



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### **HOLIDAY CLOSURE NOTICE**

**Monday, July 4, 2022**

City Hall Closed in Observance of July 4th

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Chief Brian Marcos Receives President's Award:** Smyrna Fire Department's Deputy Chief Brian Marcos received the President's Award at the 2022 Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs Conference. Congratulations Chief Marcos!

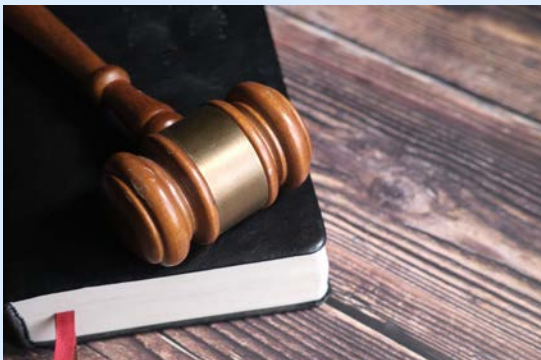
## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4  
 Medical: 91  
 Other: 57  
 Total: 152



**Smyrna Fire Department Bike Team:** On June 21, the Smyrna Fire Department bike team was deployed to the Food Truck Tuesday event.

# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 06/21

Cases: 98  
 Failures to Appear: 25  
 Resets: 27  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 24  
 DUIs Completed: 1

## Court on 06/23

Cases: 84  
 Failures to Appear: 15  
 Resets: 26  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 13  
 DUIs Completed: 3

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Major Frank Durrance Retires After 37 Years:** On Friday, June 24, the Smyrna Police Department held a party celebrating the retirement of Major Frank Durrance. He has worked for the Smyrna Police Department since 1985. Congratulations on your retirement Major Durrance!



### Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 34  
Citations: 192  
Warnings: 51  
Calls for Service: 747

**Officer Darla Bogner Graduates From Law Enforcement Academy:** Congratulations to Officer Darla Bogner for graduating from the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy on June 24, 2022.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Visitors:**  
**Library: 2,474**  
**Museum: 19**

**Summer Reading Fun:** The Chattahoochee Nature Center visited Smyrna Library on Tuesday, June 21, to talk about Georgia's Wild Wetlands, the Chattahoochee River, eastern box turtles, and how to keep our water system clean for people and turtles! This visit was underwritten by the Friends of Smyrna Library.



**Library and Museum Awarded Grant:** On June 28, the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) announced the six recipients of its 10th set of digitization service awards. Smyrna Public Library was awarded one of these grants for the digitization and hosting of the 1953 Smyrna Better Home Town Scrapbook. In the 1950s, Georgia Power sponsored the Better Home Town Contest to boost economic development. Communities' scrapbooks highlighted what towns considered to be their best attributes. Although this scrapbook is part of the library's archival collection, the book is on permanent loan to Smyrna Museum for display. Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge wrote the grant proposal for the digitization of this important resource, a unique snapshot of life in Smyrna in 1953. The digital images and metadata for the scrapbook will be created this year, and the collection will be viewable on the DLG website in 2023. Two previous collections held by Smyrna Library have been digitized by the Digital Library of Georgia and are viewable here: <https://tinyurl.com/d4fva86w>.

**Cemetery Cleaning Workshop:** Volunteers enjoyed a pleasant Saturday morning during the Cemetery Cleaning Workshop at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. With the help of 5 volunteers, 25 monuments were cleaned up. The next workshop is Saturday, July 23. Email [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov) if you would like to sign up. Cleaning the tombstone shown allowed this peaceful epitaph to emerge:

*Life's work well done,  
 Life's course well run,  
 Life's crown well won,  
 Then comes rest.*



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Storm Drain Marking:** A group of 6 volunteers marked 44 storm drains near Jonquil Park and along Spring Road on June 24.

**Love Where You Live Educational Series:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful finished the three-part virtual educational series with the last session on June 22. Cobb Master Gardener Gayle Evans spoke about pollinators and the best ways to support them. All three sessions are available for replay online.

**Recycling Center Tour:** Ten campers from the Parks and Recreation summer camp joined us on Monday, June 27 for a tour around the recycling center.

**Litter Index:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful board members and staff completed the annual Litter Index last week. It is a way to visually assess current litter conditions and designated roadways are given a score between 1-4. A rating of 1 being little to no litter, 2 being litter in the amount that can be picked up by one person, 3 being litter in the amount that would need a team to clean up, and 4 being litter that would require a large cleanup effort and/or heavy machinery to remove. Here are the results:

- **Wards 1, 2, 3, 5** - 1.2
- **Wards 4, 6** - 1.1
- **Ward 7** - 1.4

The 2022 overall litter index is 1.2. Smyrna’s litter index score was reduced in six of the wards and decreased overall from 2021.

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**William Bond**  
Streets Maintenance  
Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 06/15



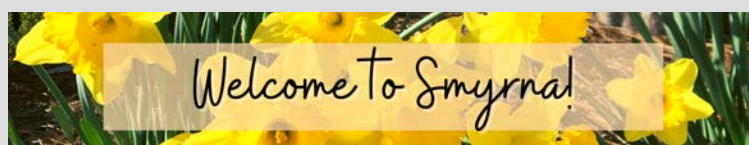
**Robert Early**  
Building & Grounds  
Manager  
Public Works  
Hired: 06/27



**Marshall Virden**  
Water & Sewer  
Equipment Operator I  
Public Works  
Hired: 06/27



**Joseph Bland**  
Water & Sewer  
Maintenance Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 06/27



# PUBLIC WORKS

**Employee Spotlight:** The Water/Sewer Department would like to recognize Eric Marchman for his outstanding work. Eric went above and beyond when responding to a customer who had a water leak and was unable to locate his water meter. This customer called in and wanted to let everyone know that Eric was "on his game" and very professional when it came to fixing the problem. Great Job Eric!



**Water Main Change Out:** Ardito Construction is currently changing out the water main in River Line Park in efforts to preserve water loss. The purpose of this is to help the city cut down and account on water loss.

**Close Circuit TV Pipe Project:** The Water/Sewer Department is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer CCTV (Close Circuit TV) equipment. This equipment helps to grade the condition of the pipe and the flow capacity. This technology allows the sewer crews to view the lines in real time, then video review the pipe to determine the condition and flow of the pipe. Staff will grade areas that need attention and will correct the issues using the jet truck. This project is still in progress and is now being extended to Ward 5. So far, Wards 1 and 4 have been completed.



**Streets Department Projects:** The Streets Department is currently working on various projects including:

- A sidewalk project on Collier Drive
- A curb project on St. Charles Drive
- A wheelchair ramp installation at Medlin Street and Nichols Street
- Connecting a sidewalk from Medlin Street to Concord Road
- A curb installation at Hickory Place for drainage
- Asphalt repairs at Pierce Avenue, Collier Drive, and Lee Street
- Continuing to work on the monthly right of way mowing list

## Curbside Sanitation and Recycling Adjustment:

Due to the July 4th holiday, Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5. Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, July 6. Thursday and Friday routes will remain unchanged. Yard waste and large items will not be picked up next week.

**Citywide Meter Change Out Project:** The citywide Meter Change Out Project is going to start on July 11, 2022. Letters are being sent out to customers involved in the Meter Change Out Project.



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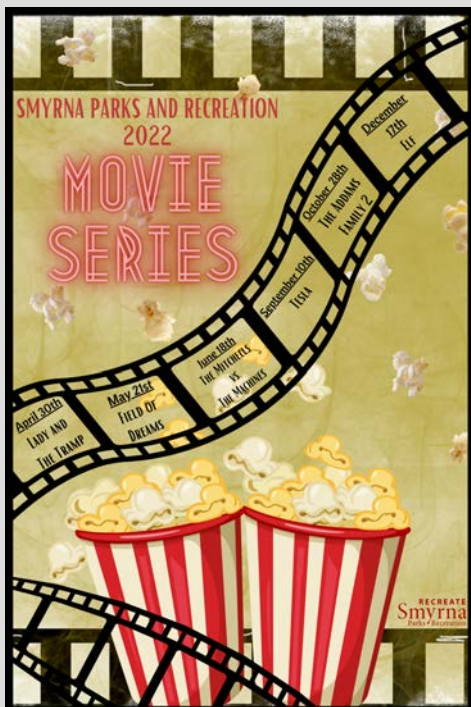
**Road Paving Project:** Ardito Construction is currently in the process of raising manholes and valves on the streets that were recently paved.

**Water Main and Service Replacement:** The Water/Sewer Department has been replacing and upgrading outdated water mains and services around the city. This work has been taking place on Inglewood Drive, San Fernando Drive, and Church Street. Public Works staff and management selected these areas for replacement due to the number of leaks and breaks in the area in addition to the integrity of the pipes. The most urgent sections, San Fernando Drive and Inglewood Drive, have now been completed. The Water/Sewer Department is aiming to be proactive instead of reactive to these issues because water mains and services are crucial infrastructures to the community.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Spring Softball:** The adult co-ed spring softball league at Tolleson Park finished the 2022 season with Atlions defeating Scared Hitless in the championship game 23-14.

**The Smyrna Handmade Market:** The Smyrna Handmade Market is on Sundays in the Market Village from 11AM-3 PM. Stop by each week to shop with 60+ vendors and find your favorite goods. Products range from fresh produce, local honey, coffees, baked goods, frozen prepared meals, soaps, and much more! Come out on Sunday, July 3, and find your special treasure!



**Movie Nights:** Movie nights continue on Saturday, September 10, at Riverview Park. The featured film will be "Tesla." Bring your family and a blanket to enjoy an evening of family fun. Fee: \$10/car. Preregistration is required:

<https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTIwODQ4MDU=>

**Independence day at Tolleson Pool:** Enjoy your Independence day at Tolleson Pool on Monday, July 4 from 11 AM-6 PM. There are plenty of tables and chairs if you'd like to bring some of your grilled favorites and enjoy them while sun-bathing around the pool. Bring your family and have a day of fun in the sun! Daily admission is \$5 for kids and \$7 for adults. Refreshments are available at the concession stand.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

165 Inspections

92 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$3,068,415

**Building Remodel / Commercial (1)**

(1) Solar Panels, Generators, Cell Tower Colocations

- 2717 Spring Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$25,000

**Building Remodel / Residential (12)**

(5) Addition (2) Re-roof (1) Retaining Wall (1) Interior Renovations (1)

Accessory Building (2) Pools

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$355,415

**Building New / Commercial (1)**

(1) Land Disturbance

- 685 Smyrna Hill Dr SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$2,188,000

**Building New / Residential (1)**

(1) New Construction

- 3562 S Sherwood Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$500,000

**HVAC (14) Electrical (6) Plumbing (3) Tree (3) Sign (3)**

## New Businesses

**AKB Ventures LLC**

Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors  
Home Business  
Ward 1

**Artistic Avenue**

Caterers  
696 Concord Rd SE, Unit STE C Room 215  
Ward 3

**IoTyr LLC**

Telecommunications Resellers  
5375 Oakdale Rd SE  
Ward 7

**JE Workflow Solutions, LLC**

Other Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Rental and Leasing  
5375 Oakdale Rd SE  
Ward 7

**RDH Partners LLC**

Other Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Rental and Leasing  
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Ward 7

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