



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Committee of the Whole

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall

HR Training Room

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SMYRNA

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. There is just one week left to get your tickets! Tickets are \$20 for general admission and available for [purchase online](#) or at the Community Center.

Faith Ringgold: On February 5, children celebrated Black History Month at Smyrna Library by learning about famous artist, author, and illustrator Faith Ringgold. Participants made their own story quilts modeled after Ringgold’s award-winning picture book *Tar Beach*.



Kids Craft Event at the Smyrna Museum: Twenty-eight people joined the Smyrna Museum for a Black History Month Kids Craft event that focused on artist Nellie Mae Rowe. Kids had a blast making creative creatures out of quick dry clay. Early participants included Mrs. Rowe’s niece who was in town visiting from New York!

ADMINISTRATION



Youth Forum: Six members of the Smyrna Youth Council attended the Georgia Municipal Association’s Youth Forum in Atlanta over the weekend. They listened to keynote speakers, participated in team-building activities, participated in a mock trial, and visited the Georgia Aquarium.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Smoke Diver: Congratulations to Firefighter Micah Patterson for completing the Georgia Smoke Diver Program (GSD #1201). The Smoke Diver Program conducts advanced firefighter training and teaches self-survival skills over six days.

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

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 109
 Other: 46
 Total: 157

COURT SERVICES

Court on 02/6

Cases: 85
 Failures to Appear: 28
 Pre-Trials: 29
 DUIs Completed: 4



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Smyrna Public Safety Foundation Gala: The Smyrna Public Safety Foundation (SPSF) put on an amazing event this past weekend at their gala and auctioned this wooden light-up flag (pictured left) created by our very own, Lieutenant Chris Singleton. Our Deputy Chief, Mark Binicewicz, spoke about the importance of benevolence provided by the SPSF to our officers and other employees in the department. Thank you to Denise and the SPSF for your tireless efforts and support.

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24
 Citations: 210
 Warnings: 69
 Calls for Service: 652

Twenty-Five Years at the City: This past week, we celebrated Major Rick James for serving twenty-five years at the Police Department. Major James is currently the division commander over Administration. We are very grateful for your service!



WATER DISTRIBUTION



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

- Water Main Breaks: 1
- Sewer Backups: 4
- Water Service Leaks: 4
- Customer Issues: 31

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.

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 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

PUBLIC WORKS

Exciting Achievement: On Monday, February 5, Public Works' Tina Monaghan received her Clerks Masters Education Management Development Program Certification from Carl Vinson Institute of Government. This involved over 60 hours of coursework and instruction as well as a required project which consisted of a 32-page paper. She became a Georgia Certified Clerk through the Carl Vinson Institute in February 2019. Congratulations on the achievement Tina!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Invasive Species Removal: On Saturday, five Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers spent two hours removing invasive privet, ivy, and other vines from the city-owned property near the corner of Rosalyn Lane and Powder Springs Street. Removing invasive plants makes room for native plants that are more beneficial to the ecosystem.

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.



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
SCHOLARSHIP**

Application Open



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

Adopt-a-Mile: Keep Smyrna Beautiful is recruiting for new Adopt-a-Mile groups! Groups commit to cleaning their adopted mile four times a year. Groups can be couples, families, church groups, businesses, civic groups, and more. Dates are completely flexible! To learn more visit: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/adopt-a-mile/>

ADOPT-A-MILE



Help keep Smyrna clean & beautiful!



- Quarterly cleanups
- Flexible dates
- All supplies provided
- Team building
- Road sign after your second cleanup

Arbor Day Tree Planting



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



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.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,013
Museum: 41

One-Day Book Sale: The Friends of Smyrna Library will hold a one-day used book sale on Saturday, February 17 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM in the Smyrna Library Meeting Room. The selection includes hardbacks and paperbacks for all ages, puzzles, games, audiobooks, and DVDs. The prices range from \$1-\$5 and the payment methods accepted are cash, check, PayPal and Venmo.



USED BOOK SALE

February 17

10AM - 4PM
SMYRNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

PARKS AND RECREATION



Galentine's Day Brunch: The ladies of Smyrna joined Parks and Recreation for the first annual Galentine's Day Brunch! They indulged in the waffle bar and cupcake decorating station, sipped on fun cocktails courtesy of Viking Alchemist Meadery, and competed in trivia for coveted Summer Concert Series tables. We already can't wait for next year's brunch!



Daddy Daughter Dance: This year's Daddy Daughter Dance had a record-breaking attendance! Over 255 couples attended the dance and embraced the circus. There was a dance floor under the big top, a stilt walker, cotton candy, popcorn, carnival games, and more! If you missed out, mark your calendars for February 2025 and join the fun!



PARKS AND RECREATION



RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

REGISTER NOW!

SPRING BREAK

ADVENTURE CAMP

SMYRNA PARKS & REC

APRIL 1ST - 5TH
10AM - 4PM

Cost is \$200 with a \$15 sibling discount!
SMYRNAGA.GOV

ITS TIME TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE!

CAMPERS WILL HIKE THROUGH NATURE PRESERVES, EXPLORE A SCIENCE CENTER, TOUR MUSEUMS, LEARN FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT OUR RICH CULTURE, AND PLAY AT AN INDOOR ARCADE. SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THIS EXCITING CAMP FOR KIDS 6-12.

Spring Break Adventure Camp: Do you want your kids to have a spring break filled with adventure and fun? Register them for the upcoming Adventure Camp on April 1-5 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Campers will hike through nature preserves, explore a science center, tour museums, learn fascinating facts about our rich culture, and play at an indoor arcade. Space is limited for this exciting camp for kids ages 6-12 years old. The cost is \$200 per child with a \$15 sibling discount.

Parks Maintenance: Parks Maintenance staff is working on fields throughout the city to make sure they are ready for the spring season. Brinkley Park was having issues with water puddling in the baseball pavilion, so staff installed channel drains. The water can now drain off the concrete onto the edge of the field.

AARP Tax-Aide at the Wolfe Center: The Wolfe Center hosted AARP Tax-Aide on Wednesday, February 7, in which volunteers processed 42 returns. AARP Tax-Aide will continue to be at the Wolfe Center every Wednesday through April 10. All days through March 13 are full.

Field Trip: Wolfe Center members took a trip to the Legacy Theater on Sunday, February 11 to see a performance of Elvis. Attendees gave it two thumbs up!

Therapy Pool and Classes: The Wolfe Center therapy pool saw 396 attendees last week and 233 attendees for classes.



RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

Easter AFTER DARK

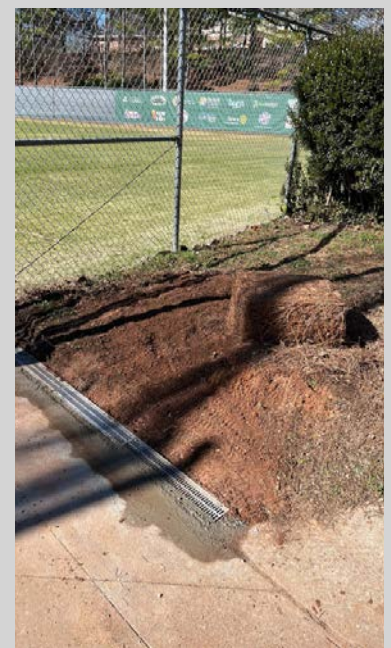
Saturday, March 23rd, 6pm-9pm
Village Green Park

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

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.



PARKS AND RECREATION

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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Parent's Night Out: Who's ready for another Parent's Night Out!? On March 1, from 5:00-8:00 PM, we will be hosting another Parent's 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, 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.](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES



Denise Brown

PT Open Gym Attendant
Parks & Recreation
Hired: 02/12



Keldric Broadnax

PT Community Center Attendant
Parks & Recreation
Hired: 02/12



Carlos Alvarado Gonzalez

Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 02/12



Savannah Dent

Property & Evidence Custodian
Police Department
Hired: 02/12



Eric Marchman Jr.

Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 02/12

*Welcome to
Smyrna*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

202 Inspections
88 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$716,031.81

Commercial (1)

(1) Interior Renovations
 • Glendale Apartments x1 Unit
 (640 Glendale Pl SE)
 Estimated Cost of Construction:
 \$7,000.00

Demo (1)

(1) Full Demolition
 • A.H Equestrian (3100 Old
 Concord Rd)
 Estimated Cost of Construction:
 \$48,000.00

Building Remodel / Residential (10)

(2) Interior Renovations
 (4) Additions
 (4) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
 Estimated Cost of Construction:
 \$636,031.81

Pool (1)

(1) In-ground
 • Residential
 Estimated Cost of Construction:
 \$25,000.00

HVAC (8) Electrical (3) Tree (1) Plumbing (1) Sign (5)

New Businesses

Cold Squid Beverages LLC

Wine and Distilled Alcoholic Beverage Merchant Wholesalers (OFFICE ONLY)
 Home Business
 Ward 3

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