

Afton Downs Community News



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A publication for the homeowners and renters of the
Afton Downs subdivision

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Newsletter Input

Do you have suggestions
about how to improve the
newsletter?

Do you have a story that
you would like included
in the next issue?

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Special Report: Curb Appeal!

See the enclosed "Curb Appeal!" tips from Gina Bridges, Smyrna Realtor and Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Member. It has some great hints for improving your home's curb appeal, whether you are moving or just want a fresh look for your home. Be sure to watch for "Special Report: Pet Waste" next month!

Garden Tips

- * Set out annuals, perennials and other bedding plants in mid to late April. Apply an application of balanced fertilizer.
- * Plant Shrubs, such as Rhododendrons, Viburnums, Azaleas and Spiraea for late spring color.
- * Remove faded flowers from daffodils, tulips and hyacinths, but let the foliage die naturally.
- * Begin setting out summer-flowering bulbs such as gladioli in April.
- * Plant caladium bulbs in pots, and begin designing summer container gardens after all danger of frost has passed.
- * Fertilize azaleas and camellias immediately after bloom. Feed other flowering shrubs, if not done so previously.
- * Feed spring-flowering bulbs immediately after bloom.
- * Plant summer annuals now. Use Wave Petunias, Geraniums and Marigolds in the sun and Coleus, Impatiens and Begonias in the shade.
- * After blooming, prune early spring blooming shrubs like Forsythia, Azaleas and Weigela.
- * Apply a balanced fertilizer to all plants before hot weather sets in.
- * Be on the look out for pests such as slugs and snails, especially if we have a cool, wet spring.
- * Fertilize winter planted vegetables in early April.
- * After danger of frost, begin planting warm season vegetables.

Lawn Care Tips

As the temperatures rise Bermuda grass will come out of dormancy and start to turn green once again. This signals that it is time to fertilize. The general rule for Bermuda is to fertilize when the grass is 50 to 75% green. This ensures that the fertilizer will be taken up by the grass and not the weeds that might be in your yard. That being said a weed and feed is a good idea for spring fertilizing. It fertilizes as well as killing existing weeds. If you choose not to use a weed and feed then pick a fertilizer with a high nitrogen content. This is the first number on the bag. Nitrogen helps plants to grow and become greener. Be sure to follow the instructions on the bag because too much fertilizer will harm grass. Spring fertilizers can be bought at most retail or landscape specialty stores. Good luck with your soon to be green lawn.

*April
Events*

21st–22nd

31st Annual Kennesaw/
Big Shanty Festival,
Downtown Kennesaw

22nd

Earth Day

27th–May 3rd

Yaarab Shrine Circus,
Cobb County Miller Park

*May
Events*

2nd

Christina Aguilera,
Gwinnett Arena,
7pm

3rd–13th

Atlanta Ballet's
Sleeping Beauty,
Fox Theatre

4th–July 8th

Beauty and the Beast,
Center for Puppetry Arts

5th

Spring Gala Concert,
Atlanta Opera,
Atlanta Civic Center

11th–12th

Jazz with Liz Wright,
ASO, Woodruff Arts Center

13th

Mother's Day

Live in Full Bloom in Smyrna

Remember to mark your calendars for these exciting events coming up in Smyrna this spring.

* Jonquil City Jog

Saturday, April 28 - 5K at 8:00 am / 9:00 am Fun Run & Walk

Race begins and ends at City Hall after a fast and feautiful route down Atlanta Road! Register online at www.active.com, look for additional registration info on www.smyrnacity.com.

* Spring Jonquil Festival

Saturday, April 28 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and again on

Sunday, April 29 - Noon to 5:00 pm

You can experience a wide selection of festival foods while you shop the arts & crafts market in our stylish and blooming downtown.

* Arthur Bacon Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6 at Fox Creek Golf Course

This annual championship with the Mayor is a great chance to mix business with pleasure and watch both bloom. For information and reservations, contact Parks & Recreation at 770-431-2842.

* Concert with "7 Sharp 9"

Saturday, May 12 - 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

It's a contemporary twist in the garden that is Smyrna!

Home Maintenance

Now is the time to pressure wash your home, front steps, and driveway. Many homes are showing signs of green mildew.

Trash and Recycle Bins

Please be sure to move your trash and recycle bins from your front porch. These need to be placed out of sight from the front yard, as stated in the covenants.

Board Members

Just a reminder, the new board will be elected in July. There will be a number of positioning opening, so please be thinking about how you can get involved and give back to the community.

Correction

Pre-emergent is not the same as weed killer. Pre-emergent keeps seeds from emerging, so it will do nothing to existing weeds.

New Neighbors

If you are a newcomer to the neighborhood and have not yet received a welcome package, please contact Chris Reynolds at 770-437-1429.