



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

**Pre-Council Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall - Admin Conference Room**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

**License & Variance Board Meeting**

**10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall - Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

**Pre-Council Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

**City Hall - Council Chambers**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

**Smyrna Tree Board**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Brawner Hall - Conference Room**

# PUBLIC WORKS

**Sewer Model:** The City received a sewer model showing areas with insufficient sewer capacity in Ward 3. The sewer department is inspecting the areas and clearing any blockages.

**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. Currently taking place in Ward 2.

**Valve Maintenance:** Conducting preventative valve maintenance in Ward 5. This preventative maintenance will extend the lifecycle of the City's infrastructure.

**San Fernando Water Line Project:** Work has started on the project including a preconstruction meeting, locating existing utilities, and contractor mobilization.



**Street Department:** Retaining wall failed along Windy Hill Blvd. Street Department is clearing debris and coordinating with a contractor to replace the wall as soon as practical.

**Speed Table Installed:** A speed table was installed on Church Road between South Cobb Drive and Old Concord Road as part of the traffic calming list.

**SPLOST-Windy Hill Boulevard:** Repair rock base damage from erosion during heavy rains. Install stormwater catch basins at Ventura. Coordinate with Atlanta Gas Light to suspend 6-inch gas main at culvert near post office.

**Resurfacing:** Public Works is continuing its annual resurfacing contract (75% complete). The roads being resurfaced this year are Campbell Road, Hawthorne Avenue, Camp Highland Road, and North Cooper Lake Road. N Cooper Lake Road to be milled and paved this week.

**Building & Grounds:** Rehabilitating the hardwood floors in Brawner Hall. Sanding to remove existing finish, install stain for color, and seal with a polyurethane.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS

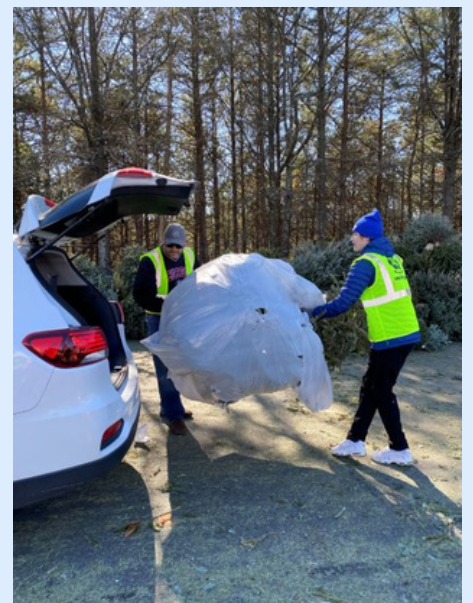
- **Adopt-a-Mile Litter Cleanup:** Jan 22nd
- **Community Cleanups:** Jan 27th, Feb 9th & Feb 25th

**Bring One for the Chipper:** On Saturday, January 8, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers hosted Bring One for the Chipper at The Home Depot on Cumberland Pkwy. Despite a chilly start, it was a beautiful day, and 375 residents dropped off trees on the day of the event. Thousands more trees were dropped off in advance. The trees will be chipped into mulch and distributed to the community rather than ending up in a landfill, both extending the tree's usefulness and preserving limited landfill space. At the event, KSB distributed information about recycling in Smyrna as well as 174 dogwood seedlings and 1,324 packets of vegetable seeds. Additional dogwood seedlings are available for adoption at the Smyrna Recycling Center.



**MLK Day Cleanup:** Coming up this week, a Community Cleanup is being held the morning of MLK Day.

**Recycling Center:** The Smyrna Recycling Center had 590 patrons during the week of January 4th-8th. The next tour will be on January 21st.



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## 2021 Circulation of Library

**Materials:** Library materials circulation continued to return to normal as 2021 progressed. December 2021 circulation was 11% higher than December 2020, and nearly 3% higher than December 2019 (pre-pandemic). Overall circulation for the year improved 15% over 2020, but was still 17% below 2019.

## Friends' Book Discussion Group:

When the pandemic hit nearly two years ago, the long-running Friends book club immediately pivoted to virtual and never missed a discussion. The group meets the first Tuesday evening of the month with their most recent discussion of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson on January 4, 2022, generating a lively group of nine readers. The club has already voted on all their book selections for 2022, and the titles can be seen on the [Library Calendar](#) at [smyrna-library.com](http://smyrna-library.com). The library wishes to thank volunteer Heather J. for her tireless work to keep the book club running smoothly.



## Craft & Learn about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stop by the **Smyrna Museum** on  
Saturday, January 15th 10 am -4 pm  
to pick up a **craft make & take project**  
for kids.

2861 Atlanta Road  
Smyrna, GA 30080

**Martin Luther King Jr. Craft & Learn:** Stop by the Smyrna Museum on Saturday, January 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to pick up a craft make & take project for kids.

### Library Visitors:

- December 13-19: 2321
- December 20-26: 1191
- December 27 – January 2: 993
- January 3-9: 2441

Museum Visitors January 3-9: 5

# PARKS AND RECREATION



**New Recreation Coordinator:** Parks & Rec welcomed new Recreation Coordinator **Ashley Putnam** this week. As the newest member of the Programs Division, Ashley will oversee school break (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring) camps as well as special events, including Daddy Daughter Dance, Mother Son, Easter Egg Hunt, Movie Series, etc. We are so excited to have Ashley as part of our team. Her office is at the Community Center. Stop by and say “Hi”!

**Daddy/Daughter Dance:** This year’s theme is: An Enchanting Evening: Every Princesses Dream! Daddy’s and daughters will enjoy an evening of dance, music, a special photo to remember the moment, snacks and more.

Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Ages: up to 12 years

Location: Smyrna Community Center

Fee: \$50 (residents) / \$60 (nonresidents)

- Register by January 20, 2022 and save \$20 on registration
- Additional daughters: \$15 each
- When registering, you will register the daughter(s) – adult males do not need to be registered.

**Spring Youth Leagues:** Spring Youth Leagues including, Little League Baseball and Youth Soccer begin February 1.

**Mother Son Nerf Wars:** Ready, aim, fire! A Mother and Son event you won't want to miss! Join us for an evening of Nerf Wars, games, activities, and snacks. Bring your own (single shot) Nerf guns. Darts and safety glasses will be provided to all. We will have skills challenges, obstacle courses, and more.

Date: Friday, March 18, 2022

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Ages: 5 yrs – 12 yrs.

Location: Smyrna Community Center

Fee: \$50 (residents) / \$60 (nonresidents)

- Register by February 20, 2022 and save \$20 on registration
- Additional sons: \$15 each
- When registering, you will register the son(s) – adult females do not need to be registered.

**Wolfe Center:** The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool remains busy. Members enjoy the therapy pool opportunities (water walking, lap swimming, aquatic exercise classes) as well as the land fitness classes (chair yoga, tai chi, multiple levels of yoga, weights class, cardio fusion, Zumba and more). Members also enjoy playing card games, tile games and more; with our most popular games being “Hand and Foot” and “Mah Jongg”.

**Activities:** 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 January 3 -January 9, P&R generated more than \$19,000 in revenue.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## SMYNRA FIRE SPECIAL EVENT BIKE TEAM

CREATION OF A NEW BIKE MEDIC PROGRAM

**S:** Situation: City events are becoming increasingly more crowded and frequent. Forming a special event team that can rapidly navigate crowds or traverse terrain that prohibits vehicles to respond to medical emergencies, is one more way we can improve services.

**W:** We are at the beginning phase of developing a formal bike program to complement existing emergency medical services during special events. The requirements would be: participate in 3-4-day class on bike skills and safety, assist with equipment purchasing and policy/process creation, and active participation with-in events.

**I:** Intent: Create a successful bike program, raise awareness and recruit interested medics in participating, and deliver effective emergency response.

**C:** Concerns: Low interest and participation.

**C:** Communication: If you are interested, please email [efarmer@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:efarmer@smyrnaga.gov)



**Special note:** The members of the bike team will be a part of developing the deployment model and standard operating procedures. We plan on launching the program in 2022 once the training is completed.



## Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 5

Medical: 115

Other: 61

Total Incidents: 181

**Bike Team:** The Smyrna Fire Department is launching its first Special Event Bike Team. The team will be going through 40 hours of training in the coming months and will be comprised of emergency medical technicians.

**Team Day:** The Smyrna Fire Department is excited to have 4 new recruits. They started their training on Monday, January 10 and will be graduating on March 17. Welcome, Mark Evans, Alex Grosso, Jonathan Lindsey and Dominique Purifoy.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 35

Citations: 159

Warnings: 93

Calls for Service: 719



**Car Break Ins:** Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen an increase in car break ins and stolen vehicles in the area of S. Cobb Drive from Highlands Parkway to the 285-overpass bridge. As we analyze our crime trends and adjust our patrolling techniques, we have noticed several areas of concerns that we are seeking your help with.

- Many of the stolen cars were left unattended and running with the keys in the ignition.
- High value items like laptops, pocketbooks, gym bags, cash, cell phones, tablets, and even firearms are left in plain sight, unattended, and unsecured.

The City of Smyrna is a safe place to live, work, and play; however, crime and crimes of opportunity do happen from time to time. If we work together, we can all help reduce and detect criminal activity from happening.

### Crime and Safety Tips:

- Never leave your valuables in your vehicle in plain sight and unsecured (especially FIREARMS)
- Park your car in well-lit areas
- Never leave your car keys in the ignition with the car running and the vehicle unattended
- Keep your driveway light on at night and/or have a motion sensor light installed
- When you see suspicious behavior or activity REPORT IT to 911 IMMEDIATELY
- Always be aware of your surroundings & be self-aware

If you have additional safety concerns, you can contact Lt. Defense at 404-661-6699 or Officer Elliott at 678-631-5119. You can also reach us by email at [lddefense@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:lddefense@smyrnaga.gov) or [telliott@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:telliott@smyrnaga.gov)

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## Weekly Inspections

143 Inspections

76 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

**\$2,075,216**

## Building New/Residential (7)

- (1) Single-family detached - Nickajack Retreat
- (6) Single-family attached - High Parc Townhomes

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,443,268**

## Building Remodel/Residential (9)

- (4) Addition, (3) Interior, (1) Pool, (1) Re-roof

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$373,991**

## Building Remodel/Commercial (4)

- (3) Remodel - Accelerate 360 (1955 Lake Park Dr), STS Corporate (3300 Highlands Pkwy, Ste 137), Wax Thread & Scissor (3240 S Cobb Dr, Ste 1800)
- (1) Re-roof - The Square Church (981 Powder Springs St)

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$257,957**

**Electrical (3)**

**Plumbing (3)**

**HVAC (10)**

**Signs (0)**

## New Businesses

**ELIKA**

Nonresidential Property Managers  
1161 Concord Rd SE, Ste 200  
Ward 3

**JW AFFINITY IT**

IT Consulting & Services  
1161 Concord Rd SE, Ste 500  
Ward 3

**FRUITEA BUBBLES CAFE**

Snack and Nonalcoholic Beverage  
Bars  
300 Village Green Cir SE, Ste 112  
Ward 3

**TECHNICALLY TRAINERS**

Instructional Design, Training, and  
Technical Writing Consulting Services  
Home Business  
Ward 5



# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Welcome to Smyrna!



**Rashard Knox**  
Public Works  
Crew Worker  
Hire Date:  
12/20/21



**Lester Byrd**  
Public Works  
Crew Worker  
Hire Date:  
12/22/21



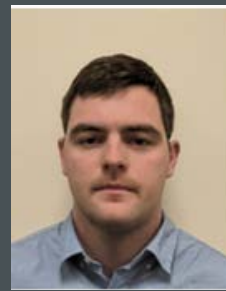
**Mario Gutierrez**  
SPD  
Detention Officer  
Hire Date: 1/3/22



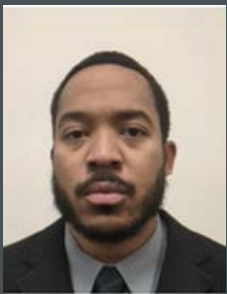
**Dominique Purifoy**  
Fire Department  
Firefighter  
Hire Date: 1/10/22



**Jonathan Lindsey**  
Fire Department  
Firefighter  
Hire Date: 1/10/22



**Mark Evans**  
Fire Department  
Firefighter  
Hire Date: 1/10/22



**Nathaniel Sandrich**  
SPD  
Police Officer  
Hire Date: 1/10/22



**Alexander Grosso**  
Fire Department  
Firefighter  
Hire Date: 1/10/22



**Leigh Zgonc**  
Parks & Recreation  
PT Receptionist  
Hire Date: 1/10/22



**Ashley DeSalvo**  
Parks & Recreation  
Recreation  
Coordinator  
Hire Date: 1/10/22



**Tawanna Thomas**  
Fire Department  
Administrative  
Assistant  
Hire Date: 1/11/22



**Tahj Ba**  
Public Works  
Crew Worker  
Hire Date: 1/11/22