



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Happy
Holidays

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, December 20, 2021

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 p.m.

City Hall - Admin Conference Room

Monday, December 20, 2021

City Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

City Hall - Council Chambers

ADMINISTRATION

City of Smyrna administrative offices and services will close in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holiday on Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27, and Friday, December 31, 2021. Public Safety remains operational with the exception of office services such as reports. The curbside sanitation/recycling schedule has adjusted.

PUBLIC WORKS

Employee Recognition - Shannon Hill

Public Works management would like to highlight Shannon Hill from fleet maintenance for all of his hard work and dedication to his department. This has stemmed from the work that he has done especially around the holidays, which is our busiest time. There have been employee shortages citywide, but that did not affect the fleet department. All were pulling double duty, especially Shannon Hill, as he completed two full engine swaps last week in police interceptors which would normally take two weeks to perform. He completed the work in one week. This kind of hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed, so PW management staff and the entire team would like to simply say good job and that he is much appreciated.



PUBLIC WORKS

Water Distribution: The sewer crew is in Ward 6 cleaning and video inspecting sewer main lines for the overall integrity of pipe. Once this has been inspected, management staff will evaluate video to have repairs made to our sewer infrastructure. The project is 80% complete.

Sewer Outfall: Yearly Sewer outfall cutting has begun throughout the city. Outfalls are the main trunk lines that carry the majority of the city's sewer into Cobb county for treatment. These lines run through wooded areas that follow the stream beds and must be cut and maintained so the sewer lines can be inspected to prevent overflows into tributary waters.

Fire Line Inventory: Held the first meeting with Fire Chiefs and GIS department to start the fire line inventory for the city. This will be done through the fire inspections PIP (Pre-Incident Plans). This allows public works to capture data needed to build inventory list, as part of our Back Flow Prevention Plan.

South Cobb Drive Water Line Project Phase II: The project's scope of work involved 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 the new water main. The intersection of Concord @ South Cobb bore has been completed. The entire project has been completed.

Oakdale Road Median:

The Oakdale Road median project is now 100% complete.



Resurfacing: Annual resurfacing contract has begun. The roads being resurfaced this year are Campbell Road, Hawthorne Avenue, Camp Highland Road, and North Cooper Lake Road. Campbell Road and Hawthorne Ave has been milled and asphalted.



SPLOST - Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin started installation of storm drain on the southern side of Windy Hill, building back the southern side drive lanes and installing GAB which is the second layer of roadway construction. They also started installing sheet pile to start the southern side phase of the box culvert.

Pothole Repair: Crews have Proactively repaired potholes and have thus far completed Ward 5 of known potholes. Crews have now started Ward 4 and anticipate completing by the end of the year.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Adopt-a-Mile: This week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful welcomed local salon Denine Defined as a new Adopt-a-Mile group. They'll join more than two dozen other Adopt-a-Mile groups for their first cleanup on Spring Rd at the next cleanup day on January 22, 2022. In the meantime, more than 60 volunteers are signed up to clean up roadways across Smyrna this coming Saturday morning (12/18) for the Smyrna Wondrous Winter Cleanup. Registration is full, but if you see them out when you're driving Saturday morning, give them a friendly honk and wave!

Community Garden Workday: The community garden had a workday on December 8th. Gravel was spread around garden beds and common areas were weeded. Additional workdays are scheduled for February, March, and April.

Bring One for the Chipper: Christmas Tree Recycling is KSB's annual Christmas tree recycling event! Live trees will be chipped and used as mulch giving them a new purpose rather than being sent to the landfill. This event will be held on Saturday, January 8th from 9am-4pm at The Home Depot in Vinings, 2450 Cumberland Pkwy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Community Cleanups:** Jan 17th, Jan 27th, Feb 9th & Feb 25th
- **Smyrna Wondrous Winter Cleanup:** Dec 18th
- **Bring One for the Chipper:** Jan 8th
- **Adopt-a-Mile Litter Cleanup:** Jan 22nd

Recycling Center:

- Number of weekly recycling patrons
 - December 7th-11th: 540
- Recycling Center Tours: The center is offering monthly tours to the public. Residents can sign up to tour the Smyrna Recycling Center every third Friday of the month.
 - Upcoming dates: December 17th and January 21st.



Bring One for the Chipper!

30 Years of Treecycling

Recycle Yours on Jan 8

Learn more at www.kgbf.org

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 3

Medical: 64

Other: 59

Total Incidents: 121

Smyrna Fire Meets for Annual Leadership Retreat: This year's guest speaker was Greg Teague, President of Croy Engineering. The focus of the retreat was succession planning, leadership development, and a review of our strategic scorecard.



2021's Shop with a Hero Event: Once again, Smyrna Fire was honored to participate in the Annual Shop with a hero event for local kids. The event partners uniformed personnel up with a child to complete their Christmas wish list shopping. The event is always a favorite among staff. Thank you, LT. Paul Burns for working hard to coordinate the event again

Just a reminder, Station 1 is a drop off location for Toys for Tots until 12/20.

Toys For Tots Drive

October 25- December 20th, 2021

Locations

ST 1: 2620 Atlanta Rd SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

ST 3: 2825 Park RD Smyrna, GA 30080

Let's make this holiday season the best one yet for the kids!

SFD SMYRNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 36

Citations: 138

Warnings: 54

Calls for Service: 736



Smyrna Citizen of the Year: Our very own Lieutenant Louis Defense has been named Smyrna Citizen of the Year by the Smyrna Area Council of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations Lieutenant Defense!

Pictured left to right: Smyrna Police Chief - Keith Zgonc, President & CEO of Cobb Chamber of Commerce - Sharon Mason, Lieutenant Louis Defense, Mayor of Smyrna - Derek Norton and President of Loud Security Inc. and Cobb Chamber of Commerce Chairman - John Loud.

Christmas Dinner: PD held two Christmas dinners recognizing recent promotions and enjoyed catered food furnished by Zucca Restaurant. Each employee received a soft lunch cooler with the department's logo.

Criminal Justice Course: On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, City Administrator Bennett and Lt. Defense spoke to a criminal justice class about crime, justice, professional communications, and the work force.

[Read the MDJ article highlighting Lt. Defense by clicking here.](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections

208 Inspections

92 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,822,505

Building New/Residential (6)

((6) Single-family attached: High Parc townhomes

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,175,170

Building Remodel/Residential (13)

(1) Accessory, (3) Addition, (6) Interior, (3) Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$412,835

Building Remodel/Commercial (4)

(4) Remodel - Billares & Taqueria Guerrero (350 Pat Mell Rd), Taco Bell (2624 Cobb Pkwy), Contender eSports (2790 Cumberland Blvd), FruiTea Bubbles Café (300 Village Green Cir, Ste 112)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$234.500

Electrical (1)

Plumbing (1)

HVAC (6)

Signs (5)

Signs - (1) Face Change - JG Artisan (1247 Concord Rd)

(1) Monument - Mint Dental (3197 S Cobb Dr)

(3) Wall - Mint Dental x2 (3197 S Cobb Dr), Unik Salon Suites (454 S Cobb Dr)

New Businesses

SRVVE

Janitorial Services
Home Business
Ward 3

MINT DENTISTRY

Offices of Dentists
3197 S Cobb Dr SE
Ward 3

MORE MARKETING FIRM

Marketing Consulting Services
3330 S Cobb Dr SE, Ste B100
Ward 3

LET'S TALK SHADES

Nail Salon
3240 S Cobb Dr Se, Ste 850 Rm 105
Ward 3

A BEING OF LIGHT

All Other Personal Services
Home Business
Ward 4

UNIK SALON SUITES

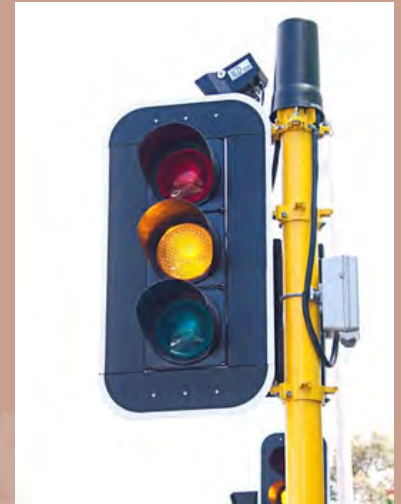
Hair Braiding Services
4454 S Cobb Dr Se, Ste 102
Ward 6

M&A AERIAL LLC

Commercial Photography
Home Business
Ward 7

ENGINEERING

The Engineering department has hired Derrick Hall to fill the role of Environmental Inspector, moving over from his previous position as Stormwater Inspector. Rafael Gonzalez has started as a Traffic Signal Technician, moving over from his job in the Buildings and Grounds Department.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Drive-In Movie: Holiday event season will wrap on December 17 with a drive in movie at the Smyrna Community Center. The feature film will be "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch".

Bright Nights: A Community Celebration December 6-31: Who's ready for a heaping helping of Christmas Cheer this year? What better way to serve that up than with a huge light display for all to see! We want to come together as a community and light up the Holiday season and we need your help. We have elves working around the clock on Project 'Bright Nights, A Community Celebration' which is an interactive map that will highlight homes that have light displays, but they need your help to finish up. Do you and your family have a light display you would like to share? We are looking for all levels of displays, from Charlie Brown to Clark Griswold. And we want to share them with everyone.

Spread your cheer and join your community celebration by adding your home to the map (<https://arcg.is/mSunu>) and help make this a Christmas full of Bright Nights! Get your address on the map soon, on December 1 we will provide the map of those addresses joining this community celebration. We will continue to update the map through December 31.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Holiday Road Trip: Programs hosted a senior trip to Holiday Road for an amazing light display. Visitors are able to walk thru the land of lights to truly enjoy the holiday experience.

Winterize: Parks Maintenance staff is working hard to winterize park restrooms and keep parks clean and in good repair.

Santa Stops By: Santa Stops By brought joy to 60 homes last week and is slated to visit 60 more in this final week of the event. Families have been able to safely visit with “the jolly guy” in the comfort of their home, allowing children the opportunity to share with Santa their wishes for Christmas. Parents are able to take photos and Santa gifts each child with a small bag of treats before leaving. The event has been very popular, allowing the joy of annual Santa visits and photos, without the worries of being out in crowded spaces for families.

Atlanta Christmas Extravaganza: **Rescheduled due to weather** On December 20, Parks & Recreation will host “Atlanta Christmas Extravaganza” on the front porch of Brawner Hall. This concert will be from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. During the evening, a food truck will be on sight for visitors to enjoy dinner , a coffee vendor when the air gets a bit chilly, stroopwafel vendor for those that want a snack and a special cocktail for sale for those that would like something a bit more spirited. Thirty tables will be set up in front of the Brawner Hall porch for those that reserved seating, but the community is invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit in the lawn and enjoy the holiday music. This is sure to be an amazing event for all.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Shop With a Hero: Every year the Library collects good condition donations of children’s books to be gifted to the “Shop With a Hero” participants in December. Pictured are fire fighters from the Smyrna Fire Department with Youth Services Library Associate, Hannah Ross, collecting this year’s stash of fabulous children’s books.



Community Outreach: On December 7, the Library’s Youth Services department participated in Norton Park Elementary’s Family Night. Participants learned about behavioral expectations in different public settings like businesses, libraries, and parks.



Norton Park Elementary Family Night
Tuesday, December 7, 2021

World Holidays Pop-Up Craft Event: 15 visitors braved the stormy weather on Saturday to participate in the Museum’s Winter Holiday Craft Pop-Up. Everyone had a great time crafting with some creative kids.

Visitors:

- Library: 2379
- Museum: 20



Library Associate, Hannah Ross promotes library services.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Thanks to everyone that participated in our Holiday Contests!

DIY Holiday Table Centerpiece Contest

1st - Holly Strenad, SPD; 2nd - Heather Corn, City Clerk; 3rd - Marilyn Everett, Utility Services



Honorable Mentions:
Metra Ingram-Wearing,
Rebecca Power,
Shannon Atty,
Lee Sanders



Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Winners

1st - Chad Almond, SPD



2nd - Jodi Bennett, SPD



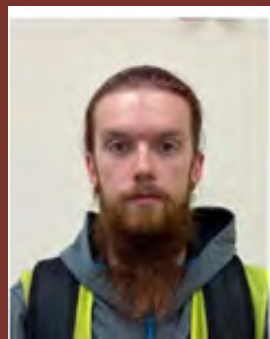
3rd - Luis Luna, SFD



WELCOME TO SMYRNA!



Anthony Unangst
Public Works
Truck Driver
Hired: 12/13/2021



Nickolas Hood
Public Works
Crew Worker
Hired: 12/13/2021