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Conserve Energy and Celebrate Public Power and Clean Water Week October 4-10

Marietta Power and Water customers are encouraged to join other public power members throughout the country in commemorating Public Power and Clean Water Week October 4-10, 2009. And as a Marietta Power and Water customer, you have many reasons to celebrate. One reason is lower costs. Public power customers pay an average of approximately 14 percent less on energy costs than private power customers, and you have the ability to reduce the costs even more.

By implementing a water conservation program in your home you will consequently be implementing an energy conservation program. And putting a program in place is easy. Committing to better habits, such as being more

conscientious about how much water is being used during a typical day, can add up to significant savings.

Washing dishes and showering are two areas that can have a big impact on energy conservation. Using less hot water reduces the amount of electricity and gas used to heat the water along with operations and maintenance costs for water treatment and pumping. Additionally, capital costs are less for water supply projects such as dams, conveyance structures, or treatment facilities by deferring, reducing or eliminating the need for them. The increase of these facilities and supplies not only



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Stay Cool and Save Money By Creating an Energy-Saving Checklist

Keeping your home comfortably cool can account for 50 percent or more of your total electric use during air conditioning season. Enjoy the comforts of a cooler home and more dollars in your bank account by taking a few preventive measures this summer. Defend yourself against air leaks and other cool air culprits by putting an energy-saving checklist in place.

Some effective and relatively easy control measures are:

- Caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows that leak air.
- Using foam sealant in larger gaps around windows, baseboards, and other places where air could escape.
- Installing storm windows over single-pane windows or replacing them with double-pane windows.
- Making sure the flue damper is tightly closed on your fireplace during the summer when it's not in use.

Other Ways to Keep Cool for Less Money

- Plant trees and shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but be sure to not block the air flow.

Each degree below 78 degrees uses five percent more energy per degree. Program your thermostat to allow a temperature increase of five to seven degrees while you are sleeping and away for the day.

- Use ceiling fans to circulate cool air.
- Make sure vents are not blocked by furniture or draperies.
- Keep blinds and other window treatments closed during the day.

For more information, read the Top Ten Energy Saving Tips on the Marietta Power and Water Web site at www.mariettapowerandwater.com. ⚡

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increase energy usage, but also harm the environment.

Water and energy usage are also closely related in that electricity production from fossil fuels and nuclear energy is responsible for 39 percent of all freshwater withdrawals in the nation.

With landscaping accounting for 20 to 50 percent of all residential water use, proper plant selection, soil preparation and maintenance techniques provide the best opportunity for water conservation at home.

Visit the Marietta Power and Water customer service center to learn more about how saving water saves energy. And while you're there, also enjoy free cookies, balloons, and other giveaways.

Thank you for allowing Marietta Power and Water to be your public power provider. We're happy to have had the privilege of serving our customers for more than 100 years.

For more information, visit www.mariettopowerandwater.com. ↗

Live Life as a Marietta Police Officer by Participating in the Citizens' Police Academy

For many people, newspapers and television programs are the main source of information regarding a day in the life of a police officer. If you would like to find out what it's really like to serve as a police officer, The Marietta Police Department is offering you the opportunity to take a first-hand look through the Citizens' Police Academy. The department is accepting applications for the 11-week program, which will meet every Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. September 28 through December 7. And upon completing the course, you'll qualify to take part in the graduation ceremony at city hall on December 9.

As a participant, learn about the department's operations, see demonstrations and participate in hands-on training given by the department's officers. The program will also provide

the opportunity to explore the challenges police officers face on the streets through role-playing scenarios and ride-alongs with officers during a patrol shift. Program topics include:

- Crime analysis
- Narcotics
- Special weapons and tactics (SWAT)
- Crime interdiction unit
- Detectives
- Traffic enforcement
- Community response unit
- Crime scene processing

The Academy is open to the public pending a background check. Applications are available at the front desk of the Marietta Police Department at 240 Lemon Street. Spaces fill up quickly, so apply as soon as possible. For more information, please call (770) 794-2361. ↗

Calendar of Events

First Week in October

Scarecrows in the Square

Glover Park in Marietta Square Scarecrows will be set up by schools, groups, and organizations the first week in October and will remain in the Square until November 1.

Starting Friday, October 2

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Ghosts of Marietta
Historic Marietta Trolley Company
Step aboard the trolley for a spirited 90-minute fully narrated ride through Marietta. Private tours and group rates are available. For more information about the tour visit www.ghostsofmarietta.com or call (770) 425-1006.

Saturday, October 17

Love the Loop

9 a.m. to noon
725 North Marietta Parkway
Marietta and Cobb residents are invited to help clean the loop. For more information or to volunteer, call (770) 794-5606.

Saturday, October 17

Harvest Square Festival

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Glover Park in Marietta Square
Exhibits include painting, pottery, woodwork, metal, jewelry, glass, fabric, floral designs and much more. For more information, call Marietta's Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 794-5601.

Saturday, October 17

Halloween Happenings

1 to 5 p.m.
Glover Park in Marietta Square
There will be games, activities and prizes for the entire family.
Schedule of Events:
• 1 p.m. Pumpkin decorating contest. You may carve, glue or draw on your pumpkin.
• 1:45 p.m. Scarecrow awards
• 2 p.m. Homemade costume contest for children under 12.
• 3 p.m. Pet costume contest.
No registration is required for the costume contests or pumpkin contest. Free parking will be available in the Cobb County Parking Garage on Cherokee Street. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit www.mariettaga.gov and click on Calendar of Events.

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