

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

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Special Report: Recycling

See Page 2 of this month's newsletter for important information about recycling and what you can do to help. Be sure to watch for "Special Report: Curb Appeal!" next month!

Home Repairs and Remodeling

Many homes in Afton Downs have received extensive repairs and updating. The board would like to thank those owners/renters who have done exterior work on their homes and yards. To others who have not yet started repairs, we encourage you to take a good look at the outside of your home to check for deterioration. Remember that you are responsible for maintaining the sides and back of your house, even if you must get onto your neighbor's roof to paint siding or have it replaced. If you see peeling and rotting siding or holes in boards, you have work to do.

Yard-of-the-Month

May will be our first Y-O-T-M award month. The weather is ideal now for getting out to clean up and update your landscaping. Next month we will give you more information on how you might be eligible to win Y-O-T-M. We look forward to seeing all the improvements this year. Thank you in advance for your help making Afton Downs look the best it can.

Board Members

Several positions on the Board of the Homeowner's Association will be available starting in July 2007. We encourage you to consider running for office, becoming a committee member, or volunteering for special projects. We all want Afton Downs to remain the charming, attractive place to live that it is now. It is everyone's responsibility to get involved. We will let you know more in next month's newsletter.

Landscaping

Now is the time to put down pre-emergent weed killer on you lawn and to give it a good feed. Shrubs can be cut way back and will grow out again as it gets warmer.

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.

*March
Events*

16th–18th

Snow White,
Southern Ballet Treatre,
Gwinett Performing Arts
Theatre

17th

St. Patrick's Day

17th–18th

Daffodil Show,
Atlanta Botanical Garden

21st–23rd

High Museum Atlanta
Wine Auction,
Atlantic Station

24th

Haunted Ghost Tours,
Bell Book and Candle,
McDonough, 6:30pm

30th–April 2nd

NCAA Final Four
Basketball Championships,
Georgia Dome

*April
Events*

1st

April Fools Day

3rd

Passover

6th

Braves Home Opener
vs. New York Mets,
Turner Field, 7:35pm

Why is recycling important to Georgia and you?

- ◇ The recycling market infrastructure in Georgia makes it one of the most prominent recycling states in the nation; viable markets exist in the state for paper, aluminum, and steel.
- ◇ Recycling creates jobs and has a positive economic impact on communities throughout Georgia.
- ◇ Georgia is the second largest pulp and paper producing state in the nation, accounting for over 10 billion dollars of annual product sales and 1 billion in annual payroll. The 15 mills in the state use recycled content materials for their production—9 of them rely exclusively on recycled materials for their production.
- ◇ Recycling saves energy, conserves water and other non-renewable natural resources, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions resulting in better air quality.
- ◇ Composting yard trimmings and other organics creates a product that replenishes depleted soils and aids in moisture retention resulting in low water consumption.
- ◇ The 2005 Waste Disposal Characterization Study, funded through the Solid Waste Trust Fund, reported that Georgians annually discard over 2.6 million tons of commonly recyclable materials, including 1.9 million tons of recyclable paper having millions of dollars worth of raw material value to Georgia manufacturers.
- ◇ Sustainable recycling programs provide the raw materials that businesses need to grow and thrive, and promote private sector investment in public programs.
- ◇ The America Recycles 2005 theme *It All Comes Back to YOU* emphasizes personal responsibility and commitment to protecting the environment and supporting economic development in our nation, state, and local communities.

The City of Smyrna Recycling Education Center

645 Smyrna Hill Drive 770-431-2869

(Smyrna Hill Dr. is located 1 block south of Concord Rd. on South Cobb Dr.)

We accept for recycling:

- ◇ Newspapers, magazines, bulk mail, phone books, clean #1 and #2 plastic bottles, corrugated cardboard, scrap metal, aluminum cans, large appliances (\$35 fee for refrigerators and air conditioners), color-separated glass jars and bottles (lids may be placed in the metal bin), automobile batteries, metal food cans, cell phones, and rechargeable batteries.
- ◇ Athletic shoes without metal, plastic grocery bags, clear newspaper sleeves, and six-pack rings will be accepted in separate bins (see attendant).
- ◇ American Flags are collected at the Recycling Center for a proper ceremonial disposal.

We do not accept for recycling:

- ◇ Plastics other than listed above, polystyrene (styrofoam), pyrex or cooking glass, plate glass, window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, ceramic cups, light bulbs, crystal, aerosol cans, or paint.

Remember that recyclable items are picked up in Afton Downs on Monday.