



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, September 6, 2021

Labor Day Holiday
CITY HALL CLOSED

Tuesday, September 7th, 2021

CANCELED - Pre-Council Meeting
CANCELED - Mayor and Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 8th, 2021

License and Variance Board Meeting
10:00 AM
City Hall - Council Chambers

PARKS & RECREATION



Smyrna Handmade Market: Be sure to stop by the Smyrna Handmade Market every Sunday and Wednesday to see vendors like the Black Garden!

PARKS & RECREATION



North Cooper Lake Park: North Cooper Lake Park received some much-needed work on multiple bike ramps. The addition of new dirt and build-up of the ramps makes for safe, fun riding for those bikers that enjoy the adventure.

Tolleson Pool: Tolleson Pool's 2021 season is coming to an end this weekend. The pool is open Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Come out and enjoy one last splash of summer fun this weekend. Due to staff shortages, the pool will not open for Labor Day.



Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market continues to do well each week hosting more than fifty vendors. Stop in and enjoy the many goods presented by the amazing vendors that have joined the market. See you Sundays from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and Wednesdays from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

October Concert: Tables for the October concert have sold out. 200 tables were sold to those wanting to be part of Smyrna's highlight event for 2021.

Fall Leagues: Fall Leagues of baseball, soccer, softball, and volleyball have all begun. Parks Maintenance staff continues to work hard at maintaining fields, keeping them ready for every participant that hits the field each day.



PARKS & RECREATION



Fall Youth Classes: Fall classes are underway for youth. Gymnastics, Dance, and Tae Kwon Do are having weekly classes at the Community Center. If you have children that would like to participate, different classes are offered at various times for several age groups.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Department Totals

Fire: 2

Medical: 59

Other: 54

Total Incidents: 115

SFD Hosted a Meet and Greet for Firefighter Spouses: On Thursday, September 2nd, several Smyrna Fire spouses along with Smyrna Public Safety Foundation Director, Denise Czarnik, met via Zoom to begin planning the 2021 Fire Awards Banquet. We look forward to having our extended Smyrna family be a part of such a special event.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Document Shredding Event: KSB's most popular community recycling event is back on October 2nd! Document Shredding provides a means for safe and secure document shredding and recycling.

Storm Drain Marking: This week's Storm Drain Marking event was postponed due to weather, but KSB did train two new volunteers to install the storm drain markers and educate the public on where waste goes when it is dumped down a storm drain! The next Storm Drain Marking is scheduled for 9/23.

Whitefield Academy: Keep Smyrna Beautiful partnered with Whitefield Academy once again for their annual Great Day of Service. **10 volunteers** cleaned up Buckner Road and picked up **25 bags of trash**, which is about **375 lbs. of litter**.



Recycling Center:

- Number of weekly recycling patrons (August 25th-28th): **555**
- Community Service Program: **297 lbs. of litter** collected on **10 roads** on August 28th.
- In August, the Community Service program collected a total of **880 lbs. of litter** from Smyrna streets.
- In August, the Recycling Center had **1,985 patrons** and recycled **108,375 lbs. of material**.
- So far this year, the Center has received **108,375 lbs of materials** from **15,500 patrons**, and is on track to recycle more than **1,000,000 pounds of material** by the end of 2021.
- Hours: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday, 10:00pm-6:00pm
 - The center will be closed on Saturday, September 4th in observation of Labor Day.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Storm Drain Marking, Sep 23rd

September Community Cleanups, Sep 8th, Sep 18th

Document Shredding, Oct 2nd

October Community Cleanups, Oct 14th, Oct 29th

Adopt-a-Mile Litter Cleanup, Oct 16th

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day, Nov 6th



Annual Bulb Sale: KSB's annual jonquil bulb sale will start on October 1st. Jonquils are \$20 for a bag of 50 bulbs. Anyone interested in knowing when the bulbs arrive can receive an email by signing up [here](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 36

Citations: 136

Warnings: 57

Total Calls for Service: 780

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department

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 **95%** complete.

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 **98%** complete.

SPLOST - Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin has started on the southern side of Windy Hill milling out the old eastbound lanes. This is in preparation for the new paving of the southern side.

Public Works Fleet Department: The Fleet Department has worked diligently this year with Gov Deals to sell surplus vehicles and equipment. The following items were sold:

- 2005 GMC Sand Spreader, **\$12,501**
- 2003 Ford Dump Truck, **\$22,800**
- 2001 Ford Ranger, **\$4,550**
- 2009 Ford Dump Truck, **\$34,100**
- 2007 Garbage Truck, **\$48,500**
- 2007 Garbage Truck, **\$51,500**
- Generator, **\$1,032**
- Gas Air Compressor, **\$390**
- Gas Air Compressor, **\$310**
- Jumper Packs (3), **\$411**
- HP Printer, **\$160**
- Auto Scanners (3), **\$270**

Total: \$176,524



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 **82%** 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. The model will not only ensure growth but is necessary for the North Metro District audit.

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 a 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 **28%** complete.



Backflow Testing: Water Distribution has also started the City's first backflow 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. **75%** of commercial customers have submitted passing testing results so far this year.

Water Service Line Inventory: Water Distribution is currently underway with replacing water service line inventory. These service lines consist of the original 1-mile radius of downtown. Roadways that are being evaluated at this time are Banks Street, the north bend of Roswell Street, Davis Street, and Powder Springs Street. The service line replacement program will be an ongoing project until all service lines within the city are replaced with type K copper.

SMYRNA LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

New Art Exhibit: The Friends of Smyrna Library have installed a new exhibit in the library's upstairs display cases. Original hand-made pottery by Kimberly Shelton of Chastain Arts Center is on display through October 31st. Ms. Shelton's collection includes usable art pieces including candlesticks, vases, plates, bowls, and mugs.



Recruiting Docents

What's A Docent? Docents are volunteers unique to the museum field whose main responsibilities are to guide visitors around a museum and answer their questions. Docents are extremely important as they often are the trained ambassadors and front line of a museum.

Responsibilities: Duties will include greeting visitors and informing them about the museum, giving tours of the museum exhibits to small groups, organizing brochures and light paperwork, some computer work like web-browsing, and light cleaning of the floor and exhibits. Docents might also be asked to open and close the museum and be in charge of locking up the building.

Shifts: We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a three hour shift at least once a month, from Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Interested? Email Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge at jeldredge@smyrna.gov.

Weekly Library Recap:

Weekly Visitors (Aug 23rd - Aug 29th):
2,484

Weekly Museum Recap: The Smyrna Museum welcomed **9 visitors** last week. Jennie Eldredge also aided in **3 historic searches** for both the public and City departments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections
134 Inspections
79 Sites
Total Estimated Cost of Construction Permits:
\$3,249,214

Building Remodel/Residential (23)
 (2) Accessory; (2) Addition; (1) Interior; (2) Pool; (16) Re-Roof
Estimated Cost of Construction: \$446,286

Building New/Commercial (1)
 (1) Accessory - Comcast (220 Lake Ridge Dr)
Estimated Cost of Construction: \$168,230

Building Remodel/Commercial (1)
 (1) Remodel - Kay's Cuisine (2579 S Cobb Dr)
Estimated Cost of Construction: \$5,000

Electrical (10) HVAC (2)
Signs (2) Plumbing (0)

(2) Signs - Contender eSports (2790 Cumberland Blvd)
 (1) Face Change (1) Wall Sign

New Businesses

BARBER QUEENS LOUNGE
 Barber/Beauty Shop
 2365 Spring Rd SE Ste 304
 Ward 1

LIFESTYLE DENTISTRY
 Dentist
 3640 Highlands PKWY SE
 Ward 7

PERGANTIS SOUND
 Sound Engineering Services for Film
 354 Nature Brook Walk SE
 Ward 5

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS RETENTION

Outreach to existing businesses to understand market trends and issues impacting Smyrna businesses

- **Chicago Pizza & Sports Grille (3150 Highlands Pkwy)**
- **Corporate Events Unlimited (6400 Highlands Pkwy)**
- **Georgia Food Industry Association (5020 Highlands Pkwy)**
- **KEH Camera (5080 Highlands Pkwy)**

COMMUNICATIONS MARKETING & NETWORKING

Networking:

- **Gary Hill**
- **Smyrna Business Association Coffee Event**
- **BisNow Cumberland Event (for meeting with developers)**



RECRUITMENT

Current pipeline for projects seeking space in Smyrna

5 Retail; 2 Industrial; 3 Development

3 Meetings with investors to talk about opportunities in Smyrna

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Coordination with economic development entities & partners

Select Cobb: Meeting with new staff and planning for joint outreach to large employers in Smyrna

Metro Atlanta Chamber Economic Development

Smyrna Arts Committee

Atlanta Braves

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INVENTORY SF	UNDER CONSTRUCTION SF	12 MO NET ABSORPTION SF	VACANCY RATE	MARKET RENT/SF
3.9M +0%	3.2K -	53.3K +2,064.6%	1.5% -1.3%	\$19.00 +6.0%
Prior Period 3.9M	Prior Period 0	Prior Period 2.5K	Prior Period 2.8%	Prior Period \$17.93

Vacancy Rates in Smyrna:

- Vacancy rates in Smyrna are extremely low, even lower than the metro area (4.8%). This is driving average rental rates higher, which may impact existing tenants as leases renew. Despite low vacancies, free-standing retail development in metro Atlanta is tepid. Most of the retail being built is tied to either mixed-use developments or in fast-growing (primarily exurban) submarkets.
- There are only 18 retail properties in the City with available space, with only 1 of those spaces larger than 10,000 SF (Cumberland Crossing Shopping Center)
- Restaurants are reporting that demand is up, but staffing shortages and higher supply costs are still negatively impacting operations.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Classification and Compensation Study:

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the virtual town hall orientation sessions with the Institute of Government on Monday, August 30, and Tuesday, August 31.

We believe these opportunities will help ensure that everyone will understand and play a critical role in the classification and compensation study process.

For those that couldn't join, please view a recording of the August 30 session on COS411 @

<https://cityofsmyrnaga.sharepoint.com/:v/s/COS411/Eaer0631fN5LrxXX58nbJyMBQh6sThKjOltmGljzOjttatQ>

Happy Anniversary!

Rafael Gonzalez 09/04/2016 - 5 Years

Welcome to Smyrna!

Flu Shot Clinics:

- Date: Wednesday, Oct. 6th
- Times:
 - **7:00 am @ Public Works**
 - **8:00 am @ Community Center - Dogwood Room**
- Administered by Steve Wilson of Carter's Pharmacy
- Public Works Employees will sign-up with Tina Monaghan.



Gabriella Matthews
Police Department
Detention Officer
Hired: 08/30/2021



Ashley Bryant
Police Department
Detention Officer
Hired: 08/30/2021