



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, February 5, 2024**

Planning & Zoning Commission  
6:00 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Council Chambers

**Monday, February 5, 2024**

Parks & Recreation Commission  
(Financial Sustainability Meeting)  
6:00 PM  
Smyrna Community Center  
Jonquil Room

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

Committee of the Whole  
6:30 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
HR Training Room

# ADMINISTRATION

## Smyrna Youth Council at the Capitol:

The Smyrna Youth Council visited the State Capitol on Monday and were joined by Mayor Derek Norton and Councilmember Travis Lindley. They watched the House of Representatives and the Senate in session and met many state representatives including Governor Brian Kemp!



**Justin Groom**

**Jason, Patricia & Glenn**

**Shelly Leitheiser**

**Lyiness**

**Leylis MR**

**Paula Winter**

**Becca McCoy**

**per.spec.tive**  
noun - a point of view

Come see the distinct perspectives of seven local artists in the new exhibit at the Smyrna Community Center. Presented by Smyrna Arts Council & the City of Smyrna. On view through March 2024.

**SMYRNA ARTS COUNCIL**

**New Art Exhibit:** The Smyrna Arts Council and the City of Smyrna announce “per.spec.tive,” a new exhibit of fine art on display in the Smyrna Community Center through March 2024. The exhibit features pieces from seven talented local artists: Shelly Leitheiser, LeylisMR, Justin Groom, Paula Winter, Becca McCoy, Jason Welsh, with Patricia Welsh and Glenn Hutchinson, and Lyiness. The exhibit is open for viewing anytime the Community Center is open. Come check it out!

# ADMINISTRATION



**Smyrna Youth Council with Community Development and Economic Development:** Smyrna Youth Council members met with Economic Development Director Andrea Worth and Community Development Director Rusty Martin on Wednesday evening to learn about their departments. Thank you Andrea and Rusty for presenting!

# WATER DISTRIBUTION



**Work Orders:** Staff resolved several work orders last week including:

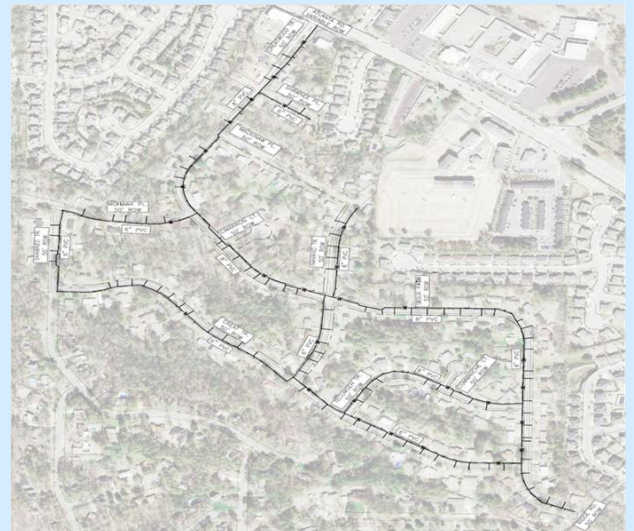
- Water Main Breaks: 1
- Sewer Backups: 1
- Water Service Leaks: 4
- Customer Issues: 33

**Water Service Inventory Verification:** Water service inventory verification is underway. Homes in Wards 2, 4 and 6 are completed.

Water and Sewer staff take great pride in being responsible for the installation, repairs, and maintenance of 150 miles of sewer pipes and 250 miles of water main pipes. We are currently providing services to 15,237 customers in the City of Smyrna. We guarantee above and beyond service and safe, clean water supply to each customer every day.

**Water Main and Service Replacement Projects:** Water mains and services are being replaced in several locations around the city. A map of the project is pictured right. Currently, Arditto Construction is installing 600 feet of water main on Creat Trail to replace the outdated pipe.

**Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Inspection:** Sewer infrastructure is being graded with closed-circuit TV equipment. This technology allows staff to view lines in real time, determine pipe conditions, and make corrections when necessary. Inspections in Wards 1, 2, 4, and 5 are completed. Inspections in Ward 6 are underway by Smyrna staff, and inspections in Ward 3 are underway by a contractor.



# COURT SERVICES

## Court on 01/23

Cases: 131  
 Failures to Appear: 46  
 Pre-Trials: 36  
 DUIs Completed: 5

## Court on 01/25

Cases: 103  
 Failures to Appear: 30  
 Pre-Trials: 22  
 DUIs Completed: 1



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 22  
 Citations: 94  
 Warnings: 26  
 Calls for Service: 529

**Blanket of Hope Award:** Officers Ashley Beard and Brian Pyle received the Blanket of Hope Award at the Gotcha Covered Blankets Gala. Their acts of kindness within the department and community have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations officers!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Chief Marcos on 11Alive:

11Alive News interviewed Chief Marcos on the importance of Georgia House Bill 451, which would give PTSD insurance to first responders. Chief Marcos explained its impact on first responders in Georgia. [Click here](#) to see the interview and read the full article.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 3  
 Medical: 104  
 Other: 40  
 Total: 147

**United Leadership Program:** We are excited to kick off our 2024 Leadership Program! The program features participants from Smyrna Fire, Marietta Fire, Austell Fire, Cobb Fire, Cartersville Fire, Cobb EMA, Wellstar, and MetroAtlanta Ambulance Services.



**EMT Class 24-1:** Smyrna Fire began EMT Class 24-1, featuring fourteen of our firefighters. Class is held twice a week, for a total of 16 weeks, or 250 hours of class and field training.

# PUBLIC WORKS

**Streets Department:** The Streets Department has been working on the following projects:

- Vinings North Trail sidewalk installation
- Resolving drainage issues on North Cooper Lake Road, Hamby Street, Oakdale Road, and at Brinkley Park
- Cleared debris from curbs on Teasley Drive, Hawthorne Avenue, Pasadena Boulevard, Turpin Road, Rita Way and Laurel Way

# ENGINEERING



**Traffic Infrastructure Repairs:** A pedestrian crossing signal at the South Cobb Drive and I-285 South ramp was reported as inoperable. Upon investigation by our Traffic Signal Technicians, it was discovered that a small colony of ants had taken up residence in the base of the signal and had damaged the wiring. All ants were successfully relocated and the wiring was repaired to restore operation to the signal.

Additional repairs were completed for two pedestrian signals that were hit by vehicles. One of these was at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Ridge Road and the other was at the high-intensity activated crosswalk at South Cobb Drive and Pinehill Road.

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Rahel Turner**

Business License Coordinator  
Community Development  
Hired: 01/23



**Eddie Matano**

Assistant Director  
Information Technology  
Hired: 01/26



**Jonathan Carranza-Molina**

Streets Maintenance Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 01/29



**Rodshem Venisee-Cosby**

Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker  
Water Distribution/Utility Services  
Hired: 01/29



**Daniel Smith**

Part Time Community Center Attendant  
Parks and Recreation  
Hired: 01/29

*Welcome to  
Smyrna*

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**Black History Month Kids Craft Event**

**African Americans and the Arts : Nellie Mae Rowe**

**Saturday, Feb. 10  
10 am - 4 pm  
SMYRNA MUSEUM**

**Weekly Visitors**

Library: 3,296  
Museum: 9

**Black History Month Kids Craft Event:** Come celebrate Black History Month by learning about local artist Nellie Mae Rowe at the Smyrna Museum! Kids will make a take-home craft based on her art. This event is suitable for ages three and up.

**Story Time in the Spotlight:** The Marietta Daily Journal (MDJ) printed a front-page story highlighting Smyrna's story time programming in the Thursday, January 25 edition. The story also appeared on the MDJ online. The reporter did an excellent job of emphasizing the importance of reading to children every day to build pre-literacy skills. The full article can be found [here](#).



**Marietta Daily Journal**  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 • MDJONLINE.COM • \$1

**State Senate passes Cobb school board map**

**State House GOP unveils tax cut bills**

**'Give a hoot'**  
Smyrna Public Library's Story Time builds literacy, connection

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**


**TICKET ENTRY \$20 EACH**

**DINNER & SPEAKER**  
with Dr. Daniel Black, novelist, essayist, and professor at Clark Atlanta University

**Smyrna Community Center  
February 23, 2024  
5:30 PM**

**Don't Cry for Me**  
A NOVEL  
DANIEL BLACK

**An evening with DANIEL BLACK**



[smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)

**Black History Month Dinner:** Join us for a Black History Month celebratory dinner with Dr. Daniel Black, novelist, essayist, and professor at Clark Atlanta University. The Black History Month Celebration Dinner will be held on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Tickets include dinner, a presentation by Dr. Black, and a book signing. Book sales will be available on-site, courtesy of Bookmiser. General admission tickets, reserved tables, and sponsor tables are available.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Tween Game Night:** At tween night on Tuesday, January 23, one lucky tween got to teach three of our teen volunteers the ins and outs of Pokémon! Conor was our resident expert and had a great time challenging (and defeating!) his teen opponents.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Environmental Education:** Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff hosted a table featuring a "There Is No Away" sorting activity for Nickajack Elementary School's STEAM Night. There were 170 students and parents who visited the table to learn about what happens when we throw something "away" and which materials should go in the trash, compost, or recycling.



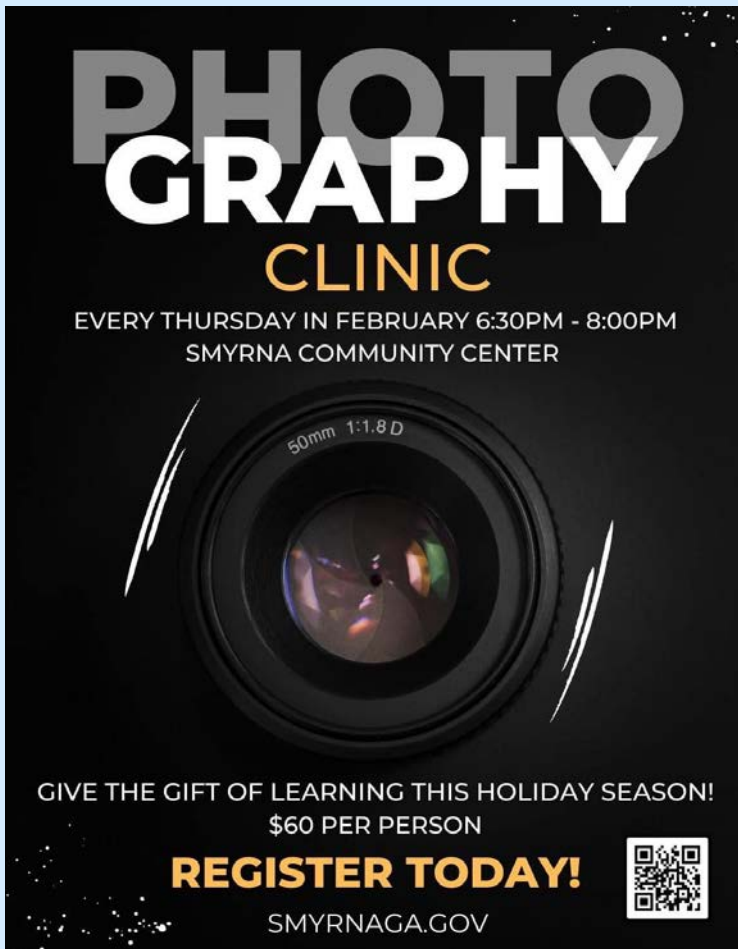
**Community Cleanup:** Seven Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers participated in a Community Cleanup on South Cobb Drive and Church Road last Thursday. Together, they picked up an impressive 227 pounds of litter, including 50 pounds of recyclable material. A big thanks to the resident who submitted the spot via our report litter form!

**Report Litter:** Smyrna residents can help us choose the location of our next litter cleanup by filling out our [online report litter form](#)!

**Environmental Studies Scholarships:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful is offering \$1,500 scholarships for students currently pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in an environmentally related field. Scholarships are eligible for current college students who are Smyrna residents or high school students currently enrolled in Campbell High School or Whitefield Academy. The application deadline is March 3, 2024. Additional information can be found on our [school partnerships page](#).



# PARKS AND RECREATION



**PHOTOGRAPHY CLINIC**

EVERY THURSDAY IN FEBRUARY 6:30PM - 8:00PM  
SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER

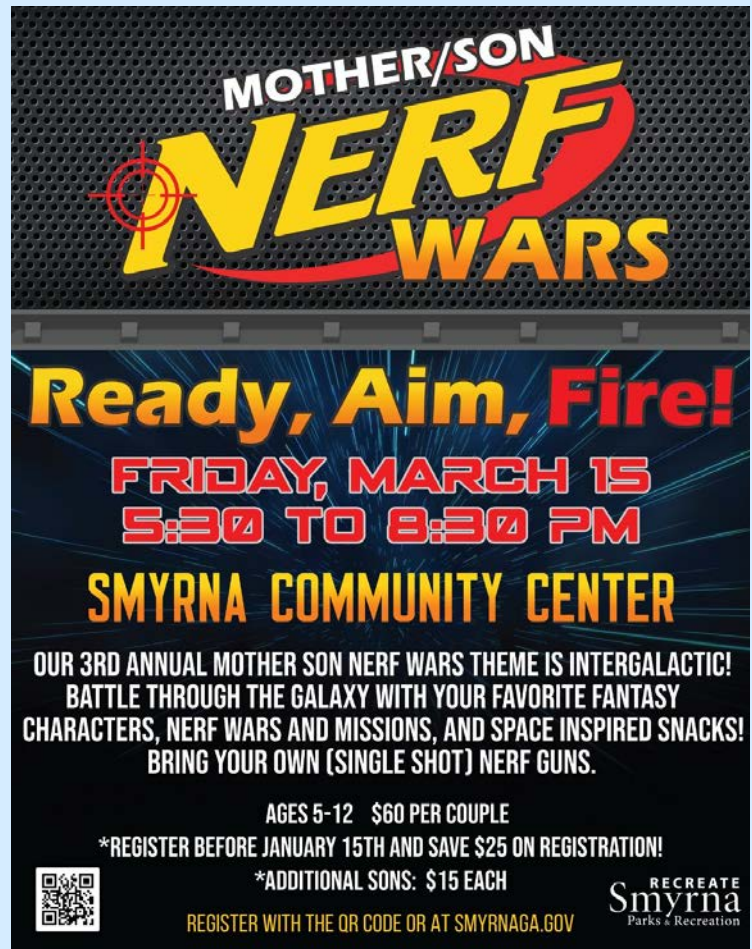
GIVE THE GIFT OF LEARNING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!  
\$60 PER PERSON

**REGISTER TODAY!**

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**Photography Clinic:** Do you know someone who received a camera for Christmas or has a passion for photography? Whether you are a beginner or know someone who wants to learn more about their camera and photography, Parks and Recreation’s photography class is the perfect gift. Taught by a professional photographer, our classes are great for beginners or those who want to improve their photography skills. Classes will be on February 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The class is \$60 per participant, ages 16 and up. [Register here.](#)

**Parents Night Out:** Who's ready for another Parents Night Out!? On March 1, from 5:00-8:00 PM, we will be hosting another Parents Night Out for our community. Drop your children off for ice cream sundaes and a game night! We ask that your children please eat dinner before the event. This event is for children ages 4-12 years old, and all participants must be potty trained.



**MOTHER/SON NERF WARS**

**Ready, Aim, Fire!**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**  
**5:30 TO 8:30 PM**

**SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER**

OUR 3RD ANNUAL MOTHER SON NERF WARS THEME IS INTERGALACTIC!  
BATTLE THROUGH THE GALAXY WITH YOUR FAVORITE FANTASY CHARACTERS, NERF WARS AND MISSIONS, AND SPACE INSPIRED SNACKS!  
BRING YOUR OWN (SINGLE SHOT) NERF GUNS.

AGES 5-12 \$60 PER COUPLE  
\*REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 15TH AND SAVE \$25 ON REGISTRATION!  
\*ADDITIONAL SONS: \$15 EACH

REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE OR AT SMYRNAGA.GOV

RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

**Mother-Son Nerf Wars:** Ready, set, blast off! Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Mother-Son Nerf Wars! This year's theme is intergalactic, and registration is now open. Battle through the galaxy with your favorite fantasy characters, nerf wars, missions, and space-inspired snacks! The event will take place Friday, March 15 from 5:30–8:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The cost is \$60 per couple and \$15 for additional sons. [Register here.](#) There are only a few spots left for this event!

# PARKS AND RECREATION



**Daddy Daughter Dance**  
**UNDER THE BIG TOP**

**February 9th 5:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**Smyrna Community Center**

**• A Night To Remember •**

Join Smyrna Parks and Recreation for an evening filled with circus games, characters, sweet treats, and dancing!  
 The cost is \$60 per couple ages 0-12,  
 \$15 off additional sibling.  
 Register today at [smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)

Illustration of three red and white striped circus tents under a starry night sky.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
**GALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH**

FEBRUARY 11TH | 11:00AM - 1:00PM  
 SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER  
 \$45 PER PERSON, AGES 12+

Grab the gals and join us for cocktails, mocktails, a waffle bar, cupcake decorating, trivia, music, and more!

Register today at [smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)

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Illustrations include a cupcake, a heart in a box, a hot air balloon, a heart-shaped lock, and an envelope with hearts.

**Daddy Daughter Dance:** Dads: bring your daughters out for a night to remember! This year's Daddy Daughter Dance theme is Under the Big Top. Join us on Friday, February 9 from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center for an evening filled with circus games, sweet treats, and dancing! There will be circus characters and a photo booth for all participants to enjoy. This event is for daughters ages 0-12. The cost is \$60 per couple with \$15 off additional siblings. [Register today!](http://smyrnaga.gov)

**Galentine's Day Brunch:** Calling all ladies! Join Parks and Recreation for a Galentine's Day Brunch on February 11, featuring a waffle bar, cupcake decorating station, cocktails, mocktails, trivia, and more! The brunch is from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. This event is for ladies 12 years old and up. The cost is \$45 per attendee. Register today [on our website.](http://smyrnaga.gov) Don't miss this amazing event, register now before all spaces are filled!

**Wolfe Center Programs:** AARP Tax-Aide will be returning to the Wolfe Adult Recreation Center beginning February 7. Tax preparers will be on site every Wednesday through April 10, 2024. This is a free service offered through AARP Tax-Aide. Dates are filling quickly so register today at <http://tinyurl.com/wolferctaxes>.

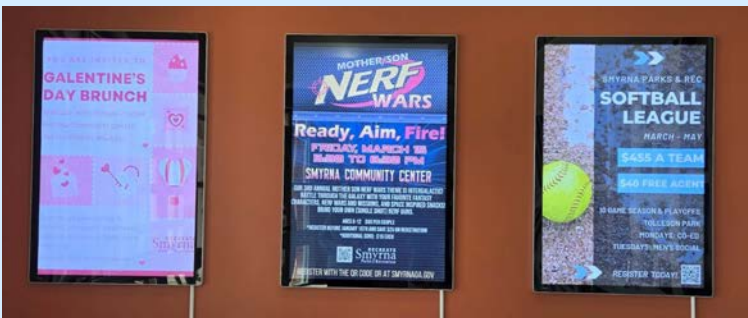
**Smyrna Handmade Market:** Applications for the 2024 Smyrna Handmade Market are now open! This year's market will run each Sunday, May 5–October 20. Anyone interested can find the application and more information at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

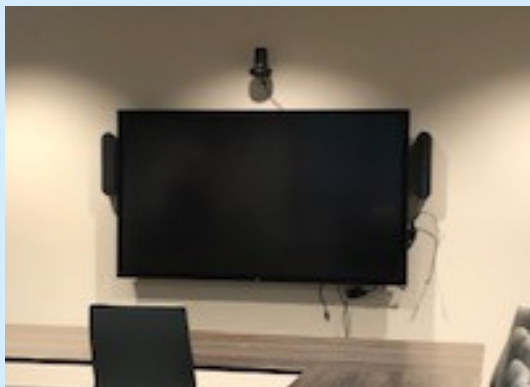


**North Cooper Lake Park Pavilion:** The pavilion at North Cooper Lake Park is progressing rapidly with work continuing each day. This week, a large grill set in beautiful stone is being installed, as well as large ceiling fans that will help cool guests on hot summer days. Each feature brings together a grand space for renters to host a variety of events from family reunions to corporate outings.

**Ward Park:** The batting cages at Ward Park are well on their way to completion. In addition to the netting system, the turf is also being installed this week. The cages will provide a safe and well-equipped area for practice.



**Updates at the Community Center:** The Community Center recently upgraded and refreshed its entrance from the new lawn area. To help advertise the many events and programs that Parks and Recreation hosts, lighted LED boards were added. The boards help brighten the space and make use of an area that is seen by many people upon arrival at the Community Center. Stop by and check out what's being advertised this week!



The Oak Room, a multi-use room that hosts a variety of events, was upgraded with a large screen and speakers. The screen will enhance presentations for any type of event and is available for use by renters of the space. If you're looking for a comfortable area that offers upgraded technology for a small group, inquire about the Oak Room.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

105 Inspections  
41 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$3,824,755.00

**Commercial (3)**

- (1) New Construction
  - Parks & Recs (2270 Benson Poole Rd)
- (2) Interior Renovations
  - Subway (2217 S Cobb Dr)
  - Sunshine Laundromat (540 Windy Hill Rd)

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$300,000.00

**Grading (3)**

- (2) Land Disturbance
  - Whitefield Academy (1 Whitefield Dr)
  - Primrose School (661 Church Rd)
- (1) Retaining Wall
  - Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$810,000.00

**Building Remodel / Residential (19)**

- (3) Additions
- (2) Interior Renovations
- (1) Roof Replacement/Re-Roof
- (1) Solar Panels/Generators
- (12) New Construction
  - Brooks at Riverview Landing
  - Rowan Walk

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$2,714,755.00

**HVAC (6) Electrical (4) Tree (3)  
Plumbing (7) Sign (8)**

## New Businesses

**El Cardenal**

Limited-Service Restaurants  
2517 Spring Road, STE 104  
Ward 1

**MAGGIE SHANNON ~residential design & consulting, LLC**

Interior Design Services  
Home Business  
Ward 1

**Smyrna Short Stay**

Residential Property Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 1

**EG Corporate Services**

Janitorial Services  
Home Business  
Ward 4

**Hertz/Penske Rentals**

Other Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Rental and Leasing  
3209 South Cobb Drive, STE G2  
Ward 3

**Legacy Barber Studios LLC**

Barber Shops  
3209 South Cobb Drive, STE G1  
Ward 3

**Premier Events**

Food Service Contractors  
4200 Highlands Parkway, STE A  
Ward 7

**Ritehouse Services LLC**

Handyman construction service, residential building  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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