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## *Marietta is Home to the Best Life has to Offer at Any Age*

Marietta frequently tops national lists as an ideal place to live. While the city was most recently named a top place to retire, Marietta is also the perfect city to raise a family. Ranked by BusinessWeek in 2009 as a "Best Place to Raise Your Kids," Marietta has a renowned, first-rate school system and a wide array of recreational and cultural opportunities for all ages.

### *Creating the Foundation for Marietta Youth*

Marietta boasts numerous lifelong residents. With a school system that is ranked among the top in the country, children receive a strong foundation on which to build a successful life in Marietta. The Washington Post recently ranked Marietta High School among the nation's 1,900 top high schools and 45th among Georgia's 92 top high schools in its 2011 National High School Challenge Index.

Children in grades K-5 participate in an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary

Years Program and other programs. The Marietta Center for Advanced Academics School is offered for third, fourth and fifth graders. A magnet school focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), the program can be continued in grades six through eight.

Sixth graders attend a special academy to help ease the transition from elementary to middle school, and seventh and eighth graders attend Marietta Middle School.

Ninth through twelfth graders attend Marietta High School which features the opportunity for gifted students to participate in a challenging International Baccalaureate Program. In 2010, U.S. News & World Report listed Marietta High School as one of the best in the nation. Also in 2010, Newsweek ranked Marietta High School in the top 6 percent of all high schools for the 5th consecutive year.

Abundant recreation opportunities are also instrumental in enjoying a well-rounded

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life. With a firm commitment to ample green space, Marietta offers 18 parks with an array of amenities. Also available are two recreation centers providing after-school activities, classes and athletics. Marietta Parks and Recreation offers a wide range of athletic programs for both youth and adults including track, basketball, softball, and facilities for golf and tennis. There is also a new baseball complex that opened recently and a soccer complex that is scheduled to open in June 2012.

## *Preserving History While Progressing*

The rich heritage of Marietta blends well with the progressive attitude of area residents and business owners. With five National Register Historic Districts, both historic homes and mixed-use developments consisting of upscale condos, town homes, single-family residences and retail and office space characterize the lively community of residents.

A smart location for business owners, Marietta offers an opportunity zone program that encourages current businesses to expand and new businesses to locate to the city with a potential employee tax credit of \$3,500 for each new job created.

The picturesque Marietta Square is the lifeline of the area's arts scene with its eclectic mix of museums, antique shops, upscale boutiques, top-notch restaurants, festivals, concerts, live theatres and farmers market.

Marietta has all of the conveniences of big city living without sacrificing the hometown feel. Because of its strong sense of community, All-America City judges in 2006 named Marietta one of the 10 best communities in the nation.

For more information on the city of Marietta, visit the city's website at [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov). ✨

## Calendar of Events

### **November 18 through December 23**

#### **Candlelight Shopping on the Square**

6 to 8 p.m.

Historic Marietta Square

Friday evenings the Marietta Square shops stay open until 8 p.m. For more information call (770) 429-1115.

### **Thursday, November 24**

#### **Gobble Jog**

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. The Gobble Jog 10K will be certified as a qualifier

for seeding in the Peachtree Road Race and the U.S.

10K Classic. For more information, or to register for the event, visit [www.gobblejog.org](http://www.gobblejog.org).



### **Thursday, December 1**

#### **Holiday Tree Lighting**

5 to 8 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

Santa will arrive in Marietta at 5:30 p.m.

and the giant Christmas tree will light up the night at 6 p.m. Local choruses will provide entertainment. For more information call

(770) 429-1115.

### **December 3 and 4**

#### **The Marietta Pilgrimage A Christmas Home Tour through Marietta, Georgia**

Celebrate the 25th annual award winning home tour. Glimpse into several private homes located in the Marietta historic district lovingly restored and decorated for the season. For more information visit [www.mariettapilgrimage.com](http://www.mariettapilgrimage.com).

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 to celebrate the holidays.**

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