



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

Smyrna Housing Authority Meeting

6:00 PM

Fire Station 1 - Centennial Room

**Friday, September 9, 2022**

Smyrna Circulator Task Force

2:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - HR Training Room

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Baby Delivery at Fire Station 1:** Smyrna firefighters recently had the pleasure of delivering a baby boy at Station 1. The family was en route to the hospital when they realized they were not going to make it and pulled into Station 1. Ironically, the mother of the baby is the daughter of retired Smyrna Fire EMS Director Kon-Tiki Jabaley. The family stopped by Station 1 to show the Smyrna Fire Department the new addition. Pictured with the family is Smyrna Fire EMS Captain Tommy Bates.

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 0  
 Medical: 97  
 Other: 48  
 Total: 145



**Graduates of the United Leadership Program:** On August 28, six members of the Smyrna Fire Department graduated from the United Leadership Program. This is a program that involves collaboration between Smyrna Fire, Austell Fire, Marietta Fire and Cobb County Fire, teaching excellent leadership and development skills. During the course they learn from various leaders within the metro community, including but not limited to Braves Executives, GBI Director Vic Reynolds, the Cobb Chamber and so many more. Graduates pictured left to right: Engineer Wade Roberts, Firefighter Keith Dykes, Engineer Jeff Rhinehart, Engineer Bryan Labar, Captain Tommy Bates, and Division Chief Dustin Davey.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 39  
 Citations: 241  
 Warnings: 75  
 Calls for Service: 855



# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 08/23

Cases: 70  
 Failures to Appear: 18  
 Resets: 35  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 15  
 DUIs Completed: 2

## Court on 08/25

Cases: 80  
 Failures to Appear: 39  
 Resets: 18  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 19  
 DUIs Completed: 2

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Pre-Pandemic Attendance:** With the added foot traffic from the Friends Book Sale, the library saw its highest weekly attendance since before the pandemic.

**Friends Fundraising:** For the first time, the Friends of Smyrna Library sponsored a used book sale focusing on children and teen materials. The event was a big hit. They raised a record-breaking \$2100 over the weekend. The funds have been earmarked for a new collection of "Wonderbooks" for the youth collection. Wonderbooks combine a book and an audiobook into one physical material. With the decline in people owning CD players, there has been a lot of interest in this new format.



## Visitors:

Library: 3,861  
 Museum: 5

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**Sesquicentennial Event:** Smyrna Museum and Smyrna Library are hosting several events this fall in celebration of Smyrna's 150th birthday. "Smyrna History on Wheels" is a driving tour which will visit about ten historic locations around Smyrna. The tour will be presented twice on Saturday, September 10 at 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 and are for sale through the Parks and Recreation website: <https://tinyurl.com/yd4crxaw>.



**Cemetery Cleanup:** The Smyrna Museum hosted another Cemetery Cleanup event last week. Three volunteers helped clean over 21 monuments at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. The images below are of the Thrash monument shown with the foaming action of the cleaner and the results.



# PUBLIC WORKS

**Waterline Replacement Project:** KM Davis will be starting a waterline replacement project on Stone Creek Drive this week to remove old galvanized pipes out of the system.

**Ward 4 Sewer Mains:** Sewer mains with root intrusion have been treated with root control foam. This foam will rot the roots, allowing flow to eventually erode the root balls and time for staff to evaluate and address the areas that need major repairs.



**Water Valve Maintenance:** Crews are performing valve maintenance in Wards 4 and 5 to ensure the valves are located and accessible. This maintenance reduces downtime and provides flushing of the system during water main breaks. While performing maintenance, crews are marking valves in the roadway with reflective markings. This helps staff locate valves when overnight emergencies arise. This project is 10% complete.

**Closed Circuit TV Pipe Inspection:** The Water/Sewer Department is currently grading sewer infrastructure with closed-circuit TV equipment that grades the condition of the pipe and flow capacity. This technology allows sewer crews to view lines in real time and determine if the pipe condition or flow is being impeded. Pipe inspections cut down on fuel costs, repairs, and maintenance to our emergency sewer equipment such as the jet truck and video inspection equipment. Staff will grade each ward and areas that need attention will be addressed. This project is 30% complete and is being extended to Ward 5. Wards 1 and 2 have been completed.

**Water Main and Service Replacement:** The Water/Sewer Department is replacing and upgrading outdated water mains and services. The Highlands waterline project began this week starting with Dundee Drive. Signs are displayed to notify customers. Areas are selected after being reviewed by staff due to the number of leaks and breaks or the integrity of the pipe. 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. This project is 5% complete.

**Streets Department Projects:** The Streets Department has been hard at work on the following projects:

- Landscaping for the Collier Drive sidewalk project
- Continuing the Afton Way curb and gutter project
- Landscaping for the St. Charles Drive curb and gutter project
- Resolving line of sight issues on Powder Springs Street and Church Street
- Continuing work on the monthly right of way mowing list



**Holiday Trash Notice:** Adjustments will be made to the weekly trash schedule next week due to the Labor Day holiday. There will be no yard debris or large item pickup next week. Next week's trash pickup schedule is as follows:

- Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday
- Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday
- Thursday and Friday routes remain unchanged

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Ariyale Printup**

Communications Officer I  
Police Department  
Hired: 08/29/2022



**Dennis Mann**

Detention Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 08/29/2022



**Jeff Camey-Garcia**

Streets Maintenance Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 08/29/2022



# ENGINEERING



**Traffic Loop Repairs:** Repairs were made to the traffic loops near the office complex at 1955 Lake Park Drive. Repair is also underway for a damaged traffic loop on Hurt Road at the intersection with Concord Road. The pull box replacement and the rewiring for this approach is completed. These traffic inductive loops are a method used to detect the presence of vehicles at an intersection, which in turn prompts the traffic signal.

**Signal Light Replacements:** The red traffic signal light for the left turn arrow was replaced for the westbound approach at Lake Park Drive and Woodlands Drive. Signal lights were also replaced for the I-285 ramps.

# PARKS AND 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:** Tolleson Pool will end its 2022 season Labor Day weekend. Hours for Labor Day weekend are Saturday from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM, Sunday from 1:00–6:00 PM and Monday (Labor Day) from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM.

**Youth Sports Leagues:** Youth baseball and soccer leagues began practicing on August 27. Opening day for both sports will be on September 10.



**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  
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RECREATE Smyrna  
Parks & Recreation



Looking for an exciting date night this fall? Maybe even grab some friends and make it a double date! Join us September 17th at Riverview Park for a showing of Tesla! The park's amphitheater provides a beautiful rustic backdrop for a unique date night! All are welcome! Registration required.

Registration is now open at [smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)  
\$10 per group  
September 17th  
Riverview Park in Smyrna

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**Movie Series Update:** The upcoming movie *Tesla* will be on September 17 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!

**Photography Challenge:** 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 for the photography challenge can be sent to [parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov) through October. The winner will have a chance to be featured on the next addition of The Tap!

**Parks Maintenance:** Parks Maintenance staff worked to repurpose dirt and grass that was stripped from the soccer fields at Jonquil Park. They spread the grass over bare areas inside the off-leash dog area at Lake Court Park. With help from fertilizer and water, new growth has sprouted and grass is growing nicely.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## Upcoming Events:

- Rivers Alive on Saturday, September 10 from 9 AM-12 PM
- Document Shredding on Saturday, September 24 from 9 AM-12 PM
- Adopt-a-Mile Information Session Thursday, September 15 from 12-12:30 PM

Register at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/>



**Whitefield Great Day of Service with Keep Smyrna Beautiful:** This past Saturday, about two dozen Whitefield Academy students and parents marked storm drains and picked up litter as part of the school's annual Great Day of Service. We're so grateful for their help!



**Recycling Center:** Last week, the Smyrna Recycling Center collected a 40-pound box of used school supplies to recycle through the Bic Stationery Recycling Program. Keep Smyrna Beautiful is also working with Smyrna schools that want to participate in the program as well. Individuals can take part by dropping off their dried-up pens, markers, glue sticks, and paint sets at the Smyrna Recycling Center any time during regular center hours.

**Visit from the City of Powder Springs:** Representatives from the City of Powder Springs visited the recycling center last Thursday which included the honorable Henry Lust (Mayor Pro Tem), Eric Meyer (Executive Director of the Development and Infrastructure Agency), and Abby Goldsmith (A. Goldsmith Resources, LLC).



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

134 Inspections

77 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$974,373.02

**Building New / Commercial (1)**

(1) Land Disturbance  
- 400 Lake Ridge Dr SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$25,000.00

**Building Remodel / Commercial (2)**

(1) Re-Roof  
- 636 Windy Hill Rd SE  
(1) Demolition  
- 2518 N Mathews St SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$17,500.00

**Building New / Residential (2)**

(2) New Construction  
- 2301 Old Spring Rd SE  
- 1055 Church St SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$725,000.00

**Building Remodel / Residential (7)**

(1) Solar Panels/Generators  
(3) Re-Roof  
(1) Pool

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$179,873.02

**HVAC (2) Electrical (4) Plumbing (3) Tree (6)**

## New Businesses

**Barbara Russell, LLC**

Offices of Mental Health Practitioners (except Physicians)  
Home Business  
Ward 3

**Laura Elizabeth Pettigrew Agency LLC**

Insurance Agencies and Brokerages  
1325 Concord Road  
Ward 3

**Smyrna Consulting Group, LLC**

Other Management Consulting Services  
Home Business  
Ward 4

**Prime Realty Ventures, LLC.**

Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings  
641 Powder Springs Street  
Ward 5

**Raptor Productions**

Motion Picture and Video Production  
Home Business  
Ward 5

**The Student Organizers**

Educational Support Services  
Home Business  
Ward 6

**Halo Solutions**

Tax Preparation Services  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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