

# CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### Monday, April 11, 2022

Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:00 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall -Council Chambers

#### Wednesday, April 13, 2022

License and Variance Board 10:00 AM A. Max Bacon City Hall -Council Chambers

#### Thursday, April 14, 2022

Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall - HR Training Room

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



#### **Upcoming Events:**

· Community Cleanups: April 6th & 12th

· Document Shredding: April 9th

· Adopt-a-Mile: April 16th

Recycling Center Tours: April 22nd, May

20th

· Smyrna Art and Garden Tour: April 30th





**Smyrna Art and Garden Tour:** Tickets for the Smyrna Art & Garden Tour on April 30th are now available for purchase online:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/smyrna-art-garden-tour-tickets-264423486767

**Document Shredding:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful's document shredding event is this Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center. The event is for paper only and is open to all. There is no charge but Keep Smyrna Beautiful will be collecting donations on-site.

**Recycling Center:** The Recycling Center has recycled 792 pounds of materials so far in April and had 310 patrons.



**Community Cleanups:** On Tuesday, March 29th, four volunteers had an incredibly successful community cleanup! They picked up 231 pounds of litter on Freeman Parkway including 66 pounds of recyclable material.



**Beautification:** Volunteers planted rescued Jonquil bulbs in two garden beds at the library on April 4th.

# **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**New Program at Smyrna Community Center:** STEAM Generation will be holding Spring classes (April 14 – May 20.) These classes are for ages PreK – 8th grade and will be held on Thursday and Friday afternoons. The spring session will focus on mechanical engineering. Registration is open:

https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog

**Easter Egg Hunt:** It's almost time for egg hunt fun! Join Parks and Recreation this Saturday, April 9th, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Bring your family to Tolleson Park for Easter egg hunts, games, crafts, and Easter photos. Children ages 1 – 10 are welcome to participate in the egg hunts. Register now to guarantee space in the time slot of your choice.





**Science Day:** Science Day Revealed is on May 7th. Held at Riverview Park, Parks and Recreation has teamed up with Georgia Tech Research to host a day of science for middle and high school students. There will be science demonstrations throughout the event for individuals to watch and partake in. Students will participate in a Goldberg Competition for a chance to win prizes. The objective of the event is to reveal different careers the science industry may offer for students in the future. More information is to be announced.

**Revenue:** Parks and Recreation saw a vast week in revenue with nearly \$62,000 stemming from facility rentals, program registrations, event participation, camp registration and league fees. The department is excited to see revenue boosted to near pre-pandemic figures.

**Movie Time:** The weather is warming up and the outdoor fun is just beginning! What better way to celebrate National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day than spending it with your furry friend? A day filled with pet vendors, and adoption shelters, with information on how to adopt a shelter pet, and finishing with a pet friendly movie in the evening at Lake Court Park on April 30th. Remember, pets must be leashed when not in the dog park. The movie being played will be Lady and the Tramp. This event is \$10 per family and the movie will begin at 8:00 PM.



**Recreational Outing:** Recreation Coordinator, Lewis Lay, took a group of seniors to visit Imagine Picasso: The Immersive Exhibition in Atlanta on March 31st. The group of ten active seniors enjoyed more than 200 works of art on display and a day out with friends.

## LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Smyrna History in Focus:** The library had a packed house for the first Sunday lecture on April 3rd. Author Todd DeFeo discussed the history of the Atlanta Northern Railway, a commuter rail from Atlanta to Marietta that shut down 75 years ago this year. Several audience members shared memories of their parents using the commuter rail.

**School Outreach:** Rebecca Power, Youth Services Librarian, spoke to three 2nd grade classes at Argyle Elementary at their Virtual Career Day. Mrs. Rebecca spoke about the library and the jobs that everyone does as well as what requirements are needed to work as a librarian.



**1950 Census:** On April 1st, the U.S. government released the 1950 census to researchers and the public. By federal law, the National Archives and Records Administration must wait 72 years (an average life span) to release full census records. This covers a very important period in Smyrna's history as the post WWII years led to significant growth in the city. It is also the last census that was taken fully by door-to-door records collection; the 1960 census began the current mode of data acquisition by mail. These records will be an invaluable source of information in the years to come. Pictured is an excerpt from data taken from residents of Bank Street. Future Mayor Max Bacon (Arthur M.) is one years old. His father works for the Post Office just like Max will do as an adult. The family lives next door to Jasper Griffin, School Superintendent, for whom Griffin Middle School will be named.

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<u>Visitors</u> Library: 2,512 Museum: 5

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Smyrna Police Department's Bike Unit: Did you know the Smyrna Police Department has a bike unit? They are calling them 21 Spring Street, a popular spin off of the crime show 21 Jump Street. The Smyrna Police Department 's bike unit will be deployed during many of Smyrna's city events. The bike unit will wear high visibility uniforms so the community can see them and feel secure while attending city events. Additionally, they have basic first aid training, and the bicycle allows them to get places a lot quicker than a patrol vehicle. They are eager to deploy the new bike unit and look forward to the positive impact they will have in the community. Pictured are Smyrna Police Department's Detective Guice and Officer Davis.



# MENT

Smyrna Police Department at Career Fair: Officer Hudson and Recruit Bogner traveled to Georgia Southern University last week to recruit new applicants at their Criminal Justice Career Fair.

#### **Weekly Police Totals**

Arrests: 36 Citations: 202 Warnings: 83

Calls for Service: 699

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

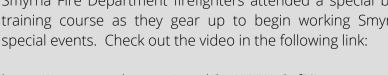
#### **Weekly Fire Totals**

Fire: 4 Medical: 85

Other: 52

Total Incidents: 141

Smyrna Fire Bike Team: Battalion Chief Farmer and several Smyrna Fire Department firefighters attended a special bike training course as they gear up to begin working Smyrna







## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



### Weekly Inspections:

180 Inspections

62 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$5,386,216

#### **New Business**

**Daniel Campbell** 

Residential Remodelers

**Home Business** 

Ward 4

#### **Building New / Residential (10)**

Single-family Attached

**Cumberland Station (5 lots)** 

High Parc (5 lots)

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,998,979** 

#### **Building Remodel / Residential (24)**

(4) Addition (8) Interior (10) Re-roof (2) Retaining Wall

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$684,726** 

#### **Building Remodel / Commercial (4)**

(2) Remodel

Automotive Finance Corporation (3300 Highlands Pkwy, Ste 170)

Mouth Jarring (696 Concord Rd, Ste C)

(2) Cell Tower Modification

T-Mobile (2420 Spring Rd) T-Mobile (591 Pat Mell Rd)

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$202,511** 

#### <u>Signs (1)</u>

(1) Face Change

**Gold Insurance (560 Windy Hill Rd)** 

(1) Wall Sign

Phone Hub (2386 Cobb Pkwy)

HVAC (3) Electrical (1) Plumbing (5) Tree Removal (3)

# **COURT SERVICES**



Court on 03/29: Court on 03/31:

Cases: 95 Cases: 62

Failure to Appears: 15 Failure to Appears: 13

Resets: 26 Resets: 28

Pre-trials Conducted: 31 Pre-trials Conducted: 27

**DUI's Completed:** 6 **DUI's Completed:** 9

# **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **Welcome to Smyrna!**



Rushawn Jones Crew Worker Public Works Hired: 04/04/2022



Louis Tyler Crew Worker Public Works Hired: 04/04/2022

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Downtown Improvements Project:** The tree removal downtown has been completed. The traffic signal at Powder Springs Street and Atlanta Road has been installed. Once the light is operational, the road closures will be implemented and demolition work will begin.

**Sanitary Survey:** The Sanitary Survey (Environmental Protection Division) audit was completed on March 30th. The Consumer Confidence Report/Water Quality Report was submitted and certified on April 5th.

**Lead and Copper Inventory Project:** Letters regarding testing were sent out on April 4th. Private daycare test kits will be handed out starting on April 5th.





**Sewer Backup:** The Water and Sewer Department had a sewer backup caused by unforseen roots in the sewer main.

**Automatic Flusher Installation:** The Water Department is installing a new automatic flusher on Church Street to improve the effectiveness of the flushing program.

**Close Caption TV Sewer Project:** The sewer project for CCTV and cleaning has begun in Ward 4. Federal EC will be preforming the work for City of Smyrna. This project will help ensure the life span of the current sewer system. The project is currently 65% complete.

**Grass Mowing:** The Street Department has started its annual right of way grass mowing in addition to arm mowing a line of site issues and heavy vegetation.

# **PUBLIC WORKS**









**SPLOST-Windy Hill Boulevard:** The contractor (Baldwin Paving Company) is installing a barrier wall in preparation for the traffic shift occurring on Wednesday. Baldwin Paving Company is also pouring small sections of the header curb.

**Meter Dial Change Out:** The Water Department is currently in the process of changing out meter dials to ensure accurate reading. So far, 600 out of 1200 dials have been replaced and or calibrated. In addition to that, 400 meter boxes and lids have been changed out.

**Sidewalk Replacement:** The Street Department has began to replace the sidewalk on Old Cabin Trace.

**Tree Removal:** The Street Department removed a fallen tree a the Public Works retention pond last week.

**Sinkhole Repair:** The Street Department repaired sinkholes on Nancy Circle.

**Curb and Gutter Work:** The Street Department is starting work on curbs and gutters in Afton Downs. The Water Department is currently moving meter boxes out of driveways in Afton Downs due to curb and gutter work. Staff expects to pave the streets this fall.



**Doug Carter**Sanitation Department



**Raymond Ferguson**Street Department



**Wallace Applebee**Water/Sewer Department

**Public Works Quarterly Recognition for Outstanding Work:** These employees have gone above and beyond. They have instilled new employees with the same dedication to the City of Smyrna and its citizens that they bring to work every day. These outstanding men are the bedrock upon which the Public Works Department rests.

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