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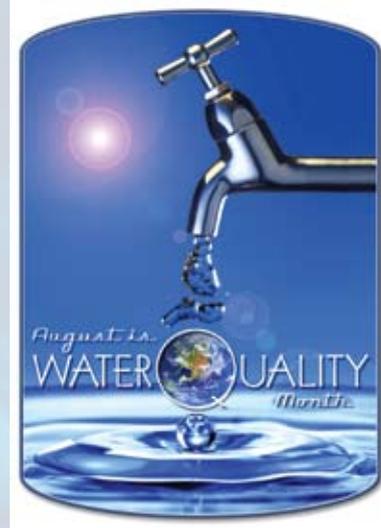
## Marietta Power and Water Continue to Provide High Quality Water and Service

The 2008 Water Quality Report demonstrates Marietta Power and Water's long-standing dedication to providing safe tap water. Through thousands of water samples taken over the past year, the report confirms that Marietta Power and Water is compliant with all state and federal regulations.

The criteria used to determine tap water quality includes water sources, levels of any detected contaminants, and compliance with drinking water rules. Not only compliant, Marietta Power and Water actually excels in facilities management and system operations, personnel, equipment and technology resources, safety programs and emergency response programs. This commitment to excellence was honored by the Georgia Association of Water

Professionals (GAWP) when Marietta Power and Water was given three awards in 2007 including Water Distribution System of the Year, Consumer Confidence Report of the Year and Public Education Program of the Year! In addition, Marietta Power and Water is also dedicated to providing a high quality Wastewater Collection System, which was named best in the state by the GAWP for 2008.

For a complete copy of our Water Quality Report please visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). ⚡



## Streetlight Audit Project Helps Keep Marietta's Lights Working Efficiently

Streetlights are essential in providing Marietta residents with a sense of security in the home, office, and around town. And to help ensure the effectiveness of the city's streetlights, Marietta Power and Water is taking a proactive approach in making certain that they operate efficiently through a streetlight audit.

The Davey Resource Group, experts in field inventories for utility companies, will soon begin performing a field verification in which all of the lights on the Marietta Power and Water's system will be identified. Field representatives will use a Geographical Information System (GIS) to obtain the data. GIS is a digital mapping system that provides

detailed information such as light size, type, wattage and ownership.

The information will assist Marietta Power and Water in providing regular maintenance, prompt repairs, appropriate billing, and help with storing and purchasing future and replacement lights.

Customers with a streetlight on their property may see a uniformed Davey Resource Group representative. The project is scheduled to begin in September and will be completed in approximately three months.

For more information, contact Marietta Power and Water at (770) 794-5102. ⚡

# Owners of Energy Efficient Homes Enjoy the Increasing Benefits and Value Associated with Eco-Friendly Living



As saving energy continues to shift from a commendable goal to a more tangible one, incorporating the ideals that go along with it into our daily lives is becoming increasingly mainstream.

Much more than just a trend, the advantages of energy-efficient construction continue to evolve and expand along with the concept. Some of the benefits of owning better-construction energy-efficient



homes include lower utility bills due to more insulation, airtight windows that eliminate drafts for more even temperature control,

the use of the sun for heating and passive cooling, and highly-efficient appliances, which contribute considerably to energy savings.

By using ENERGY STAR® products throughout the home, energy-efficient homeowners enjoy the satisfaction of not only protecting the outdoor environment through the burning of less fossil fuel, they also enjoy the advantages of better indoor air quality along with a typical savings of \$200 to \$400 a year on utility bills.

Energy efficient homes also have benefits that you may not know about, such as energy-efficient mortgages. Homes considered as energy-efficient — those with energy consumption that can be documented — may qualify homebuyers for a larger mortgage than a standard home. Better-constructed, energy-efficient homes also translate to higher resale values for their homeowners.

The next time you are in the market for a new home or are considering updating your current one, consider the long-term benefits of eco-friendly living.

For more information on the benefits of energy-efficient homes, please visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). ⚡

## Calendar of Events

### Friday, September 4

#### First Fridays Art Walk

5 to 8 p.m.

The free self-guided tour on the Historic Marietta Square. The Historic Marietta Trolley will run a free shuttle service from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call (770) 429-1115.

### September 5, 6 and 7

#### Art in the Park

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square Experience the 23rd Annual Art in the Park festival this Labor Day weekend. Each year, the festival attracts artists from across the nation. Free Admission.

### September 12, 19 and 26

#### Marietta Square Farmers Market

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square The market features products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including fresh vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants, flowers, honey, breads, garlic, cheese and other items. For more information call (770) 499-9393.

### Saturday, September 12

#### Marietta Grassroots Music Festival

3 to 9 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square Marietta Grassroots is launching various community outreach programs; the first being the Marietta Grassroots Music Festival. Visit [www.mariettagrassroots.org](http://www.mariettagrassroots.org) for more information.

### Friday, September 25

#### Glover Park Concert Series

8 to 10 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square Listen to Ryan Casper (country music) and enjoy a picnic under the stars. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

### Saturday, September 26

#### Marietta Reads! Kickoff

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square The Marietta City Schools' literacy initiative celebrates its six-year anniversary with a variety of reading and family activities. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

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