



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, February 12, 2024

Pre-Council Meeting
6:30 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Admin Conference Room

Monday, February 12, 2024

Mayor and Council Meeting
7:00 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

License and Variance Board
10:00 AM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SMYRNA: UPCOMING EVENTS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Smyrna Community Center
5:30PM | FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Dr Daniel Black, a novelist, essayist, and professor at Clark Atlanta University

Dinner & Speaker with
DR DANIEL BLACK

TICKET ENTRY \$20 EACH
smyrnaga.gov

Celebration Dinner: A Black History Month Dinner will be held on Friday, February 23, in the Large Gym at the Smyrna Community Center. The speaker is Atlanta novelist and professor Dr. Daniel Black. Dinner will be prepared by Chef Mark Brown and features contemporary southern cuisine. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and available for [purchase online](#) or at the Community Center. Get your tickets today!

Kids Craft Event at the Smyrna Museum: Bring your kids to celebrate Black History Month by learning about local artist Nellie Mae Rowe at the Smyrna Museum on Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM! Kids will make a take-home craft based on her art. This event is suitable for ages three and up.



Black History Month Kids Craft Event

*African Americans and the Arts :
Nellie Mae Rowe*

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

ADMINISTRATION



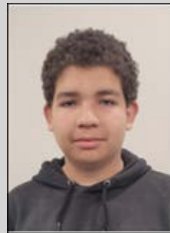
Smyrna Citizens Academy: Do you know anyone interested in learning more about city operations? Citizens Academy applications open to residents on Friday, February 9 at 9:00 AM. The Citizens Academy consists of 9 learning sessions that show citizens the behind-the-scenes of city operations. Applications can be found [on our website](#).

HUMAN RESOURCES



Kanon Bozeman

Parks Maintenance Technician
Parks and Recreation
Hired: 2/5



Bryson Williams

Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker
Water Distribution/Utility Services
Hired: 2/5

*Welcome to
Smyrna*

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Vinings North Trail sidewalk installation
- Repaired sidewalk and driveway aprons at North Cooper Lake Drive and Napa Valley Court
- Repaired potholes on Church Road, Oak Drive, Carolyn Drive, Spring Road, and Highlands Parkway
- Cleared brush and debris from the roadway on Jonqui Drive, Woodland Trail, and Turner Drive

WATER DISTRIBUTION



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

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 4
- Water Service Leaks: 4
- Customer Issues: 34

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.

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 are 50% complete, and inspections in Ward 3 are underway by a contractor.

Water Service Inventory Verification: Water service inventory verification is underway. Homes in Wards 2, 4 and 6 are completed. Work in Ward 3 is underway.

Work Anniversary: Congratulations to Hector Polanco on his five years of service with the Water and Sewer Division. Hector is a great worker and is always willing to lend a helpful hand wherever it may be needed.

Water Main and Service Replacement Projects:

Water mains and services are being replaced in several locations around the city. Currently, work is underway in the following locations:

- South Cobb Drive
- Springwood Drive
- Creatwood Subdivision



COURT SERVICES

Court on 01/30

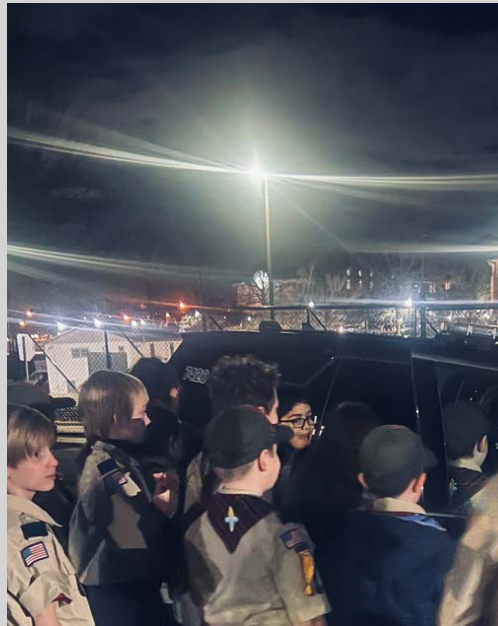
Cases: 115
 Failures to Appear: 33
 Pre-Trials: 23
 DUIs Completed: 2

Court on 02/01

Cases: 78
 Failures to Appear: 20
 Pre-Trials: 22
 DUIs Completed: 3



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24
 Citations: 109
 Warnings: 37
 Calls for Service: 587

Scout Troop: This past week the Police Department hosted a scout troop and gave them a tour of our building. We discussed safety tips and showed them some of our equipment, including a marked vehicle. The marked vehicle was the highlight of their evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 115
 Other: 38
 Total: 155

Annual Report: The Smyrna Fire Department has released its 2023 Annual Report. [The full report can be found here.](#)



ENGINEERING

Speed Studies Starting: Now that school is back in full swing and traffic patterns are normalized, the Engineering Department will be continuing to conduct speed studies! These studies involve temporary radar sign installations along a street where traffic calming measures are being considered. The data collected from the radar signs over a period of two to three weeks is used as part of an analysis to determine if speed humps or other traffic calming practice is warranted at a particular location.



New Pedestrian Crossing Installations: New rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) were installed on Concord Road at two new pedestrian crossings at Mosswood Lane and Highview Drive. These RRFB installations and others like them around the city enhance pedestrian safety and increase driver awareness at uncontrolled marked crosswalks.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

KSB SCHOOL GRANTS

\$1,000 to schools in the City of Smyrna
Schools can apply annually.

Grants support beautification and environmental education.
School gardens, outdoor learning spaces, and more

Spring application opens January 1, 2024
Applications due by April 1, 2024.

KEEP SMYRNA Beautiful

School Grants: The spring application period for Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants is open through April 1, 2024. Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants support beautification, gardening, or environmental education projects. Details and an application link can be found on our [school partnerships](#) page.

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 [here](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Environmental Education: On Monday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff and board presented their "There Is No Away" program to 92 third-grade students and six teachers at Russell Elementary. As part of the program, students participated in a hands-on sorting activity to determine which materials go to the trash (landfill), recycling bin, and compost.



Community Cleanup: Seven Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers spent their Saturday morning picking up litter during a Community Cleanup on the East-West Connector near Cooper Lake Road SE. They picked up 145 pounds of litter, including 35 pounds of recyclable material!

Arbor Day: Keep Smyrna Beautiful will host a ceremonial tree planting in Taylor-Brawner Park on Friday, February 16 from 12:00-12:30 PM. This event is open to the public. Free redbud seedlings will be available to attendees. Questions? Call 678-631-5519.

Arbor Day Tree Planting



Celebrate trees with us!
Friday, Feb 16th, 12:00pm-12:30pm
Taylor-Brawner Park



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Sunday Lecture: Smyrna Library kicked off Black History Month on Sunday, February 4, with a lecture about world-renowned folk artist Nellie Mae Rowe. Local historian Dr. William Marchione presented original research about Ms. Rowe's biography and the Vinings community where she lived. In the audience was Ms. Rowe's grandniece who discussed the new documentary, "This World is Not My Own." It will be screened on February 21 as part of the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.

Staff News: Senior Library Clerk, Danielle Sweeney (pictured left), celebrated her 5-year anniversary with Smyrna Public Library. Danielle works in Circulation where she is known by customers for her superior customer service. She is pictured here with Circulation Manager Susan Baker (pictured right) who celebrated 15 years on the job last fall. We are very lucky to have both of these fabulous women on our staff.

Children's Story Time and Craft: The Youth Services Department explored the world of artist and author Faith Ringgold on Monday, February 5. After a reading of *Cassie's Word Quilt*, children created their own story quilts.



Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,476

Museum: 10

Pre-K Programming: Babies Block Party returned to Smyrna Library on Monday, February 5. Over a dozen little ones (under the age of 24 months) attended with their caregiver for an interactive play time to help foster socialization and gross motor skills.

PARKS AND RECREATION



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! There are only a few spots left for this exciting event! 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.](#)

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.



Parent's NIGHT OUT

\$30 per child

Let us handle the childcare at the Smyrna Community Center, March 1st, 5pm-8pm!

Have your children join us for an exciting evening filled with interactive games, gym play, and an ice cream sundae station! Space will be limited.

*Children must be potty trained and ages 4-12

Register today at smyrnaga.gov

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Easter After Dark: Mark your calendars for Smyrna Parks and Recreation's upcoming Easter After Dark! On Saturday, March 23 from 6:00-9:00 PM, gather your friends and family for glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunts for all ages! At 6:30 PM we will be showing the 2005 version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Additionally, there will be vendors selling fun treats. Registration is required and is \$10 per person. Registration opens on Monday, February 12 at 8:00 AM.

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>.



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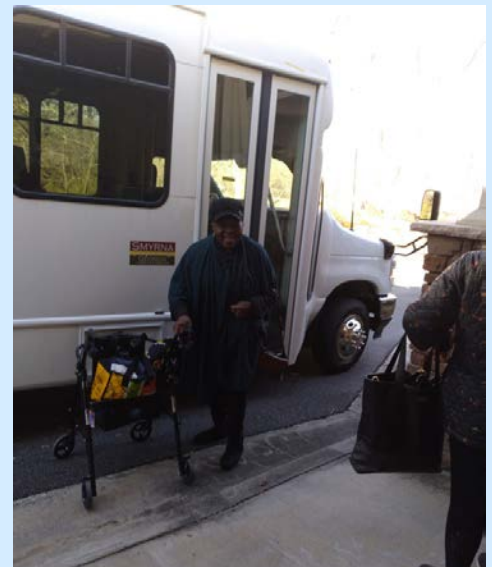
Easter AFTER DARK

Saturday, March 23rd, 6pm–9pm
Village Green Park

Enjoy Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg hunts for all ages and vendors selling fun treats! Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) will be shown at 6:30pm
Registration opens Monday, February 12th at smyrnaga.gov

\$10 Per Person

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SMYRNA VININGS
LIFESTYLE



New Bus: The Wolfe Center staff and members took the maiden voyage in the new fourteen-passenger bus on Tuesday. Twelve members were excited to venture on a mystery trip. This bus will offer a safe and comfortable ride when Smyrna's seniors take their trips.

Wolfe Center Programs: AARP Tax-Aide has returned to the Wolfe Center. 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>.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

90 Inspections

53 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,773,912.84

Commercial (17)

(1) Building Addition

- 661 Church Rd SE (Primrose School)

(16) Interior Renovations

- 2083 Lake Park Dr x14 Units (Cortland at the Village)
- 3016 Atlanta Rd SE Unit 150 (Joi Life Wellness Group)
- 2791 Woodland Ter Se (IBEW Local)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$804,031.00

Pool (1)

(1) In-ground

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$90,000.00

Building Remodel / Residential (8)

(1) Addition

(1) Interior Renovation

(3) Roof Replacement/ Re-roof

(3) New Construction

- Brooks at Riverview Landing

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$777,881.84

Demo (3)

(3) Interior Demolition

- Residential
- 2233 Lake Park Dr (VHA Atlanta)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$102,000.00

HVAC (4) Electrical (5) Tree (3)

Plumbing (4) Sign (2)

New Businesses

CB's Book Works LLC

Support Activities for Printing
Home Business
Ward 3

FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers

Offices of Physical, Occupational and
Speech Therapists, and Audiologists
3315 South Cobb Drive, STE 250
Ward 3

Washington Management Services LLC

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 5

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