



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

Ward 5 Neighborhood Meeting  
2:00 PM  
Community Center  
Oak Room

**Monday, September 19, 2022**

Pre-Council Meeting  
6:30 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Admin Conference Room

**Monday, September 19, 2022**

Mayor and Council Meeting  
7:00 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Council Chambers

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



### Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 38  
 Citations: 150  
 Warnings: 41  
 Calls for Service: 723

**FBI National Academy Graduate:** Major Mark Binicewicz graduated from the FBI National Academy on September 13. Congratulations Major Binicewicz!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**2022 Smyrna Fire Department Appointments:** Smyrna Fire Department is happy to announce their new appointments. Effective September 17, Eric Mohrmann is appointed to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief and Deputy EMA Director. Tommy Bates is appointed to the rank of Division Chief (Training). Jason Evangelista, Ronald Sadowski, and Joe Paul are appointed to the rank of Captain. Jacob Bower has been appointed to the rank of Battalion Chief, effective date to be determined. Congratulations everyone!

### Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 3  
 Medical: 91  
 Other: 62  
 Total: 156



ERIC MOHRMANN  
 DEPUTY FIRE  
 CHIEF

TOMMY BATES  
 DIVISION CHIEF OF  
 TRAINING

JACOB BOWER  
 BATTALION CHIEF

JASON EVANGELISTA  
 CAPTAIN

RONALD SADOWSKI  
 CAPTAIN

JOE PAUL  
 CAPTAIN

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**9/11 Run:** On 9/11, Smyrna Fire Department held a jog with crew members to reflect on the tragic events of 21 years ago. Crew members also participated in Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund Memorial Stair Climb at Truist Park.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Digitization Grant:** On Tuesday, September 6, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge delivered the 1953 Better Home Town Scrapbook to the University of Georgia Main Library in Athens. The Scrapbook was selected for a 2022 Digital Library of Georgia Digitization Grant. Over the next few months, specialists will digitally scan the scrapbook page by page and create a link to view the pages online.



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Sesquicentennial Event:** Smyrna Library and Museum teamed up with Parks and Recreation to present a unique event in celebration of the city's 150th birthday. "Smyrna History on Wheels" visited ten historic locations around Smyrna on Saturday, September 10. We were honored to have Councilman Welch and his wife join us for the 10:30 AM tour. We had 23 attendees for the morning tour and 22 for the afternoon tour. Because of the positive feedback, we hope to make it an annual event with new tour routes each year.



**Visitors:**  
 Library: 2,860  
 Museum: 6

**Teens to the Rescue:** For this month's Teen Time at the library, the "Crafts for a Cause" participants made capes to donate to Children's Hospital of Atlanta in celebration of Cape Day.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Upcoming Events:**

- Monthly Recycling Center Tour: Friday, September 16
- Community Cleanup: Tuesday, September 20
- Volunteer Appreciation and Smyrna Recycling Center Tour: Wednesday, September 21
- Document Shredding: Saturday, September 24

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

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Rivers Alive:** On Saturday, September 10, over 70 volunteers from Keep Smyrna Beautiful, Cobb Water, Keep Marietta Beautiful, Keep Cobb Beautiful, and the National Park Service joined together to pick up almost 1,500 pounds of trash, 2 rafts, and a shopping cart from trails and river banks at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

**Document Shredding:** Document Shredding will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center. The event is open to all and is for paper only.

**Annual Jonquil Bulb Sale:** The annual Keep Smyrna Beautiful Jonquil Bulb Sale is coming up soon! Bulbs will be sold at the Smyrna Recycling Center (cash or credit) and at the Keep Smyrna Beautiful booth at the Crafts & Drafts Festival on October 29 and 30. They are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs. Profits will support Keep Smyrna Beautiful programming. Anyone interested in being notified as soon as the bulbs arrive can fill out an interest form online.

## DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

HOSTED BY KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL



**SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**  
9:00 a.m. to Noon

ALINE WOLFE ADULT RECREATION CENTER  
884 CHURCH STREET

Paper only. Open to all. Free (donations appreciated!)

For more information, visit:  
[www.KeepSmyrnaBeautiful.com/shred-fest](http://www.KeepSmyrnaBeautiful.com/shred-fest)



**Education and Outreach:** On Friday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful visited the entire third grade at Belmont Hills Elementary to present "There Is No Away," an environmental education curriculum that explores what "away" means when you throw something in the trash, recycle it, or when it is littered. The students had a great time with the Litter Timeline activity where they had to match each item with the amount of time it takes to decompose.

**Community Cleanups:** Last Thursday, seven volunteers picked up 176 pounds of litter, including 58 pounds of recyclables, on Windy Hill Road and Dixie Avenue. We were alerted to the litter on Dixie Avenue by a resident who filled out our online litter reporting form.

# ENGINEERING



**New Pedestrian Signals:** New pedestrian signals are installed at the intersection of Concord Road and Old Concord Road. The signals serve pedestrians crossing the western leg of Concord Road and Old Concord Road. This intersection was listed as a project by the city's Traffic Calming Committee.

**Atlanta Road at Powder Springs Street Traffic Signal:** The decorative mast arm assembly has been set for the traffic signal at Atlanta Road and Powder Springs Street. This signal was included as part of the Downtown Redevelopment Project. This assembly will replace the wooden poles that supported the temporary signal. The permanent signal is expected to be operational within the next month. Reedwick is the signal contractor for this project.

**Temporary Road Access Closure/Reroute Notice:** There will be a two-week closure to left turns to and from Windy Hill at Ward Street for construction beginning Saturday, September 17 and concluding Sunday, October 2. The second week coincides with Cobb County School District's fall break. As shown on the pictured exhibit, when the crossover is closed to traffic, westbound traffic wishing to turn left onto Ward Street will proceed to the next crossover and make a U-turn. Traffic northbound on Ward Street wishing to turn left onto Windy Hill Road will be directed eastbound to Belmont Place where they can make a U-turn to travel westbound. Eastbound movements on Windy Hill Road at Ward Street are not affected by the temporary closure.



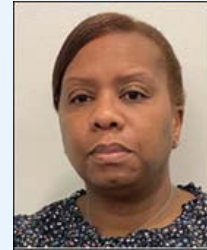
# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Tekhia Dawson**  
Public Works  
Sanitation Worker  
Hired: 09/06/2022



**Rylen Littlejohn**  
Parks and Recreation  
Lifeguard-Part Time (Wolfe Center)  
Hired: 09/06/2022



**Jennifer Farrell**  
Police Department  
Detention Center  
Hired: 09/06/2022



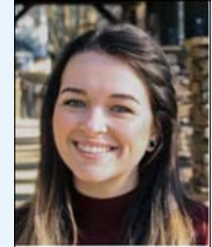
**Jacob Keesler**  
Police Department  
Police Officer  
Hired: 09/06/2022



**Felicia Dyer**  
Police Department  
Detention Officer II  
Hired: 09/12/2022



**Nicole Carter**  
Parks and Recreation  
Customer Service  
Receptionist-Part Time  
Hired: 09/12/2022



**Alyssa Allen**  
Parks and Recreation  
Customer Service  
Receptionist-Part Time  
Hired: 09/12/2022

# PUBLIC WORKS

**Streets Department Projects:** The Streets Department worked on various projects this week:

- Continued work on the Afton Downs curb and gutter project
- Removed stormwater obstructions from creeks at Austin Lake Drive and Vinings North Drive
- Repaired asphalt on Prince Road and Springwood Drive
- Trimmed right of way obstructions on Hawthorne Avenue, Old Roswell Road, and Anderson Circle
- Continued working on monthly right of way mowing and trimming list

# PUBLIC WORKS

**Crews to the Rescue:** Crews have been hard at work responding to sewer main and service backups and attending to work orders around the city.

**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 being extended to Wards 4 and 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 is in progress. Areas are selected after being reviewed by staff due to the number of leaks and breaks or the integrity of the pipe. Staff 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 7% complete.

**Water Main Installation:** KM Davis completed a water main installation on Stone Creek Drive to remove old galvanized pipes out of the system. Landscaping and roadway repairs will be scheduled to complete the project. This project is 98% complete.

**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 to help staff locate valves when overnight emergencies arise. This project is 15% complete.





# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Photography Challenge:** Do you enjoy taking pictures? 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!




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



**RECREATE Smyrna**  
Parks & Recreation

**Outdoor Movie Night:** The next Movie Night is this Saturday, September 17 at Riverview Park. The featured film is *Tesla* and will begin at dusk. This is the perfect opportunity for a date night or a relaxing evening with friends. Registration is now open for \$10 per group.

**Smyrna Spook Fest:** Join Parks and Recreation for Smyrna Spook Fest 2022. On Friday, October 28, bring your family for tricks and treats and enjoy seasonal decorations at Taylor-Brawner Park from 5 PM-10 PM. Festival goers will have access to an Enchanted Trail Walk (suitable for children of all ages) and a Haunted Trail Walk with spooky scares (may not be suitable for young children). A DJ will pump up the dance party in front of Brawner Hall and there will be vendors for refreshments and candy! The cost is \$20 per family. A discount of \$5 is available for City of Smyrna residents and early bird registration through September 30.

**SMYRNA SPOOK FEST**  
**TRAILS & MORE**

Join us at Taylor-Brawner Park October 28th from 5PM - 10PM for a Spooktacular evening filled with an enchanted trail walk and haunted scares! Bring the whole family for an evening of tricks and treats!

The Enchanted Trail is welcome to all ages. Please be aware, the Haunted Trail may not be suitable for young children.

**Registration is required for this event!**

Registration is now open at [smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)  
 \$20 per family  
 \$5 discount for city residents  
 \$5 early bird discount through September 30th

For more information contact Ashley Putnam at (678) 631-6392 or [aputnam@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:aputnam@smyrnaga.gov)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Little Libraries:** Thanks to the hard work of Eagle Scout Blair Berenson, ten of the city's parks have new Little Libraries. After Parks Maintenance staff prepared the foundation for each library, Blair provided ten hand painted units for each park including Argo, Askew, Brinkley, Chuck Camp, Lake Court, Rose Garden, Tolleson, Jonquil, Cobb and Concord Linear. Blair worked hard and did an amazing job to earn his Eagle Scout badge. Be sure to visit the new additions! If you have a book to gift, leave it in the little library and enjoy a book that someone else has graciously donated.



**Paint and Sip:** Last Friday, Parks and Recreation hosted their first Girl's Night Out: Paint and Sip. Eight participants enjoyed a fall evening filled with painting, refreshments, and good times with friends!

**Acting Camp:** CandiNews Productions will be hosting acting camps at the Community Center from September 26-30. Grades K-2 will explore Disney's *Moana* and grades 3-5 will enjoy a one-week camp of *The Greatest Showman*! Registration is now open: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>

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**RECREATE Smyrna**  
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**New Social Media:** Parks and Recreation has new social media pages! Follow the new pages on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all programs and events.

Facebook: Smyrna Parks and Recreation  
Instagram: @SmyrnaParks\_

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

301 Inspections

64 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$1,648,733.68

**Building New / Residential (2)**

- (2) New Construction
- 1082 Medlin St SE
- 1086 Medlin St SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$800,000.00

**Building Remodel / Residential (7)**

- (3) Additions
- (3) Re-roof
- (1) Interior Renovation

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$130,733.68

**Building Remodel / Commercial (7)**

- (1) Land Disturbance
- 1074 Church St SE
- (3) Demolition
- 2979 Jonquil Dr SE
- 5040 Highlands Pkwy SE
- 1629 Hawthorne Ave SE
- (3) Solar Panels, Generators, Cell Tower Colocations
- 1525 Hawthorne Ave SE
- 3380 S Cobb Dr SE Ste 300 (x2)

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$718,000.00

**HVAC (11) Electrical (2) Plumbing (2) Tree (5) Signs (2)**

## New Businesses

**FATTY TUNA PROPERTIES LLC**

Residential Property Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**Culture of Civility International, LLC**

Professional and Management  
Development Training  
Home Business  
Ward 7

**Boing US Holdco**

Car Washes  
5100 S Cobb Drive  
Ward 7

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