



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

Townhome Design Standards  
Town Hall Meeting  
6:30 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Council Chambers

### **Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

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

### **Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

Smyrna Arts and Cultural Task Force  
11:30 AM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
HR Training Room

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1  
 Medical: 104  
 Other: 74  
 Total: 179



**Brian Marcos Named Fire Chief:** On August 15, 2022, Brian Marcos was sworn in as the new Smyrna Fire Chief. Chief Marcos joined the Smyrna Fire Department in 2006, and was named Deputy Fire Chief in 2014. We look forward to what's ahead for the Smyrna Fire Department. Congratulations Chief Marcos!

# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 08/09

Cases: 66  
 Failures to Appear: 16  
 Resets: 28  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 17  
 DUIs Completed: 3

## Court on 08/11 (Trials)

Cases: 14  
 Failures to Appear: 0  
 Resets: 4  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 0  
 DUIs Completed: 0

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 35  
 Citations: 213  
 Warnings: 41  
 Calls for Service: 724

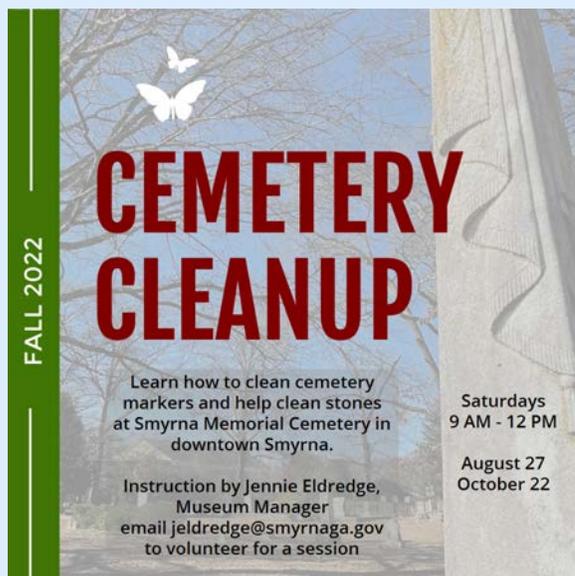


**National Night Out:** The Smyrna Police Department held a National Night Out with The Heights Homeowners Association last week. They discussed crime, safety, traffic, and a variety of city events.

**Birthday Parade:** Last Sunday the Smyrna Police Department put together a parade for a 5-year-old's birthday party. This little boy loves the police, and is pictured here with Officer Santos. Thank you to Lieutenant Forman for putting this parade together and making the day run smoothly!



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

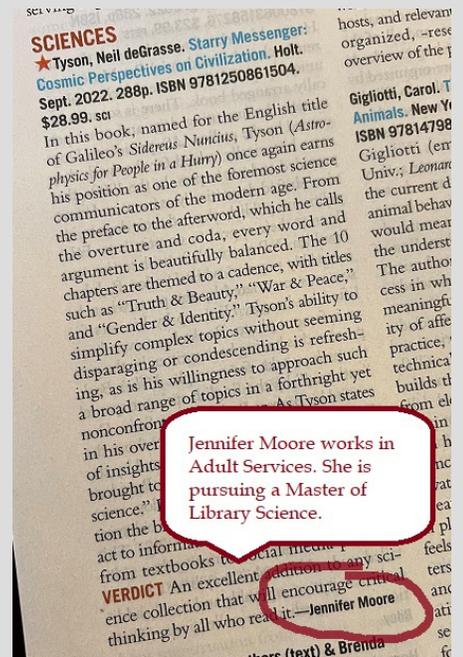


**Cemetery Cleanup:** The Smyrna Museum will be hosting another cemetery cleanup session on August 27 and October 22. To volunteer, email [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov).

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Visitors:**  
**Library: 3,271**  
**Museum: 10**

**Staff News:** Part-time Library Aide, Jennifer Moore, has joined the cadre of book reviewers for Library Journal, an industry publication for library sciences. Jennifer’s first published review appeared in the August 1, 2022 issue. Congratulations, Jennifer! The book she reviewed will be released in September of this year. Watch for *Starry Messenger* to hit the shelves on September 20.



**Smyrna Public Library**  
**SUMMER READING**  
**BY THE NUMBERS 2022**

- 57,268** total checkouts
- 78% Books**
- 10% Audio & AV**
- 12% e-Books/Audio**
- 123,510** minutes read
- 23% increase** in minutes from 2021
- 25,018** library visits
- In June & July, the library averaged 424 visitors each day!

**TEENS**

- 96** programs offered
- 6123** participants
- 14** teen & tween programs
- 132** participants

**ADULTS**

- 94** adult challenge readers
- 42** challenge completions

**Did you know?**  
 The Friends of Smyrna Library donated \$4,000 to benefit the Summer Library Program?

smyrna-library.com 770-431-2860

**Summer Reading Participation:** The library’s Summer Reading Program was very successful this year. Participation was up from 2021, most notably among adults. This summer was one of the best on record for adult readers. Thank you for reading, Smyrna!

**Friends News:** The Friends of Smyrna Library have been busy preparing for the upcoming children’s book sale. They spent Saturday, August 14 sorting over 2,000 books. The hours for the sale are Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 AM-4 PM and Sunday, August 28 from 1-4 PM. Prices will range from \$1-\$5.

**Museum Update:** The Smyrna Museum is closed Wednesday, August 17 through Saturday, August 20. The museum will reopen for regular hours on Wednesday, August 24.

# PUBLIC WORKS

**Manhole Cleaning and Repairs:** Sewer crews have been inspecting sewer lines to repair broken manhole lids and to clean and paint around the manholes.

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

- Continuing the Afton Downs curb and gutter project
- Continuing the St. Charles Drive curb and gutter project
- Completed the Medlin Street sidewalk project
- Completed the various projects on Cottesford Drive, McLinden Avenue, and Twin Oaks Drive
- Resolved line of sight issues at Starline Drive and Parkway Drive
- Continued work on monthly right of way mowing list



**Sewer Main Repairs:** Sewer crews dug up and repaired a collapsed sewer main on Rebecca Lane.

**Employment Opportunities:** The Water/Sewer Department is currently posting jobs on the Georgia Rural Water Association website. This is a statewide website for water and sewer professionals.

**Pre-Incident Planning:** The Water/Sewer Department attended a pre-incident planning meeting with the Smyrna Fire Department in efforts to gather backflow information throughout the city.

**Water Line Replacement:** Ardito Construction is currently completing the final stages of a water line replacement project at Riverline Park.

**Training at the University of Georgia:** The Director and Assistant Director of Public Works will soon be attending the UGA training for certified public works management.

**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. Staff 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.

**Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Project:** The Water/Sewer Department is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer closed-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. 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.

**Meter Vault Project:** Ardito Construction set the meter vaults at the Kiddie Academy on South Cobb Drive.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Photography Challenge:** From August-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. Submissions can be sent to [parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov). The winner will have a chance to be featured on the next addition of The Tap!



**Painting Refresh:** The restroom building at Lake Court Park got a refresh thanks to McCall Painting. After pressure washing and prepping the surface, McCall did a fantastic job painting, making the building a welcoming sight to visitors of the park.

**Field Resurfacing:** Parks Maintenance staff resurfaced two soccer fields at Jonquil Park, removing worn areas using a machine that strips the top two inches of grass. Once the strips were removed, staff sodded the soccer fields with large rolls of sports turf. The spoils from this project were taken to the off leash dog park at Lake Court Park to give the dogs a green area to play.



## Camp Doodle All Day

Join the fun this fall at Smyrna Parks and Recreation's  
Fall Break Arts & Crafts Camp!

Each day campers will dive into their creativity and  
explore new mediums for artistic fun! Campers will learn  
different artistic techniques at the beginner level.

September 26th - 30th  
9:00 AM - 12:00PM  
Ages 5-12 years old

Located at the Smyrna Community Center  
\$45 per participant  
\$10 discount for Smyrna Residents

Register now online at  
[smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov) or scan the  
QR code

For More information  
Contact: Ashley Putnam  
678-631-5392  
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RECREATE  
Smyrna

Parks & Recreation

**Doodle All Day Fall Break Camp:** Fall Break Camp will feature an Arts and Crafts theme with the session running September 26–30. Campers can join the fun from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM daily. Registration is now open: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>

**Tolleson Pool:** There are just three more weekends to enjoy Tolleson Pool this year! Come join the fun on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM through labor day.

**Movie Series Update:** The upcoming movie *Tesla* has been moved to September 17 and will be held at Riverview Park beginning at dusk. The registration cost is \$10 per group. This is a perfect opportunity for a date night or relaxing evening with some friends. Registration is now open!

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Great Pollinator Census:** On August 19, the Smyrna Community Garden will serve as a census site for the Great Georgia Pollinator Census, a citizen-science project created by UGA to support pollinator conservation. Volunteers can sign up to count pollinators for a 15-minute interval at the garden any time between 10 AM-11 AM. To-go craft kits will be available for kids. Sign up here to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054faaaa2fa6fa7-2022>

**Recycling Center Tours:** On August 19, the monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center will take place at 9 AM. Sign up here to save your spot: <https://tinyurl.com/4asr34t9>



**School Grant Recipient:** Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful featured one of their school grant recipients, Smyrna Elementary School, in their e-newsletter. Smyrna Elementary used their Keep Smyrna Beautiful grant to support Sarah's Path, a beautiful multi-use outdoor space that serves as a memorial for a beloved educator. More information about Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants can be found at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships/>

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

272 Inspections

90 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$283,685.50

**Building Remodel / Commercial (2)**

- (1) Solar Panels, Generators, Cell Tower Colocations  
-2400 Cobb Pkwy SE
- (1) Land Disturbance  
- 985 Church Street

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$65,000.00

**Building Remodel / Residential (15)**

- (4) Additions
- (6) Re-Roof
- (3) Interior Renovations
- (1) Solar Panels/Generators
- (1) Other

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$218,685.50

**HVAC (10) Electrical (3) Plumbing (3) Tree (4) Sign (3)**

## New Businesses

**ADVOCATES FOR DISEASE EDUCATION**

Other Individual and Family Services  
1177 Concord Road  
Ward 3

**GNB LLC**

Used Car Dealers  
2652 South Cobb Drive, Unit STE A  
Ward 5

**XCLUSIVE OPTIONS LLC**

All Other Business Support Services  
1177 Concord Road  
Ward 3

**Millhaven Investments, LLC**

Residential Property Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 5

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