

### CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### Monday, October 10, 2022

Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:00 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall - Council Chambers

#### Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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

#### Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Meeting 6:00 PM Community Center - Jonquil Room

#### Thursday, October 13, 2022

Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall - HR Training Room

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**



starting at 11:00 am and spend the day!

Evening Concert at 7:00 pm

#### Beer Garden / Performances / Food

11:00 am 12:00-12:45 pm 12:45-1:45 pm 1:45 - 2:30 pm 1:45 - 2:45 pm 2:30 - 3:30 pm 2:45 - 3:45 pm 3:30 - 3:50 pm 3:45 - 4:15 pm 4:30 - 6:00 pm 4:15 - 6:15 pm 7:00 pm

JOIN US!

GEORGIP

NIGHT

Festival Opens Blue Grass - King & Bank St. Stage in - W. Spring St. se Dance at City Hal an Dance at City Hall Guitar - King & Bank St. Wine Bar Area rket Village Founta nco" Dance - City Hall er - W. Spring St. Wine Bar ket Village Motown at the Ma zz - King & Bank St. K-Pop Dance Crew - Market Vill ture Artist - Wine Bar Area a - City H Cuban Dance Steel Drum Trio - Market Village Fountain Austin Webb (Country) - Market Village **ULA - Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band** the King & Bank St. Stag Main Stage - Atlanta Road Concert Begins Atlanta Road Stage at Wells Fargo 7:00 pm - Toad The Wet Sprocket 8:30 pm - Train

Georgia Power

Fireworks at the End! FIREWORKS AT THE END!

150th Birthday Celebration and Culture & Spirit Festival: Join us in celebrating 150 years of Smyrna, Georgia with a concert featuring Train and Toad the Wet Sprocket! The festival begins at 11:00 AM and it runs through the annual concert and firework show. Soak up the "Culture & Spirit" of Smyrna at the expanded and fun-packed day full of food, drink, music, special street performances and more! Happy Birthday, Smyrna!

### ADMINISTRATION



**Hispanic Heritage Celebration:** Join us in downtown Smyrna on October 15th from 5:00 to 9:00 PM for the second annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration! Smyrna's Hispanic Heritage Celebration will close out Hispanic Heritage Month with a DJ, live performances, food, local vendors, children's activities, an Encanto showing at 8:00 PM, and much more. We are also selling <u>Yo Soy Smyrna t-shirts</u> through October 18th! Visit the city's <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> for full details.

**Mayor's Report:** There were several proclamations and recognitions at the City Council Meeting on Monday, October 3. Jenifer Mitacek received a proclamation from the Mayor for being awarded Cobb County School District's 2022-23 Teacher of the Year. Cumberland Diamond Exchange received a proclamation for celebrating 40 years of service in the City of Smyrna. Blair Berenson, a junior at Campbell High School, was recognized for fundraising and building ten "Little Free Libraries" as part of an Eagle Scout project in ten parks across Smyrna. Thank you to these outstanding members of our community!



### **ADMINISTRATION**



**Smyrna Youth Council:** The Smyrna Youth Council met on Wednesday, October 3 at the Smyrna Recycling Center. After their meeting they were given a tour of the Recycling Center from Environmental Services Director Julie Barwig. Thank you Julie for having us!

### ENGINEERING



**Permanent Traffic Signal Installation:** The permanent traffic signal installation is complete for the Downtown Redevelopment project at the intersection of Atlanta Road and Powder Springs Street. The signal was activated on September 29 and includes decorative poles, new signal heads, street signs, and cameras for video detection. The permanent pedestrian signals poles will be installed after the right turn lane is constructed on Powder Springs Street.

**Video Detection Repairs:** The city's Traffic Signal Technicians have been actively replacing old cameras used for video detection at various intersections. Two cameras were replaced at the intersection of Concord Road and Brown Road/McLinden Avenue facing vehicles on the side streets. A new camera was also installed at the intersection of Atlanta Road and West Spring Street/Spring Street facing westbound traffic on Spring Street.

**Speed Studies:** Speed studies are underway for King Springs Road, Lynhurst Road, and Ridgehurst Drive. Radar signs will be deployed at these locations for approximately two weeks to collect traffic volume and speed data.



### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Weekly Police Totals**

Arrests: 19 Citations: 149 Warnings: 38 Calls for Service: 731



# **COURT SERVICES**



#### Court on 09/27

Cases: 91 Failures to Appear: 16 Resets: 31 Pre-trials Conducted: 29 DUIs Completed: 2

#### Court on 09/29

Cases: 91 Failures to Appear: 29 Resets: 29 Pre-trials Conducted: 27 DUIs Completed: 2

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Walmart Grand Reopening:** The Smyrna Fire Department was honored to be present at Walmart Austell's grand reopening. This Walmart location has hosted the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation's Shop with a Hero Program for over 19 years. Engine 5 attended the event which included music, dancing, ice cream and Coca-Cola.



### FIRE DEPARTMENT



#### Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4 Medical: 98 Other: 45 Total: 147

**Public Safety Appreciation Breakfast and Awards:** Smyrna Fire Chief Brian Marcos, Mayor Derek Norton, and Retired Smyrna Fire Chief Roy Acree attended the Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Breakfast and Awards.

LastFoodTruckTuesday:September 27 was the last FoodTruckTuesdayof the year.ASmyrnaFirecrewattendedandplayed soccer with local residents.





**Smyrna Fire Department Recruit Class 2022–23:** Recruit class 2022-23 started with the Smyrna Fire Department on Monday, October 3rd.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Community Cleanups: October 7 & 13
- Litter-Free Event Smyrna Birthday Celebration: October 8
- Adopt-a-Mile Cleanup: October 15
- Bulk Trash Amnesty Day: October 22

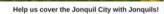
**Annual Jonquil Bulb Sale:** The annual Keep Smyrna Beautiful Jonquil Bulb Sale is in full swing! Bulbs can be purchased at the Smyrna Recycling Center and at the Keep Smyrna Beautiful booth at the Crafts & Drafts Festival on October 29 and 30. They are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs (cash or credit).

**Bulky Trash Amnesty Day:** Bulky Trash Amnesty Day will be on October 22 from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM at Smyrna Public Works. This event is open to Smyrna residents.



October 22, 2022 | 8 a.m. to 1pm Smyrna Public Works, 2190 Atlanta Rd Open to Smyrna residents





\$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs Sale begins late September

Smyrna Recycling Center (3475 Lake Driv during open hours or at the Keep Smyrna Beautiful booth at the Crafts & Drafts Festival on October 29 & 3

For more information, visit: www.keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/ionauil-bulbs



**Outreach/Education:** On October 3, Keep Smyrna Beautiful visited the after-school Environmental Club at King Springs Elementary to talk about recycling. King Springs students will be collecting pens, markers, glue sticks, and more for the BIC stationary recycling program. The items will be taken to the Smyrna Recycling Center, which offers the program in partnership with TerraCycle.

**Recycling Center:** The Recycling Center had a successful month in September processing 116,000 pounds of material with over 2,200 patrons.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

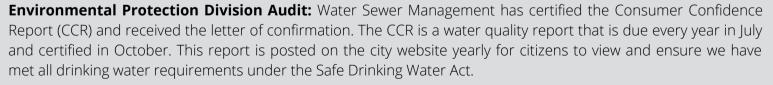
**Community Cleanups:** The numbers are in from last week's Ismaili CIVIC Day of Service. Thirty-five volunteers picked up 11 bags of litter, signs, and tires totaling more than 250 pounds!

**Adopt-a-Tree:** Tree planting season is here, and that means the return of Adopt-a-Tree! Adopt-a-Tree is a program that rescues small and/or young trees from properties that are slated for development, are no longer wanted by a homeowner, or from a community event. We save the trees and provide them at no cost to community members. Those interested in adopting a tree can learn more and fill out an interest form at keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/adopt-a-tree.

# **PUBLIC WORKS**

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

- Completed Afton Downs curb and gutter project (pictured right)
- Continued work on Collier Drive sidewalk project
- Repaired sidewalk on Concord Road, Roswell Street, and Campbell Road
- Repaired drainage problems at Highland Avenue, Doeskin Lane, and Old Concord Road
- Continued work on monthly right of way mowing list



**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 50% complete.

**Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Inspection:** The Water/Sewer Department is currently grading sewer infrastructure with closed-circuit TV equipment. 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. The contractor is currently in Ward 4 and the project is being extended to Ward 5. Wards 1 and 2 have been completed. The project is 92% complete.





### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Water Main and Service Replacement:** The Water/Sewer Department is replacing and upgrading outdated water mains and services. Areas are selected after being reviewed by staff for leaks and breaks. Staff is aiming to be proactive instead of reactive to these issues because water mains and services are crucial infrastructures to the community. Three projects are currently active as part of this program:

- Highlands Water Main Replacement: This project has been ongoing for three weeks and is currently 12% complete. This area consists of roughly one mile of water main replacement in addition to 81 service connections.
- Argo Road Water Main Replacement: Locates are to be called in to start the replacement process the in early October.
- Stone Creek Drive Water Main Installation: Landscaping and roadway repairs will be scheduled to complete the project. This project is 99% complete.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**



**Reginald Glover** Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



Lawrence Primus Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



Walker Acree Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



Joshua Delcid-Totten Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



Brayden Baldwin Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



Austin Timmons-Padgett Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



Mason Williams Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



**Luis Lara** Sanitation Worker Public Works Hired: 10/03



**Johnny Cruz** Firefighter Fire Department Hired: 10/03



Ralph Gordon Equipment Operator I (W&S) Public Works Hired: 10/03



### LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

#### Visitors:

Library: 2,631 Museum: 8

What I Love About Smyrna: On Monday, October 3, Jennie Eldredge spent the day installing a new exhibit in celebration of Smyrna's 150th Anniversary. The exhibit, called "What I Love About Smyrna," debuted on Wednesday, October 5 and spotlights today's Smyrna. Comments solicited from Smyrna residents inspired the content. Come check it out!

Library and Museum Closure: Smyrna Library and Smyrna Museum will be closed on Saturday, October 8 in observance of the birthday celebration.

Sunday Lecture: On Sunday, October 2, Smyrna Library hosted a lecture by Phil Ivester, president of the Friends of the Concord Covered Bridge District. Mr. Ivester lives in History Ruff Farm near the bridge and has done extensive historical research about the area and the bridge. His lecture featured numerous pictures of the bridge over the decades as well as a history of its permutations, reinforcements, and confrontations with moving vehicles and arsonists. November's lecture will feature a presentation about African American Vietnam Veterans in honor of Veterans Day.

and volunteer Ana Hogan. Ms. Hogan is a talented artist and special friend to the library.









**Camp Doodle All Day Fall Break Camp:** Parks and Recreation welcomed 26 excited campers the last week of September. Campers experienced new ways to embrace their creativity each day. They experimented with different kinds of art including 3D art and incorporating nature in their artwork.

**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.





**Smyrna Handmade Market:** Only three weeks left to enjoy the 2022 Smyrna Handmade Market! Find your favorite handmade goods including baked goods, homemade soaps, local honey, handmade art, and more. Visit the market each Sunday in the Market Village between 11:00 AM–3:00 PM through October 23.

**Photography Challenge:** There are only a few weeks left to participate in the 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 through October. The winner will have a chance to be featured on the next addition of The Tap!

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



Weekly Inspections: 241 Inspections

68 Sites

#### Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$6,888,875.00

#### Building Remodel / Residential (15)

(2) Additions (5) Re-roof (6) Interior Renovation (1) Pool (1) Other **Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$1,261,345.00

#### **Building Remodel / Commercial (4)**

(2) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
-5000 Highlands Pkwy SE Unit 160
-3304 S Cobb Dr SE
(2) Land Disturbance
-1910 Watkins Rd SE
-2400 Lake Park Dr SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$5,627,530.00

#### HVAC (5) Electrical (2) Plumbing (2) Signs (2) Tree (1)

#### **New Businesses**

#### Everyday Kitchen & Bath Solution, LLC Interior Design Services

Home Business Ward 5

Ward 6

#### 823 Wayland Court SE LLC

Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings - Short Term Rental Home Business Ward 5

#### 893 Wayland Court SE LLC

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#### **HuMan Source, LLC** Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services Home Business

### Creekside Opco, LLC

Assisted Living Facilities for the Elderly 4838 South Cobb Drive Ward 7

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