

# Afton Downs Community News



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

## January Events

**13th**

Superbowl of  
Motorsports Monster  
Truck Racings,  
Georgia Dome,  
7:30pm

**15th**

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day

**16th-28th**

Disney High  
School Musical,  
Fox Theatre

**17th-25th**

Sister Act: The Musical,  
Alliance Theatre

**19th**

Friday Jazz,  
High Museum,  
5pm-10pm

**19th-21st**

Southern Gardening  
Smyposium,  
Callaway Gardens

**21th**

Squirrel Appreciation Day

**25th-28th**

Atlanta Garden &  
Patio Show,  
Cobb Galleria

## Afton Downs Association Meeting

January 23rd at 7pm

Smyrna Public Library

*Special Guest:*

Ann Kirk of Keeping Smyrna Beautiful

*This meeting is for you to meet with the board  
and get involved in our community. You will have an  
opportunity to voice your concerns, opinions,  
and suggestions. The board will also provide updates  
about current projects to enhance our community.*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

## Another Improvement to Our Neighborhood

As you have noticed, the islands are getting an "extreme makeover." Smyrna Public Works Department is building updated curbs at no cost to Afton Downs since the islands are City of Smyrna property. The Afton Downs Homeowners Association did request assistance from the City to get some improvement in the appearance of the islands. We had asked to be notified in advance of the date the work would begin so we could protect some of the recently installed landscaping. We did not receive advanced notice. We expect the City to send their landscape crew to restore the islands to their previous appearance.

## Annual Dues

Annual dues are only \$25 for the entire year! Additional support for landscaping is encouraged and much appreciated. By adding \$10-100 to your annual dues, you can ensure that the entrance and islands are kept fresh all year long. We would like to say a special thanks to those individuals who have already contributed! We have a great neighborhood because we have great neighbors!

*More December  
Events*

**26th–27th**

Chocolate Lovers  
Weekend,  
Callway Gardens

**27th**

Battle of the Bands,  
Georgia Dome,  
3pm

**30th**

BBC National Orchestra  
of Wales,  
Fox Theatre,  
8pm

*Visit the  
Afton Downs  
Website!*

[www.aftondowns.net](http://www.aftondowns.net)

*Contact the  
Board*

If you have a suggestion  
for the board, send an  
e-mail to  
[aftondowns@gmail.com](mailto:aftondowns@gmail.com).

*Newsletter Input*

Do you have any  
suggestions about how to  
improve the newsletter or  
have a story to submit?

Send an e-mail to  
[tara.glandon@gmail.com](mailto:tara.glandon@gmail.com)  
with your input.

*The new recycle collection day  
is Monday!*

There will no longer be collection on Fridays.  
During holiday week, all collection, including trash and  
recycle, will be moved back one day.

*Garden Advice*

- \* Time to take down the Christmas tree. Great time to practice recycling.
- \* Use Insecticidal Soap on the tops and undersides of houseplant leaves if insects are detected.
- \* After freezes check beds for heaving.
- \* If weather gets cold, be sure tender plants, such as pansy beds or emerging bulb foliage, are mulched well with pine needles or leaves.
- \* Continue moving perennials as long as ground is not frozen.
- \* Plant trees that have winter interest. Some great choices are River Birch, 'Natchez' Crape Myrtle and all hollies.
- \* Prune hardwood trees now. Don't prune early spring blooming trees like Dogwoods and cherries, wait until after they bloom in the spring.
- \* Prune fruit trees now. Remove dead limbs and any vertical sprouts.
- \* Continue planting or transplanting shrubs and trees.
- \* When working in the garden watch for poison ivy. Although leafless, the stems can still cause quite a rash.
- \* Now is a good time to service lawn equipment.
- \* Remember to feed the birds - attract them with suet.

*Chimney Sweeping*

It is recommended that EVERY fireplace be cleaned once a year if wood has been burned in it. Creosote can build up on the inside of the chimney and can ignite. A few dollars to have it professionally cleaned is far preferable to having to rebuild after a fire destroys your property. Perhaps you and your neighbors can hire a Chimney Sweeper at the same time and get a group discount.

*Hail Damage*

Numerous homeowners in Afton Downs have had their roof replaced recently and covered by their homeowners insurance. The reason--hail damage. If one roof in an area has hail damage then most likely others have it too. You could get your roof replaced for the amount of your deductible. Damage may have occurred to any roof, new or old. You might want to have you insurance company examine your roof.