

Citizens of Ward 5



City of Marietta, Georgia

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“People Working Together to Build a Better Community”

Lobbying for more Transportation Funds



As a Marietta City Councilman, I have been lobbying State Representative Chuck Clay for more funding for transportation projects here in the city of Marietta and Cobb County. The most recent highway Bill, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA21) expires on September 30, 2003. Mayors and county commissioners are urging Congress to place a greater emphasis on local needs as they write the first major transportation funds Bills of the 21st century. Congress should give metropolitan areas more resources and greater decision ability to direct transportation funds where they are needed.

In addition to the sub-allocating funds, city and county officials are calling on Congress to increase funding for mass transit projects, which they say are key to alleviating traffic congestion.

Special Interest:

- *The Marietta City Council is looking at adopting an ordinance that would require housing inspections on all rental properties throughout the city of Marietta. This can be very vital toward redevelopment efforts.*
- *To help keep neighborhoods clean and safe in the city of Marietta, I encourage citizens to maintain their property.*

Homeownership—The American Dream

The Third Annual Homeownership Forum was another great success with excellent participation. The purpose of the forum was to answer questions about the many available programs and to assist residents in the community in achieving their homeownership goal.

The City of Marietta has been promoting homeownership every since the beginning of the redevelopment efforts. Homeownership offers a sense of community and a sense of belonging that cannot be gained through renting. Homeownership also builds a sense of pride and stability in area neighborhoods.

The city offers a homeownership assistance program for first time home buyers meeting certain criteria. The program works as a principle reduction to actually reduce the cost of the home

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Rental Amendment for Recreation Centers

Effective June 12, 2003—The rental requirements for recreation centers was amended to allow reservations to be made up to two weeks in advance to use the centers during regular center hours. The recreation centers are open Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There is a 30-day advance rental reservation requirement for reservations to use the centers outside of the normal center hours. To reserve one of our recreation facilities or for more information, please contact our Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 794-5601.

Upcoming Events

August 14, 2003
7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting
Racial Profiling

September 17, 2003
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Career Day (Job Fair)
Lawrence Street Recreation Center

November 13, 2003
6:30 PM

Homeownership Informational Meeting
Marietta City Hall

February

Black History Month



Celebrating Black History

Please Note: Regular meetings of the Marietta City Council are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 205 Lawrence Street, Marietta, GA.

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to more affordable levels and encourages the buyer to transfer these reductions into renovating expansion of the home. This improves the overall quality of the housing stock in Marietta as well as assist moderate income families. The next informational meeting will be held on November 13.



Johnny Walker Homes Site

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Johnny Walker Homes site has been issued. The City of Marietta is waiting for interested developers to respond to the RFQ.

Also, the City is working to acquire the Johnny Walker Homes site from the Marietta Housing Authority.

Marietta Cobb Homecoming

For those of you that did not get a chance to participate in this year's Marietta Cobb Homecoming, it was a grand affair that included a parade down Lemon Street, a dinner at the Cobb Galleria, and much more.

The Marietta Cobb Homecoming Committee is to be commended for a job well done.

You are important to me:

You can help me better serve you by contacting me and letting me know about your concerns.

Also, I want all of you to be involved. Please make a note of the upcoming events.



"I am accessible to you."

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