



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, August 1, 2022

Special Called Council Meeting Millage
Rate Public Hearing
10:00 AM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Monday, August 1, 2022

Downtown Redesign Details
Task Force
5:00 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
HR Training Room

Monday, August 1, 2022

Pre-Council Meeting
6:30 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Monday, August 1, 2022

Mayor and Council Meeting
6:45 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Special Committee on Budget
4:00 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Admin Conference Room

Thursday, August 4, 2022

Ridge Road Speed Calming Plan
Public Input Session
6:00 PM
Virtual Only

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

CITY OF SMYRNA

150TH

Birthday Celebration



OCT 8TH

11AM - 10PM

FREE



TOAD
THE WET SPROCKET

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



Culture and Spirit Festival • Music • Fireworks

Save the Date for Smyrna's 150th Birthday Celebration: Train and Toad The Wet Sprocket will be performing at the City of Smyrna's 150th birthday celebration on Saturday, October 8! The day will begin with a culture and spirit festival, and will conclude with a firework show. You won't want to miss it!

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 5
 Medical: 95
 Other: 62
 Total: 162

The Retirement of Chief Roy Acree: After dedicating 32 years of service to the City of Smyrna, Fire Chief Roy Acree announced his retirement. Chief Acree's last day as Fire Chief of the Smyrna Fire Department is Sunday, July 31, 2022. Roy Acree began his fire service career with the Smyrna Fire Department in 1990. He rose through the ranks from Firefighter, Fire Engineer, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, Assistant Chief, and lastly, to Fire Chief in 2014.

COURT SERVICES

Court on 07/19

Cases: 103
 Failures to Appear: 20
 Resets: 19
 Pre-trials Conducted: 19
 DUIs Completed: 5

Court on 07/21

Cases: 45
 Failures to Appear: 7
 Resets: 17
 Pre-trials Conducted: 8
 DUIs Completed: 3

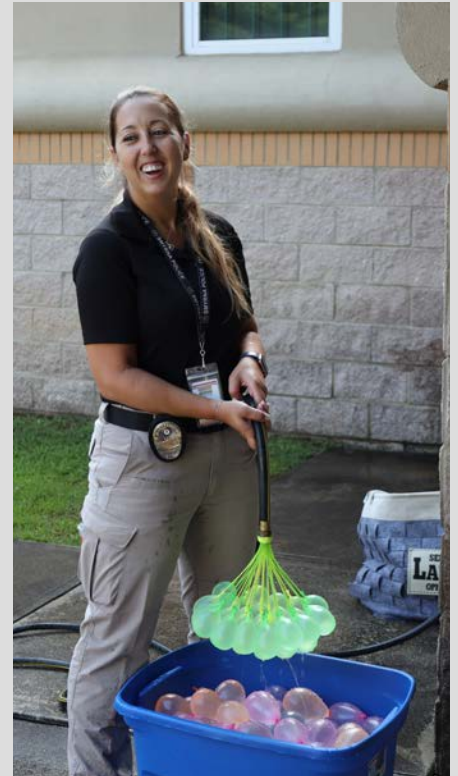


POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 37
Citations: 227
Warnings: 68
Calls for Service: 707

Teen Police Academy: Last week Lieutenant Defense and Communications Officer Javonda Ware hosted the second annual Teen Police Academy. They closed the week with a "Tactical Super Soaker" event.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:
Library: 3,432
Museum: 8

Check it Out! Last week, a new monument sign was installed in front of the Smyrna Museum. This replaces a sign that had peeling graphics.

Cemetery Cleanup: On Saturday, July 23, five volunteers came out to help clean Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Two brothers, one a Campbell rising sophomore, came out to help clean and learn about local history. If you would like to participate in the next cleanup on Saturday, August 27, contact jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov to sign up.



Library Aide Meets Librarian of Congress: Adult Services Library Aide, Faith Willis, recently attended the unveiling of the Mary McLeod Bethune statue in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. Faith is a recent graduate of Georgia State University with career goals of being both a published author and a professional librarian. Faith's godmother works for the Library of Congress and introduced her to Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, at the event. Faith said, "When Dr. Hayden asked about our library, I said, 'It is the best library in the whole state of Georgia and probably the whole world. But I'm incredibly biased because that's my childhood library. I grew up there.' She clutched her heart and told me that was darling."

Summer Reading Finale: The Friends of Smyrna Library sponsored a swashbuckling pirate party for 2022's Summer Reading Finale on Friday, July 22. Eighty people attended the storytelling event which also featured songs, games, free books, and popsicles. Participants have until July 31 to log their reading minutes on the Beanstack app and collect prizes.



PUBLIC WORKS

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 taken 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 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. All water mains have been completed with the exception of landscaping.



Citywide Meter Change Out Project: The citywide meter change out project is ongoing. The contractor for this project placed magnets on the side of their trucks stating "Contractor for the City of Smyrna" to ensure that customers feel safe.

Road Paving Project: Ardito Construction is currently in the process of lowering manholes and valves on streets that will be paved in the near future.



Water Main Repairs: Last week, water crews made repairs to a water main on Marston Street.

Close Circuit TV Pipe Project: The Water/Sewer Department is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer 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 correct the issues using the jet truck. This project is still in progress and is now being extended to Ward 5. Wards 1 and 4 have been completed.

Streets Department Projects: The Streets Department worked on various projects last week including:

- Continuing work on the Collier Drive sidewalk project
- Continuing work on the St. Charles Drive curb and gutter project
- Repaired a broken curb on Twin Oaks Drive
- Poured curb and concrete ditch caps at Gordon Circle and Floyd Road
- Repaired broken catch basin tops at Honeysuckle Drive and Collier Drive
- Corrected line of sight issues on Fieldwood Drive, Atlanta Road, and Fraser Street
- Continuing work on the monthly right of way mowing schedule

PUBLIC WORKS



Employee Spotlight: The Water/Sewer Department received an email from a happy customer this week. The customer wanted to highlight the exceptional work by Eric Hicks, a Utility Billing Meter Technician. The customer stated that Eric took the time to explain the the process of switching out the water meter and was friendly and patient. The customer also stated that his hard work was very appreciated. Thank you Eric for being such a dedicated employee!

Water Main Change Out: Ardito Construction is currently changing out the water main in River Line Park in an effort to reduce water loss.

Master Meter Installation: Ardito Construction is currently installing a master meter for the Kiddie Academy on South Cobb Drive.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Leah Gilbert

Customer Service Receptionist - PT
Parks & Recreation
Hired: 07/25



Tory Trahan

Communications Officer I
Police Department
Hired: 07/25



PARKS AND RECREATION

Sports Fields Maintenance: Parks maintenance staff is in the process of core aerating sports fields. The work is an extensive process that will result in lush green playing fields for Smyrna's leagues. Pictured is Jeff Moss from Parks Maintenance.




Fall Break Camp: Summer Camp is nearly over and it's time to think about Fall Break Camp. This year's camp will feature an Arts & Crafts theme with the camp running from September 26–30. Campers can join the fun from 9 AM–12 PM daily. Registration opens August 1. <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>



The Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market celebrated Christmas in July on Sunday, July 24. Santa Claus was on hand to enjoy the handmade goods of 73 vendors. Visitors were able to get started with their holiday shopping early! Join Parks and Recreation each Sunday from 11 AM-3 PM in the Market Village. There are 13 markets left this year, so don't miss out on finding your special treasure!

Photography Basics Class




YOU WILL LEARN

EQUIPMENT	SHUTTER SPEED
FILE FORMATS	COMPOSITION
EXPOSURE	LIGHTING
ISO	POST PROCESSING
APERTURE SETTINGS	AND MORE!

Learn how to use your camera (Point and Shoot, DSLR, or Mirrorless) and improve your photography skills. These courses are perfect for beginners or anyone needing a refresher course!

Classes will be held on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM Beginning August 11th
4 week session: \$60 (\$10 discount for city residents)
Questions? contact aputnam@smyrnaga.gov

SIGN UP TODAY!
Smyrnaga.gov



Photography Challenge: From August 1 through the end of October, Parks and Recreation is pleased to bring back their photography challenge! The focus of this fall's challenge is on the beautiful landscape of Smyrna. Submission can be sent to parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov. The winner will have a chance to be featured on the next addition of The Tap!

Fall Adult League Registration: Registration is open for fall adult leagues until August 5. Liven up your fall season and show off your talent in either basketball, softball or volleyball. <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Smyrna Sharks Swim: The Smyrna Sharks Swim Team competed in the Georgia Recreation and Parks Swim Meet, held in Cherokee County, on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 & 24. This competition ended another exciting swim season for the Sharks.

Tolleson Pool: Beginning in August, Tolleson Pool will operate on weekends only. Hours of operation will be Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM through Labor Day.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

PAINT RECYCLING
Starting Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Smyrna Recycling Center

GUIDELINES

- Oil and latex paints and stains only
- Cans must be in the original, clearly labeled non-leaking container
- Paint **CANNOT** be mixed with anything, including other paints
- **DO NOT** consolidate different paint together
- No chemicals, lacquer, roof tar, cleaners, gasoline, lead paint, or speciality coatings, etc.

FEES

- 5 Gallon Bucket- \$25
- 2 Gallon Bucket- \$10
- 1 Gallon Can- \$5
- All sizes less than a gallon- \$2

Fees are based on the size of the container, not the volume of paint

Paint Recycling: The recycling center will begin accepting paint for recycling starting August 2, 2022! There are a few strict guidelines that patrons will need to follow and fees are associated with recycling.

Adopt-a-Mile: Keep Smyrna Beautiful had seven Adopt-a-Mile groups clean up their miles this past weekend. More than forty volunteers picked up almost 500 pounds of litter. In total, 80+ Adopt-a-Mile volunteers from 15 groups picked up more than 1,000 pounds of litter on their designated miles of roadway this month! (Environmental Services is still waiting on final numbers from a couple of groups!)

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Community Cleanups: On Tuesday, during a Community Cleanup, three Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 62 pounds of litter, including 14 pounds of recycling, on South Cobb Drive northbound from East-West Connector to Cooper Lake Road. They also picked up approximately 260 cigarette butts, which will also be recycled.

Storm Drain Marking: Last week, a group of 8 volunteers from Murata Electronics placed 57 markers on Lake Park Drive and Cobb Parkway to let folks know not to throw trash or dump materials in storm drains. Murata is an international company whose North American principal corporate office is located in Smyrna. They are actively looking for ways to be more involved and give back to the community where they work. We are thrilled to have them as volunteers for Keep Smyrna Beautiful.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

215 Inspections
95 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,080,853.58

Building Remodel / Commercial (6)

- (1) Other
 - 1711 Spring Rd SE
 - 2300 Lake Park Dr SE
- (3) Tenant Finish
 - 3000 Highlands Pkwy SE
 - 300 Village Green Cir SE
- (1) Land Disturbance
 - 2085 Lake Park Dr SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$757,979.58

Building Remodel / Residential (9)

- (4) Addition
 - (1) Re-Roof
 - (3) Interior Renovations
 - (1) Other

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$322,874

**HVAC (11)
Electrical (4)
Sign (4)**

New Businesses

Springfield Strategies, LLC

Other Activities Related to Real Estate
Home Business
Ward 2

Jobel Beauty LTD

Beauty Supply Stores
3315 South Cobb Drive, STE 800
Ward 3

Independent Referrals, LLC

Mortgage Investors
3200 Highlands Parkway, STE 235
Ward 7

C AND S ATLANTA LOGISTICS

Process, Physical Distribution, and
Logistics Consulting Services
6255 River View Road, STE 2
Ward 7

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