

# CITY OF SMYRNA

### STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

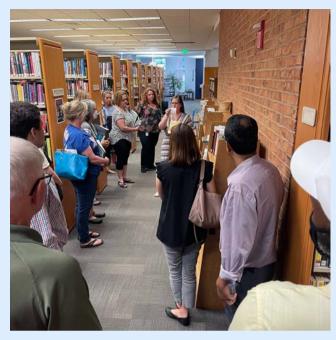
#### Monday, May 9, 2022

Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:00 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall -Council Chambers Wednesday, May 11, 2022 License and Variance Board 10:00 AM A. Max Bacon City Hall -Council Chambers

### **Thursday, May 12, 2022** Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall -HR Training Room

#### MAY 02 - MAY 06

### **ADMINISTRATION**



**Citizens Academy with Smyrna Library and Museum:** On Tuesday night, the 2022 Smyrna Citizens Academy met with Library Director Mary Moore, and Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge. They were given presentations on the library and museum, and also given a tour of the library and its many resources. Thank you Mary and Jennie for a fun evening!

# HUMAN RESOURCES



Harry Heyward Crew Worker Public Works Hire Date: 04/11



Aundrae Forbes Part Time Community Center Supervisor Parks & Recreation Hire Date: 04/11



Rhonda Ojongmboh Crew Worker Public Works Hire Date: 04/26



**Jennifer Scarboro** Municipal Court Clerk Court Services Hire Date: 05/02





Freddy Villamarin Crew Worker Public Works Hire Date: 04/06



**Owauniss Grier** Crew Worker Public Works Hire Date: 04/06

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**



**The Smyrna Handmade Market:** The Smyrna Handmade Market began Sunday, May 1, hosting 59 vendors. The highly anticipated event welcomed a large crowd seeking handmade goods, causing many vendors to sell out of their products. Stop by the Market Village each Sunday from 11 AM – 3 PM, and find delightful goods such as local honey, home grown produce, handmade candles, or some delicious tamales. See you Sunday, May 8!

**Fitness Court Launch Party:** Mark your calendar! Parks & Recreation will host a launch party on Friday, May 13, at 12 PM for a ribbon cutting and free class instruction at the new fitness court at Jonquil Park. It is located in front of Fire Station #3 on Spring Road. This court offers a free exercise alternative to residents.

**Fitness Court Ambassadors:** We are looking for fitness court ambassadors for the new fitness court at Jonquil Park. Check out more information about being an ambassador at www.nfchq.com/ambassador-register





**Wolfe Center Fitness Area:** The Wolfe Center fitness area got a makeover with new flooring installed. The flooring gives a sleek, updated look to the space and will be a welcoming finish when seniors return for their workouts. Now that the floors are finished, the fitness equipment will be moved back in on May 4 and the space will reopen to members, Thursday, May 5.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

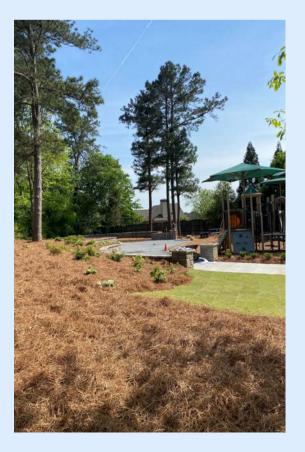


**Movie Night:** Parks & Recreation hosted Movie Night on Saturday, April 30, at Lake Court Park showing Lady and The Tramp. Approximately 25 movie-goers brought out their blankets and chairs and joined in for a perfect night of movie watching. Our next movie will be "Field of Dreams" on May 21 at Brinkley Park.

**Parks Maintenance:** Parks Maintenance continues work on ball fields. Staff is hard at work keeping the fields in prime playing condition for spring leagues including Little League baseball, soccer, and Campbell High School baseball.

**Science Day Revealed:** Science Day Revealed is **this Saturday**, 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 students in the future. More information to be announced.





**New Playground at Taylor-Brawner Park:** The Taylor-Brawner Park playground is complete. The space has been enhanced with a sitting wall that surrounds the swings and space for tables and chairs for guests to sit comfortably. New Kidsafe Certified Mulch was added for a safe and comfortable place for play.

**Wolfe Center Restroom Project:** The Wolfe Center Restroom Project is well underway with plumbing being installed this week. The patrons are looking forward to having a suitable area for guests that need assistance.

### LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors: Library: 2,436 Museum: 9

**Craft Tweens:** Youth Services' monthly Creativity Club had an especially talented group of tweens on Tuesday, April 26. They made artistic mosaics just using pieces of cloth. Sew beautiful!

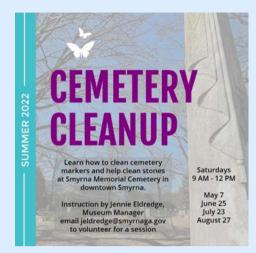
**Smyrnans Dig Into Archaeology:** The LAMAR Institute presented the results of their archeological survey of Ruff's Mill. They were able to determine the original location of the Civil War battle in that area. Their presentation included a short film now available on YouTube. The 400-page report is also available online, and a print copy has been added to the library's Smyrna Collection. The study illuminated information about African American soldiers from Cobb County and the experience of war for women left to run the homestead alone. Sixty people attended the lecture on Sunday, May 1. The Smyrna Historical Society and the Friends of the Concord Covered Bridge Historic District helped to promote the event.





**Citizens Academy:** Mary Moore and Jennie Eldredge presented to the Smyrna Citizens Academy at Smyrna Library on Tuesday, May 3. The group received behind-thescenes perspectives of how the Museum and the Library are managed and how these institutions serve the citizenry. After the presentations and Q&A sessions, Mary Moore took the group on a tour of the library.

### **LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**



**Cemetery Cleanup:** This summer, the city will be hosting cemetery cleanups on May 7, June 25, July 23, and August 27. Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge will instruct volunteers on how to clean cemetery markers and help clean stones at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. To volunteer for a session, email Jennie at jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#### Upcoming Keep Smyrna Beautiful Upcoming Events:

- May 20: Monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center from 9 AM - 10 AM
- May 13, 21, and 25: Community Cleanups



**Smyrna Art & Garden Tour:** The Smyrna Art & Garden tour on Saturday was a great success! Over 200 tickets were sold, and more than 70 volunteers helped to make this event possible. The proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales will go to support Keep Smyrna Beautiful and the Smyrna Arts Council with a portion being set aside for scholarships for next years Campbell High School students.

**Love Where You Live Educational Series:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful hosted our first workshop in the Love Where You Live Educational Series about recycling. There was a great discussion about recycling between our expert panelists: Jerod Stewart, Smyrna Recycling Center Coordinator, Kimberly White, Keep Cobb Beautiful Executive Director, and Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, Live Thrive Founder & Executive Director. The discussion is posted on the Keep Smyrna Beautiful YouTube channel as well as Facebook.

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



Weekly Inspections: 204 Inspections 76 Sites Total Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,000,465

#### **Building New / Residential (1)**

(1) Single-family DetachedThe Grove at King SpringsEstimated Cost of Construction: \$615,000

**Building Remodel / Residential (12)** (2) Addition (3) Interior (7) Re-roof Estimated Cost of Construction: \$284,485

#### **Building Remodel / Commercial (10)**

(10) Re-roof Georgian Oaks Apartments x10 Estimated Cost of Construction: \$100,980

### <u>Signs (3)</u>

(3) Wall Signs Kiddie Academy (3383 S Cobb Dr) Perfect Distraction Hair Gallery x2 (1090 Windy Hill Rd, Ste 200)

#### HVAC (6) Electrical (2) Plumbing (3) Tree Removal (1)

### **New Businesses**

#### <u>Revivemom</u>

Other Personal Care Services Home Business Ward 5

### **Engagement Marketing**

#### <u>Group</u>

Marketing Consulting Services Home Business Ward 4

#### **Anderson Plus**

Interior Design Services Home Business Ward 6

#### MAY 02 - MAY 06

### FIRE DEPARTMENT



### Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 6 Medical: 79 Other: 63 Total Incidents: 148

**Tabletop Exercise:** Emergency Management Specialist Evan McBrayer conducted a tabletop exercise at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with multiple city departments to learn about planning for large emergency events.

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Weekly Police Totals**

Arrests: 35 Citations: 173 Warnings: 34 Calls for Service: 739



# **COURT SERVICES**



Court on 04/26: Cases: 67 Failures to Appear: 25 Resets: 25 Pre-trials Conducted: 16 DUIs Completed: 2 Court on 04/28: Cases: 71 Failures to Appear: 14 Resets: 22 Pre-trials Conducted: 17 DUIs Completed: 4

### **PUBLIC WORKS**



**Sanitation of WSB-TV:** On May 2, Sanitation Supervisor Shane Harpe, and the Public Works Sanitation Department, were featured in a segment on Chanel 2 about the staff shortages in the sanitation industry. Jorge Estevez joined sanitation workers on their routes to learn about the hardships and benefits of being a sanitation worker.

**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 70% complete.

**Sewer Cleanout:** The Water and Sewer Department installed a sewer cleanout on Church Street.

**SPLOST-Windy Hill Boulevard:** The contractor (Baldwin Paving Company) has begun working on the center of Windy Hill Road.

**Police Building Remodeling:** The Building and Grounds department is remodeling the interior of the new southside police building on Wilson Drive.



**Curb and Gutter Work:** The Street Department is starting work on curbs and gutters in Afton Downs. Staff expects to pave the streets this fall.

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

**Sidewalk Replacement:** The Street Department began replacing the sidewalk on Old Cabin Trace.

**Sewer Videoing:** To prepare for this years road paving, the sewer camera is in the process of recording footage of Smyrna sewer mains.

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