be provided when available.

Check out the Center for Family Resources

The Center for Family Resources (CFR) provides many programs and services to help those in need, break the cycle of poverty and become independent and self-sufficient.

Housing: CFR's Direct Services Program offers financial assistance for rent, utility payments, medical prescriptions, transportation and food assistance to help families maintain their permanent housing and prevent them from becoming homeless. Assistance of up to one month's rent or utility payment stabilizes the family in their permanent living environment and is provided one-time only. Short-term Housing, Transitional Housing, and Cambridge Woods Apartments, which offers permanent affordable housing for low income families, are designed to help the family regain stability.

Employment: The Center for Family Resources offers a variety of programs to assist participants in obtaining and maintaining employment including GED preparation, computer and life skills to meet the demands of the job market and successful employment techniques as well as counseling and courses in employment readiness, interviewing skills, job search, retention skills and resume preparation. Free childcare is provided in the evenings so parents have a safe and secure environment to place their children while they are attending classes or programs at CFR.

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City initiatives help revitalize Ward 5

Henry Park Master Plan and Neighborhood Improvements

The City will use Tax Allocation District funds to make improvements to Henry Park and surrounding street-scapes and sidewalks in 2007 to extend the benefits of redevelopment to existing residents.



Annual Homeownership Forum



The Fifth Annual Homeownership Forum was another success with nearly 100 citizens in attendance. The purpose of the home ownership and improvement forum was to answer questions about the many available programs and too assist residents in the community in achieving their homeownership goal. Representatives discussed programs to assist low to moderate-income citizens in buying or repairing a home.

For more information on homeownership programs contact Cobb Housing Inc., at 404-429-4400 or visit www.cobbhousinginc.org and/or the City of Marietta Community Development office at 770-794-5437.

\$300 Million in New Investment Ward 5/City of Marietta in Redevelopment Projects

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN COLEMAN

Redevelopment can change the character of neighborhoods. As your Councilman I am committed to the revitalization of declining areas and the protection of existing stable neighborhoods. I would like to hear your thoughts and concerns as redevelopment projects are proposed and implemented. As your Councilman, my goal is to support development that benefits both new and existing residents of Ward 5. I will also continue to educate and assist citizens directly impacted by the redevelopment process.

Marietta Mill Lofts

www.mariettamilllofts.com



Scheduled for completion in October
South Marietta Pkwy and Atlanta Street
40 condominium lofts

9,500 square feet of retail/office space

Residential units range from 950 to 1,900 SF with prices starting from the high \$100,000's to the low \$300,000's

Hunt Street @ Forest Avenue



Rezoning and preliminary plan approved for 4.6 acres at Cole and Hunt Street. The project will be developed by the Columns Group and includes 26 townhomes and 10 single-family detached homes.

Manget at Historic Marietta

www.hedgewoodhomes.com



Phase 1 now under construction
Manget, Frasier and Waterman Streets

The project includes 74 single family homes ranging from 1,850 to 2,500 SF starting in the \$400,000's and 113 townhomes ranging from 1,500 to 2,400 SF starting in the \$300,000's and 78 condos

Washington Avenue Commons

Site development now underway. The project includes 12,000 SF of ground level Class A office space and 18 residential condominium units.

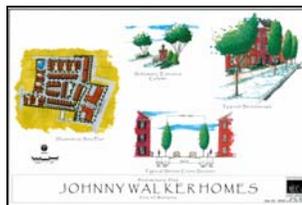


Johnny Walker, Clay and Lyman Homes Redevelopment

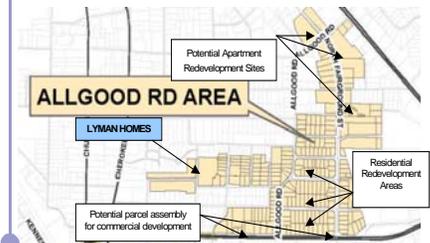
Clay Homes: Winter Properties will break ground this fall on this mixed use development not yet named. The project includes 32,000 square feet of retail and 47,000 square feet of office space and 175 residential condominiums, 123 townhomes and 18 duplexes.



Johnny Walker Homes: The Myrick Company will break ground this fall on this mixed use development. The project includes 50,000 square feet of retail and office space and 45 residential condominiums in two mixed-use buildings located along Powder Springs Street with 58 townhomes and 18 single family detached homes on the remainder of the 10-acre site.



Lyman Homes: The Marietta Housing Authority plans to relocate tenants by the end of 2006 and demolish buildings in early 2007 to make way for a for sale single family redevelopment project with an affordable housing component.



Welcome new residents and businesses to Ward 5

It is going to be a joy and a pleasure to serve you. You can help me better serve you by contacting me and letting me know about your concerns. Here is information to help you to get to know me:

First elected 2002 - Term expires 2009

Committees

- Public Safety chairman
- Finance/Investment
- Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Appointment

- Marietta Housing Authority liaison

Education

- North Cobb High School
- Chattahoochee Institute of Technology, data processing, information technology

Professional Experiences

- Vision for Souls Family Worship Center associate minister

Associations and Memberships

- Cobb NAACP executive board
- Community Service
- Kennesaw Village Advisory Board
- Cobb Habitat for Humanity
- MLK Support Group
- Leadership Cobb

Awards

- 2001 Doris Huff Community Services Award

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Marietta Charter School Now Open

The Marietta Charter School opened this summer on Wright Street adjacent to Henry Park. The charter school serves children in grades Kindergarten – 5th and is open to any elementary student eligible to attend a Marietta City School.



Marietta Charter School Facts

- Operating Company:** Imagine Schools
- Tuition:** MCS is a Tuition Free school
- Uniforms:** Uniforms will be required for all students.
- Transportation:** Not currently provided
- Lunches:** Not currently provided
- Parental Involvement:** Parents will be encouraged to volunteer 30 hours per family per year.
- Instructors:** Caring, state-certified professionals with a wealth of experience to implement our unique and challenging program.
- Teacher Student Ratio:**
1: 20 avg. in K-1, 1: 22 avg. Grades 2-5
- Technology:** Cutting edge technology in every classroom to enhance and deliver an integrated learning model.
- Student Learning Plan:** Individual academic and social plan focused around goal-setting for each student which is reviewed throughout the school year.

For more information visit <http://www.mariettacharterschool.org/>

Stay Connected Year Round

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Visit the City of Marietta website for dates and times of public and neighborhood



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Community: The Community Leadership Development Program trains community residents to be proactive in identifying and solving problems in their community.

Volunteer: The Center for Family Resources offers one-time projects for individuals and groups, short-term activities and ongoing everyday tasks available for volunteers. There are also Board of Directors positions and various committees. Corporate, civic and youth organizations are welcome to give their time and talent to help The Center for Family Resources meet its mission of strengthening individuals, families and communities.

For more information on the Center for Family resources and their programs visit www.thecfr.org or call 770-428-2601.

In photo on right: Jeri Barr, CFR Executive Director.

