

Afton Downs Community News



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

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Community Yard Sale

Are your closets full?
Do you have too
much stuff and no
place to put it? We're
planning to have a
community yard sale
in June if enough
people are interested.
E-mail [marita.fajita
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call (404) 219-8324
to let her know if you
would like to
participate and what
weekends are best for
you.

Noise Ordinance - Be considerate of your neighbors

The association has received numerous complaints regarding the noise generated from late night partying, barking dogs, etc. We have a very diverse community in Afton Downs with varying lifestyles and work schedules. We all need to be more aware of our desire to have a good time with the need to be considerate of others. It is amazing how sound carries in Afton Downs; it is like a giant megaphone. Please do not leave your dog outside, barking continuously throughout the day or night. If you are having a party outdoors, in your front or back yard, please watch your noise level, and move the party indoors after 10pm. Smyrna has a noise ordinance that is enforceable by law whether you are inside or out. Thank you for your cooperation! More information on the Smyrna Noise Ordinance is available under chapter 46-1 at <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=11505&sid=10>.

Yard of the Month

Kimball Cochran of 5107 Afton Way was awarded the Yard of the Month for May. This home and yard have been beautifully upgraded and maintained with a new architectural roof, new paint, all new windows, new front porch and stairs, and much more work in the back. The new sod and flowers are simple but elegant. Lovely! Thanks for improving the appearance of Afton Downs.



Gardening Tips

- * Still time to plant annuals for spring and summer enjoyment!
- * Fertilize Centipede lawns. One application per year is all that is required.
- * Fertilize and water Tomatoes regularly.
- * Plant tropical vines at your mailboxes for bright flowers all summer. Good choices include Mandevilla, Bougainvillea and Allamanda.
- * Begin succession planting of hot weather annuals such as Zinnias, Marigolds, Celosia and Portulaca in May and continue through the month of June.
- * Pinch back annuals to encourage bushy compact growth. Annuals appreciate a continual supply of nutrients. Begin to fertilize them moderately on a regular basis. (continued on page 2)

*May
Events*

18th-19th

Marietta Bluegrass
Festival at Jim Miller Park

25th

Glover Park Evening
Concert Series,
Marietta Square
(the last Friday evening
of each month
through August)
8pm-Free

18th

20th Century Veterans
Memorial,
Heart of Smyrna
10am-Free

*June
Events*

9th

Melodies in the Meadow,
The Art Shanty,
Kennesaw,
7pm-Free

14th

Take a Kid Fishing,
Laurel Park, Marietta
7:30-11:30am-Free
Bring your own
bait, gear, and folding
chairs

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.

Gardening Tips, continued

- * Great time to plant long-blooming perennials like Daylilies, Purple Coneflowers, Shasta Daisies and Gaura.
- * Plant dahlia tubers at the end of May. Also, set your stakes in the ground at this time.
- * Continue to plant perennials throughout the month of May.
- * When ground temperature is 70 degrees F, begin planting vegetables such as: Okra, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, Eggplant, Pepper Plants, Peanuts, Watermelon, Cow Peas, Black-Eyed Peas, Crowder Peas, Butter Peas and Butter Beans.
- * Be sure to mulch all garden beds well to help regulate soil temperature, retain moisture, and keep weeds down.
- * It's too late to sow cool season grasses such as Fescue, but warm season grasses such as Bermuda, Centipede, and Zoysia can be sown now.
- * Use weed killer on lawns only if temperature is above 70 degrees F.
- * Fertilize roses in May to encourage a second bloom, and continue feeding them on schedule through the month of June. Prune ramblers in June.
- * Fertilize azaleas as soon as they finish blooming.
- * Fertilize flower beds with Osmocote.
- * Fertilize March vegetables with a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10.
- * Use Amdro on Fire Ant mounds then treat mounds with an insecticide 48 hours later.
- * Use Ironite on shrubs and trees to promote healthy color and maximize root growth.

Yard of the Month Qualifying Rules and Awards

The award will be given from May through September.

1. The yard and house, all that is visible from the street, must be well maintained and in compliance with the Afton Downs Covenants. The yard must be neat, mowed (grass), and trimmed (shrubbery). Limit use of potted plants, hanging baskets and statues to avoid a cluttered look.
2. Trash bins (blue and red recycle bins are recyclable trash bins) must not be on porches or visible from the street.
3. Limit items kept on porches. Keep it simple and clean. Furniture on the porch and statuary are discouraged but if present they must be maintained--clean and painted.
4. Awards:
 - a. Once a month, the Board will chose the winner at their discretion.
 - b. All residences in Afton Downs are eligible to win. Each residence is eligible to win only one month per season.
 - c. The Yard-Of-The-Month sign will be placed in the yard for at least two weeks.
 - d. A photograph of the yard and house will be placed in the Afton Downs Newsletter (as long as the letter is published that month).
 - e. The owner/renter will be given a \$25.00 gift card to Home Depot. Condition to receive the gift card--the owner/resident must be a current member of the HOA (dues paid for 2007).