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Wanda M. Morris signed copies of "All Her Little Secrets" at city's second "One Book, One City" event

Readers Converge on Park

Amid brutal early evening temperatures, several dozen readers sitting in the shade of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater of Thurman Springs Park were hanging on the spoken words of author Wanda M. Morris during her visit to Powder Springs June 14.

Morris, who penned "All Her Little Secrets," discussed her book in front of the audience as part of the ongoing "One Book, One City" campaign, a citywide literary event organized to encourage members of the Powder Springs community to read the same fiction book and be part of a conversation about its themes and real life. The campaign is a joint collaboration of the City of Powder Springs, the Powder Springs Public Library, and The Book Worm Bookstore, an independent store located in the city's downtown. The discussion with Morris was led by Julia Davis, owner of The Book Worm.

Through reading and discussing one selected work, the "One Book, One City" partners hope to bring the community closer together and encourage everyone to make reading a lifelong pursuit. "All Her Little Secrets" was the second book to be featured in the citywide campaign — the first was the young adult novel "Why We Fly" by Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal. Jones and Segal visited the city and discussed their book in December 2021.

"One Book, One City" will continue, with the next featured title to be announced in the coming weeks.



Upcoming Events

July 4: Powder Springs 4th of July Celebration, 6 to 10 p.m., Thurman Springs Park.

July 14: Picnic in the Park, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park.

July 21: Family Movie Night, 8 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater

July 23: Sounds of the Springs concert featuring The Tony Howard Show band, 7:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

July 28: Family Game Night, 6:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park

July 30: Back-2-School Bash, TBA

August 20: Shred Day, 10:00am-2:00pm, Powder Springs Police Department, 1114 Richard D. Sailors Parkway

August 27: Sounds of the Springs concert featuring The Return Beatles Tribute Band, 7:30 p.m., Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

September 12: Brown Bag Lunch Concert, 12:00-1:00pm, Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

September 19: Brown Bag Lunch Concert, 12:00-1:00pm, Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

September 24: Cystic Fibrosis: Cycle for Life Bike Ride, 7:00am-12:00pm, Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

September 26: Brown Bag Lunch Concert, 12:00-1:00pm, Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

October 4: National Night Out, 6:00pm, Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

October 15: Pick It Up Powder Springs Neighborhood Edition, 9:00am-12:00pm

October 22: Spooktacular Chase, 7:00-10:00am, Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

October 22: Fall Festival Trunk-or-Treat, 10:00am-12:00pm, Thurman Springs Park, Home of the Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater.

For additional details and more events happening this season visit cityofpowdersprings.org.



Increased Costs Lead to Modest Rate Increase

Effective July 1, sanitation customers will see a rate increase of \$2.50 a month. This rate increase is needed as multiple expenses related to providing sanitation services are expected to rise, including landfill costs, health care and workers' compensation.

The rate increase was recommended by a sanitation study conducted in the spring of 2021 with the decision made to defer to the increase to fiscal year 2023, which begins July 1.

The city has also received notice from its recycling provider about its intent to terminate its recycling contract by September. Further study of sanitation rates will be conducted to examine a rate structure that would reflect a change in recycling services but would maintain the regular sanitation program services, including trash pickup, yard waste pick up and Reside with Pride.

Thurman Springs Park and its Hardy Family Automotive Amphitheater have been the focal point of food, fun, and fine entertainment this spring, from the second-annual "Bringing The Sea to The Springs" seafood festival in May to June's back-to-back celebrations of SpringsFest and Juneteenth. There's more to come this summer with the return of the "Sounds of the Springs" Summer Concert Series, family movie nights, game nights, and our 4th of July Celebration.

City, Selig Enterprises Break Ground on Multifamily Development



Pictured from left are, from Powder Springs, Mayor Pro Tem Henry Lust, City Manager Pam Conner, and Mayor Al Thurman; and from Selig, Greg Lewis, SVP Development; Steve Selig, president and CEO; and Steve Balle, Chief Development Officer.

Officials with the City of Powder Springs and Selig

Development broke ground June 7 on Heartwood Powder Springs, which will become the first apartment development in the city not specifically marketed to seniors.

Located along Brownsville Road at the intersection of Oglesby Road on property Selig has owned for 25 years, Heartwood is slated to welcome its first residents in late fall of 2023.

Heartwood Powder Springs will feature 300 units in a garden-style environment with an amenity-focused design for its residents. The units, which average approximately 1,000 square feet in size, will be housed within 10 three-story residential buildings set on 20 acres. Residents can select from one or two-bedroom units along with a limited number of three-bedroom floor plans. Unit finishes will feature high-end granite countertops and backsplashes, kitchen islands and peninsulas, stainless steel appliances, built-in beverage bars, in-unit washer and dryers, LVT flooring, linen closets, bedroom ceiling fans, balconies, and entry nooks equipped with a bench, coat hooks and storage shelves.

"This apartment development will be the first in Powder Springs (excluding senior-specific apartments) and I am excited to see the construction underway. This type of development plays an important part in making Powder Springs such a great city to call home," said Mayor Al Thurman.

Called Meetings for Setting 2022 Millage Rate

The City Council of the City of Powder Springs will hold in the Patricia C. Vaughn Cultural Arts Center three special called meetings for the purpose of setting the City's Millage rate for 2022: The Mayor and Council will vote to establish the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate at a Special Called Meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6 p.m.

MEETING DATES

Monday, July 11, 2022, at 12:00pm
Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:30pm
Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Downtown Development Expected to Total \$56 Million-Plus

Members of the City Council in early June said their goodbyes to the "old" Powder Springs City Hall ahead of construction that will put new commercial and residential space downtown — an estimated \$56,750,000 investment.

In June 2021, the Powder Springs Downtown Development Authority agreed to terms with Novare Group that would have the Atlanta-based developer purchase 6.3 acres of downtown property in order to construct a mixed-use development with multi-family units and retail space. Under the agreement, Novare is purchasing the 4.9-acre assemblage on which sat the



Powder Springs City Hall and Community Development facilities, along with a nearby 1.4-acre property on Hotel Avenue.

Novare closed on the properties May 31, and being constructed on

the land will be nearly 5,000 square feet of commercial property to allow for separate retail and restaurant spaces, along with 221 apartments with surface parking. The project's apartments will create a greater residential presence downtown, which city leaders say would fuel current and new businesses in the corridor and other nearby areas.

Construction will close Jackson Way between Pineview Drive and Cemetery Street for a period of several weeks. Look for further details on cityofpowdersprings.org.



Powder Springs: Pick Up After Your Pet!

(Adapted from the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and the Clean Water Campaign)

Did you know a single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which can cause disease in humans? As animal waste decays, it uses up dissolved oxygen that fish and aquatic life need. Pet waste also contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth in a river or lake, upsetting the natural balance.

When it rains, pet waste left on sidewalks and lawns is carried into storm drains and drainage ditches which flow to nearby rivers, lakes and streams, polluting the water and creating these health hazards. Picking up after your pet is part of being a good neighbor and responsible pet owner.

It's a quick four-step process: SCOOP the poop, BAG it, TIE it closed and TOSS it in the trash.

Many of our city parks have pet waste stations that feature pet waste bags and a garbage bin in which to dispose of the bags. We ask that pet owners use these, or carry their own waste bags to clean up after their pets — you can tie the bags on the leash if you don't have a pocket or pack. Keep a supply of bags handy near your dog leash, by the door or in your car.

Picking up after your pet is also crucial around your home. When at home, long-handled "pooper scoopers," available at pet stores, make it easy to pick up after pets without bending over.

Please also talk to your family and friends about stormwater pollution and picking up after their pets.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New City Service Locations

City services locations are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on holidays. See below for locations.



Public access to City Hall is at the Powder Springs Police Department, 1114 Richard D. Sailors Parkway.



Community Development is operating out of the Papa Morris Building,



Municipal Court is at 4181 Atlanta St. in the Cultural Arts Center



For on-site payments for sanitation, establishing sanitation service, or tax payments, residents should go to the Powder Springs Police Department, 1114 Richard D. Sailors Parkway. We also have two dropbox locations for your 24-hour convenience. One is outside the Police Department under the flags, and the other is at the bottom of the ramp at 4426 Marietta St.

Thank you for your patience as we operate out of these temporary new spaces. For more information, please call 770-943-1666.



Know What's Happening

City app is now live and can be downloaded onto both Apple and Android devices via the App Store and Google Play, respectively. Search for "Powder Springs" and look for the app featuring the city's waterpump logo. A video on how to use the app can be found at cityofpowdersprings.org.