



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, August 9, 2021

Planning and Zoning Meeting

6:00pm

City Hall - Council Chambers

Parks & Rec Board Meeting

6:30pm

Community Center with Virtual Option

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

License & Variance Board

10:00am

City Hall - Council Chambers

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:00pm

City Hall - HR Training Room

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 1

Medical: 71

Other: 52

Total Calls for Service: 124

HUMAN RESOURCES

COVID-19 Vaccines:

As a reminder, the City is still offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at no charge to the community as well as employees and their family members. As we are seeing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our community and among staff, we strongly encourage you to be vaccinated. Vaccinations are available Friday, August 6th and Friday, August 20th at the Smyrna Community Center (200 Village Green Circle, Smyrna, GA) from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. You do not need to register. Additionally, the COVID-19 vaccine is readily available at most doctor's offices, pharmacies, quick care clinics, and health departments. Please visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find a location near you.

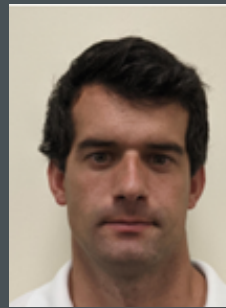
Congrats Victoria!

Please join us as we wish Victoria Brown well as she prepares for the birth of her baby boy. Thomas Maclin Brown is scheduled to arrive on Monday, August 9th. Victoria will be out of the office Friday, August 6th - Monday, November 1st.

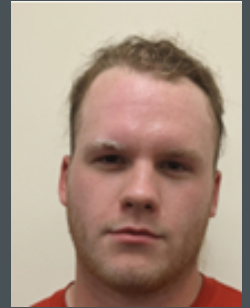
Welcome to Smyrna!



Eloise Holland
Keep Smyrna Beautiful
KSB Coordinator
Hired: 08/02/2021



Patrick Quigley
Public Works
Capital Projects
Coordinator
Hired: 08/03/2021



Zackary Rhodes
Public Works
Crew Worker
Hired: 08/02/2021

American Rescue Plan - Sick Leave:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became effective April 1st, 2021. At that time, the City of Smyrna voluntarily opted to extend leave benefits under ARPA through September 30th, 2021. ARPA reset the 80-hour limit for Paid Sick Leave starting April 1st, 2021. This means, if employees have previously exhausted their Paid Sick Leave under the FFCRA, as of April 1st, 2021 they have another 80-hours for use.

The Rescue Plan also adds three additional qualifying reasons for Paid Sick Leave. These include:

- Obtaining a COVID-19 vaccine;
- Recovering from any illness or condition related to the COVID-19 vaccine; or
- Seeking or awaiting the results of a COVID-19 diagnosis or test if either the employee has been exposed to COVID-19 or the employer requested the test or diagnosis.

For more information about ARPA Paid Sick leave or Emergency Family and Medical Leave (EFML), please contact HR. Please note that HR MUST be made aware of all situations where COVID-19 related leave would apply. A request form, along with the appropriate medical documentation must be provided before applying any COVID-19 related leave to an employee's timesheet.

HUMAN RESOURCES

New HR Manager:

On Monday, August 9th, Mary Jordan, our new Human Resources Manager will join the COS HR Team. As an accomplished senior HR executive with more than 20 years of experience, Mary possesses a wide range of municipal government HR knowledge and skills. Mary has managed compensation plans, benefits administration, talent selection, process improvements, staff and management training programs, and employee relations. We will send out Mary's contact information early next week.

Congratulations on Retiring !

Major Terry McCormick

Smyrna Police Department
30 Years of Service

Fire Engineer Benjie Eargle

Smyrna Fire Department
25 Years of Service

Crew Leader Tanh Huynh

Public Works
19 Years of Service

Happy Anniversary!

Jonathan Roberts

Smyrna Fire
Department
Hired: 08/01/2016
5 Years of Service

Marcos Barajas

Smyrna Fire
Department
Hired: 08/01/2016
5 Years of Service

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 62
Citations: 467
Warnings: 234
Total Calls for Service:
1,225



SMYRNA LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Tails & Tales - Summer Reading:

Congratulations to India H. and Jennifer S. for winning the two grand prizes in the Adult Summer Reading Challenge. Both ladies won a \$50 gift certificate to the Georgia Aquarium. The grand prize winners for the Juvenile and Teen Read Challenges won gift bags full of books, coupons and goodies. Congratulations to the winners: Judd J. (age 5); Amelia A. (age 5); Diana B. (age 4); Kameron H. (age 15); June B. (age 13); Olivia G. (age 14). Many thanks go to the Friends of Smyrna Library for sponsoring the library's Summer Reading Challenge every year. Other sponsors included Dairy Queen on Spring Road and Nothing Bundt Cakes on Village Green Circle.

Library Recap:

Weekly Visitors (July 26th - August 1st): 2,420
Checkouts for July, 2021: 28,188 Items

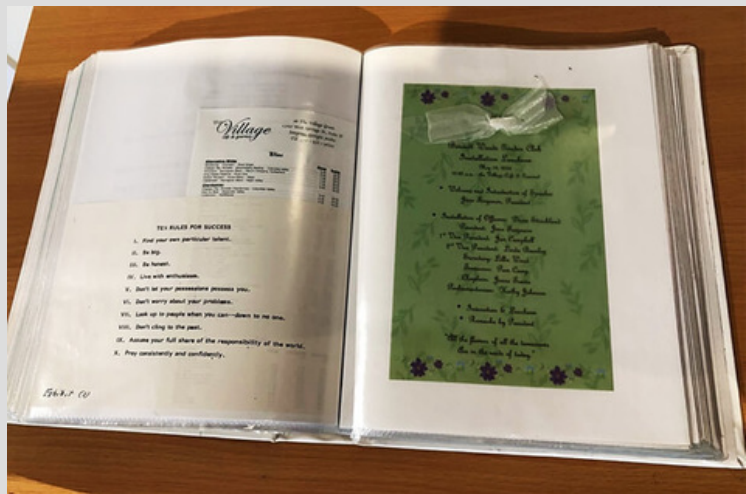
Museum Recap: The Smyrna Museum had 25 visitors in the last 8 open days; some from as far as Pennsylvania and Topeka, Kansas.



Honoring the Past: Many Smyrna residents will remember beloved former Library Director, Doris Morris. Mrs. Morris was the director in the 1980s in the old building on King Street, and then returned for a brief stint in the early 1990s when the library was between directors. She began the library's children's story time series which is still the library's most popular program. Mrs. Morris would be 100 years old this year. She passed away August 4th, 2008.

Bennett Woods Garden Club: A

Scrapbook from the Bennett Woods Garden Club covering the years 1999-2004 was donated to the museum last week by Mrs. Powell. Garden clubs have long been popular in Smyrna, and the museum has memorabilia from local garden clubs dating back to the 1940s.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



New KSB Coordinator: Eloise Holland joins the city as the new Keep Smyrna Beautiful Coordinator. She comes to Keep Smyrna Beautiful with fifteen years of experience in nonprofit communications, development, and volunteer management. Most recently, she served as Communications Manager for a legal nonprofit that works to advance justice for Georgia's children. She believes in centering relationships in community-based work and the power of storytelling to create positive change. A graduate of Emory University, she lives with her wife and two children in the Williams Park neighborhood. They moved to Georgia from Oregon in 2018 to be closer to family and have been proud Smyrna residents ever since!

Community Service Program: The Community Service Program picked up litter around the city each Saturday in July, averaging 13 streets each time and collecting an estimated total of 1,155 lbs. of trash.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August Community Cleanups, Aug 9th, Aug 18th

Rivers Alive Waterway Cleanup, Aug 14th

Storm Drain Marking, Aug 31st

September Community Cleanups, Sep 8th, Sep 18th

Document Shredding, Oct 2nd

Adopt-a-Mile Litter Cleanup, Oct 16th

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day, Nov 6th



July Cleanups: In July, Keep Smyrna Beautiful had 85 volunteers who picked up a total of 978 lbs. of litter on Smyrna roadways through the Community Cleanup and Adopt-a-Mile programs.

Smyrna Recycling Center: The Smyrna Recycling Center processed 98,302 lbs. of material in the month of July and had 2,186 patrons visit the center. So far in 2020, the center has processed 659,754 lbs. of material and had 13,515 patrons.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department

Curb and Gutter: The Street Department is working on curb and gutter repairs for this coming year's resurfacing street list. These repairs must be made before the roadway is paved to prevent digging newly paved roads.

Speed Table: The Street department has completed the raised cross walk/speed table on Campbell Road at Howell Drive.

Concord Road Sidewalk: This week, we continue to tie the existing sidewalks together on Concord Road between Fire Station 2 and South Cobb Drive. The project is **85%** complete.

Public Works South Cobb Drive Water Line Project Phase II: The project's scope of work involves installing new 8-inch and 12-inch water main lines on the east and west sides of South Cobb Drive from Benson Poole Road to Concord Road. The contractor has completed laying about **85%** of the new water main. The major intersection on Concord at South Cobb along with Powder Springs at South Cobb remains to be completed due to the complexity of the existing water main needing to be tied on to new ductile iron. The project is overall **90%** complete.



SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin has been prepping the eastern end of the project on South Cobb near the 24-Hour Tire. They are installing the remaining GAB. They have poured new curb and gutters as well as the new sidewalk between Ventura Road and South Cobb Drive.



PUBLIC WORKS

Water/Sewer Division

Yearly Modeling: The Water Sewer Division is currently working on yearly sewer modeling to ensure that all sanitary sewer main lines that convey the bulk of the sanitary flow in the City are sufficient to cover all current and new development. This includes all sub basins, that were completed with dry weather flows. Wet weather flows are currently underway at **70%** completion. Once these basins have been completed, this will ensure the city has adequate capacity for future growth. This year should complete the sewer model for the City, not only to ensure growth but to be adequate for the North Metro District audit.



Back Flow Testing: Water Distribution has also started the City's first back flow inventory and testing program. This is done through a third-party participant (BSI ONLINE), who handles all documentation related to state and federal mandates along with ensuring the devices are tested. Being this is the first year of the project, we will only be tracking commercial accounts. After the completion of commercial accounts, Public Works will then enforce the testing of residential backflows as well. **40%** of commercial customers have submitted passing testing results so far this year.

LMIG: The Water, Sewer, and Street departments have completed the evaluation of all underground infrastructure for the LMIG resurfacing program. This included video inspection and cleaning to check the condition and integrity of the pipes before our upcoming yearly paving schedule. This will ensure that we will not have any issues under newly paved roads, and will save us from redigging newly paved roads. The inspection and cleaning of the project is **100%** Complete. All repairs have been scheduled and are underway on underground infrastructure. The 2136 Nancy Circle Project has been repaired with cured in-place liner and will be completed when landscape repairs are made. All repairs consist of Goodwood Blvd, Campbell Rd, Hawthorne Ave, Marston, Vineyard Way, North Cooper Lake Dr., and Hickory Lane. The project is **10%** complete.

AMI: The Water Distribution Meter Change out program will consist of 3,500 meters and 1,400 dials to be changed out in calendar year 2021. 5,000 meters and 450 dials have been changed as of 7/23/2021. This is a joint effort between the Water Distribution Office and Utility Billing. Once this round of meters has been changed out to the new allegro meter, it will bring our program to roughly 8,900 meter changes. After we have successfully changed all mechanical meters to the digital allegro meter, this will allow the city to progress into Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). AMI is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and data management systems that enable two-way communication between utilities and customers.

[Read more about Advanced Metering Infrastructure here.](#)

PARKS & RECREATION

Smyrna Handmade Market: Visit the Smyrna Handmade Market on Sundays from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Market Village and Wednesdays from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Taylor-Brawner Park. There are lots of items for sale from baked goods and honey to handmade rugs for your floors. Stop in and find the right treasure for you.

Tolleson Pool: Tolleson Pool has moved to a weekend only schedule through Labor Day. The pool is open Saturday-Sunday from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Fall Leagues: Fall Adult Leagues including, softball, basketball, ultimate frisbee and volleyball, are now open for registration.

Drive In Movie Night: Drive In Movie night is August 20th at North Cooper Lake Park. Viewers will watch Jumanji: The Next Level.

Reservation Spaces: Parks & Recreation continues to serve the community with programs for youth and adults, as well as offer reservation opportunities for those seeking spaces for events like birthday parties, weddings, anniversary celebrations, graduations, family reunions, etc. Through these activities, during the week of July 26th – August 1st, P&R generated more than \$36,000 in revenue. In addition to those listed, RiverLine, Jonquil, Brinkley and Chuck Camp Parks are serving as host sites for Smyrna Little League and NASA/Tophat Soccer play throughout the week as well.



Park Maintenance: Parks Maintenance continues work on fields in the various parks getting ready for Fall Youth Leagues.

Summer Camp: Summer Camp concluded its last week of fun on July 30th. Campers had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to Fall Break Camp the week of September 27th.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections

222 Inspections

115 Sites

**Total Estimated
Cost of
Construction
Permits:**

\$1,644,076

Building Remodel/Residential (16)

(7) Addition; (5) Interior; (2) Pool; 2 (Retaining Wall)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$471,153

Building New/Residential (5)

(5) Cumberland Station (400 Stagecoach Bend)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,001,736

Building Remodel/Commercial (3)

(1) Remodel - Painted by the Bee (2968 Atlanta Rd.)

(2) Re-Roof - City of Smyrna Jail (2646 Atlanta Rd.)

Tolleson Park Pool House (3530 King Springs Rd.)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$95,187

Building New/Commercial (2)

(2) Cumberland Station - Mail Kiosk, Pavilion

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$76,000

Electrical (3)

HVAC (21)

Signs (10)

Plumbing (1)

(1) Signs - Shapes Brow Bar (2997 Cumberland Blvd. Ste. 230)

New Businesses

RUTZEN PROPERTIES LLC

Nonresidential Property Managers
3690 Ashwood Dr. SE
Ward 6

SHIA'S SHOP

Beauty/Barber Shop
3240 S Cobb Dr. SE, STE. 850, RM 111
Ward 3

LANDMARK LANDSCAPES

Landscaping
1111 Hillside Dr. SE
Ward 3

ZERO GRAVITY

Misc. Health Services
3830 Highlands Pkwy SE.
Ward 7

BEAR HANDS HOMES LLC

Residential Remodelers
3241 Isoline Way SE
Ward 1

BOSS HOGG EXPRESS TRUCKING LLC

Office Only - Motor Freight
Transport
528 Micayne Cr. SE
Ward 3

CATASTROPHE SERVICES

Carpet Cleaning
5292 Oakdale Rd SE, STE. 8
Ward 7

CREED CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC

Consulting
401 Cranleigh Ridge SE
Ward 3

DARLING COMPANY LLC

Artist
2521 Davis Dr. SE
Ward 3

ACCOUNTING SERVICES & ASSOCIATION INC.

Accounting
926 Pinehill Dr. SE
Ward 3