

# YOUR TAX DOLLARS SPENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

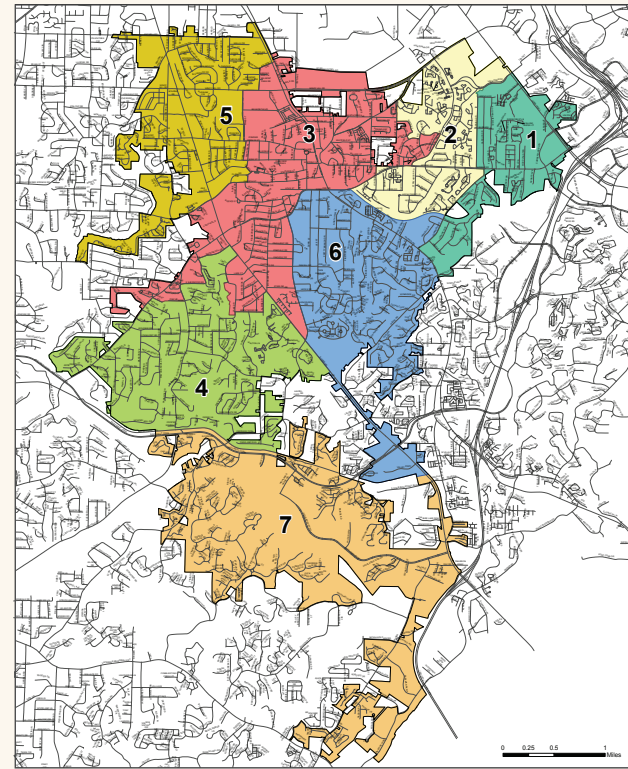
In addition to staff and elected officials accessibility and responsiveness, as a resident of Smyrna, you enjoy the benefits of your tax dollars being spent within your community, making positive impacts on your streets and in your neighborhoods.

The City of Smyrna has a history of investing its resources in capital projects that positively impact citizens. Since 2010, the City has spent \$136 million investing in transportation and parks projects directly benefiting Smyrna residents. Projects have included:

- **Roswell Street, Hawthorne Ave and N. Matthews Street Roundabout:** Improved the safety and function of the intersection by introducing a roundabout and intersection modifications.

- **Spring Road and Cumberland Boulevard Improvements:** This widening project improved traffic conditions and added attractive landscaping, medians, dedicated turn lanes, improved signal timings, and electronic message boards and the full range of improvements to Spring Road and the connection to Truist Park, the Battery.
- **Oakdale Road:** Traffic flow improvements from Highlands Parkway to Veterans Memorial Highway.
- **Various path and sidewalk improvements:** City-wide
- **In progress:** The Windy Hill Boulevard project which will improve east-west traffic flow through the city. ✘

## WARD MAP



# SMYRNA

## QUALITY OF LIFE



## FORWARD THINKING

Smyrna, Georgia's reputation as a forward-thinking city, is based on thoughtful, managed growth and dedication to financial viability. Smyrna was among the first in the Atlanta area to successfully plan, develop and sustain a mixed-use downtown district utilizing public/private partnership and stands as the model for what comes next.

The addition of multi-use trails, attractive streetscapes and landscaped medians in downtown corridors along with quality public safety services and a modern municipal library rank Smyrna among the most beautiful, youthful and service-focused cities in Georgia.

As a MONEY "50 Best Places to Live in the United States" and ranking nationally among cities that are attractive to young families and young professionals, Smyrna also retains the charm of community culture of "home" and continues to drive the definition of modern community. Offering beautiful parks, annual events and festivals for all ages as well as a multi-functional community center and a senior center, Smyrna provides a rich quality of life from birth to aging in place. ✘

Take a look at what Smyrna offers and schedule a meeting with City officials for more details: **678.631.5419**

### Quality of Life

Full range of quality services that include parks, recreation options and beautification

### Progressive Leadership

Keeping Smyrna ranked among model cities

### Efficient Government & Fiscal Resourcefulness

Cost containment and quality, responsive services and a AAA bond rating

### Dedicated Public Safety

Emergency management and a dedicated E-911 system

### Comprehensive Public Works

Streets, sanitation, recycling, traffic management and engineering

### Smyrna Public Library

Only municipal library of its size and kind in Georgia

### Education Momentum -

#### Smyrna Education Foundation

Active community of residents and parents supporting and guiding public education

### Environmental Stewardship /

#### Keep Smyrna Beautiful

Award-winning program that is consistently nationally ranked

### Engaged Business Community

Thriving and growing business community

## CITY PHONE NUMBERS

### Emergency

911	
General Information / City Hall	770-434-6600
Parks & Recreation (Community Center)	770-431-2842
Brawner Hall	678-631-5545
Public Works (streets / sanitation / engineer)	770-431-2850
After-hours water emergency (water / sewer / streets / traffic)	770-434-6666

### Finance & Accounts

Accounts Payable	678-631-5323
Taxes	678-631-5325
Purchasing	678-631-5406

### Water (Utilities)

	678-631-5338
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### Fire Department

To Report a Fire	911
General Information	770-434-6667

### Police Department

Emergency	911
General Information	770-434-9481

### Administration

Mayor	678-631-5302
Ward 1 Representative	678-631-5306
Ward 2 Representative	678-631-5307
Ward 3 Representative	678-631-5308
Ward 4 Representative	678-631-5309
Ward 5 Representative	678-631-5310
Ward 6 Representative	678-631-5311
Ward 7 Representative	678-631-5312
City Administrator	678-631-5407
City Clerk	678-631-5303
Court Services	770-431-2804

### Community Development

Business License	678-631-5387
Chief Building Official	678-631-5363
Building Inspector	678-631-5351
Lead Marshal	678-631-5356
Site Inspector	678-631-5349
	678-631-5358

### Economic Development

	678-631-5419
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### Community Relations

	678-631-5401
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### Human Resources

	678-631-5300
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### Keep Smyrna Beautiful / Environmental Services

	770-431-2863
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### Library

	770-431-2860
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### Smyrna Museum

	678-631-5423
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## DEDICATED PUBLIC SAFETY

**BE SAFER IN SMYRNA.** Smyrna residents have peace of mind knowing that our public safety personnel respond quickly in the event of an emergency. Smyrna has its own state-of-the-art, enhanced 911 operation. The national standard for response time for 911 centers is to answer 90 percent of calls within 10 seconds. Smyrna exceeds the standard at 98.2 percent.

The Smyrna Police Department has a ratio of uniformed officers to citizens more than two times greater than provided in unincorporated Cobb County, which allows a faster average response time of 2.5 minutes.

Smyrna Fire Department has five fire stations strategically located throughout the City of Smyrna. This provides our citizens with an average response time of 4.0 minutes, which is a minute less than the national average. In recent years, the Smyrna Fire Department has answered more than 7,000 calls annually and Smyrna Fire is an ISO Class 2 all hazards fire department, one of only 61 fire departments in the state to hold this classification. ISO rating information plays an important part in the decisions insurers make impacting the underwriting and pricing of property insurance.

Smyrna Fire responds to every emergency with the highest-level of prehospital care - advance Life support through our paramedic programs. Over 70 percent of the City's fire response personnel are certified as emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics. Smyrna Fire is one of two cities in the State of Georgia recognized for having its own Emergency Management Agency (EMA). ✖

 **LOW RATIO = DIRECT CONNECTION**  
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## SMYRNA BENEFITS

One of the biggest benefits to being located in Smyrna is direct connection to elected officials and City staff. There are seven Council districts in Smyrna, serving an average of 8,000 residents each (as compared to Cobb County, where each Commissioner represent more than 180,000 residents). This low ratio means elected officials are easy to reach and allows them to be more responsive to the issues of residents and businesses. This focus on customer service is also apparent in all levels of City staff, who can be reached directly via phone or email. ✖

## EDUCATION

The Smyrna Education Foundation has been working with Cobb County Public Schools, residents and public schools leadership to advocate for and help guide public education to new and increasing gains. The Smyrna Education Foundation, working with the business community, parents and community leadership, works to promote, assist, and support public schools within the City of Smyrna. Since 2010, the nonprofit has partnered with Smyrna area schools and helped them secure grants and additional supplies as well as other resources. In recent years, those efforts have helped bring forth more involvement with the community such as the social media network "Wave of Excellence," a Facebook group connecting parents and the education community in responsive and honest interactions with real experiences within our education community. ✖

## SMYRNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library cards are free for Smyrna residents, real property holders and business/corporations holding a Smyrna business license. The Smyrna Public Library offers a large collection of books, eBooks, audiobooks, DVDs, movies and magazines for all ages and hosts a powerful collection of online services and resources. The Smyrna Library provides free WIFI, access to computers and Microsoft Office, story time for young children through elementary age, programming for all groups and 5,000 volume genealogy collection.

Cardholders also have access to downloadable eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, music, movies, magazines and online learning services. ✖

## QUALITY OF LIFE

Residents of Smyrna enjoy reduced rates for events at the Smyrna Community Center, Tolleson Pool, the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center (ages 55 and older) as well as the Smyrna Public Library.

Events and amenities such as Smyrna Food Truck Tuesday, the first of its kind "outside of the perimeter," offers a weekly opportunity for unmatched enjoyment of a passive park environment with a wide selection of popular food trucks with a variety of menus. This five-month weekly hometown culinary series runs from May into October. Smyrna Parks & Recreation manages amenities such as dog parks, pools, tennis courts, walking trails, historic sites, ball fields, and athletic leagues. Smyrna residents benefit from the small town feel of Smyrna while enjoying proximity to other metro Atlanta attractions since the 2017 season when the Atlanta Braves joined the Smyrna community. Residents of Smyrna now enjoy the benefits of the added sports, arts and entertainment along the Spring Road corridor, which connects the Battery and Truist Park directly to the entertainment options in downtown Smyrna. ✖



## PROGRESSIVE & RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

Smyrna has experienced steady growth while keeping an eye on the impact on residents in a practiced and constantly reviewed pattern of fiscal responsibility. The millage rate has remained at 8.99 mills since 2008, having had a pattern of stepping down the rate in line with rising values for more than a decade.

Smyrna continues to set an example for cost containment while delivering quality services and community renewal. Since the City of Smyrna has its own fire department, Smyrna residents do not pay the County fire rate of 3.06 mills. ✖



Smyrna, among only a handful of cities and county governments across the state of Georgia, has been awarded the Standard & Poor's AAA bond rating and the Moody's AA2 rating.

## COMMITMENT TO GREEN SPACE & RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

City leadership has a history of being proactive in preserving community amenities and adding opportunities for recreation. Recent investments include the Concord Linear Park along with Concord Road improvements. The City has also worked to provide public access and inviting changes along the Chattahoochee River at Riverview Landing. The City has worked to preserve its history with the purchase and restoration of the historic Reed House, which is available as an event space. ✖



## CURBSIDE SERVICES & UTILITIES

Smyrna operates its own Utility Services, which provides water, sewer, and sanitation/recycling services for residents and businesses.

Environmental stewardship is a City and resident focus as well. Revenues generated from the collection and sale of recycled materials are directed into service projects managed by the City's award-winning Keep Smyrna Beautiful program. A wide variety of materials may be donated at the Smyrna Recycling Center. ✖