



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

License and Variance Board

10:00 AM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - Council Chambers

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Smyrna Tree Board

6:00 PM

Brawner Hall - Conference Room

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Youth Council Oath of Office: On Monday night, the Smyrna Youth Council took their Oath of Office at the City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Gould gave them their oath accompanied by Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Wheaton of the Education Committee. Congratulations to the 2022-23 Smyrna Youth Council!



Hispanic Heritage Celebration: Smyrna residents gathered in Downtown Smyrna on October 15 for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration! They enjoyed live performances, food, local vendors, a DJ, children's activities, and a movie night featuring *Encanto* on the Veterans Memorial lawn.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Retirement of Deputy Chief Harvey: Congratulations to Deputy Chief Robert Harvey on his retirement after 31 years with the Smyrna Police Department.

Promotions: Please take the time to congratulate the promoted personnel! Promotions effective 10/17/2022:

- Latonda Harris is promoted to Major
- Gus King is promoted to Lieutenant
- Timothy Melvin is promoted to Sergeant

Congratulations everyone!



Chief Zgonc at Covenant Christian School: Chief Zgonc recently visited Covenant Christian School to swear in School Safety Patrol students.

Weekly Police Totals

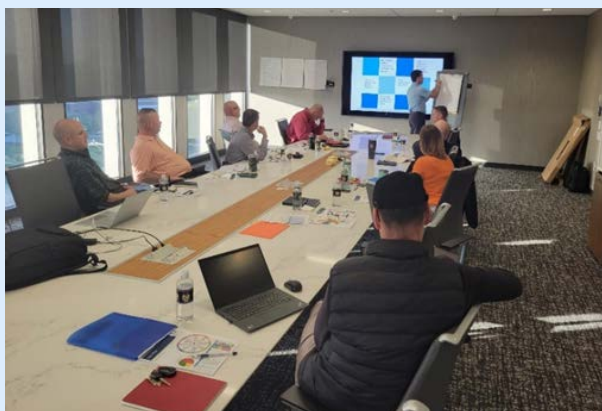
Arrests: 25
 Citations: 122
 Warnings: 51
 Calls for Service: 630

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 3
 Medical: 93
 Other: 61
 Total: 157

Insights Discovery Workshop: Smyrna Fire Department's leadership team participated in a half day Insights Discovery Workshop. Chief Marcos and the team completed an insights assessment and used the results to help understand the team's "preference flows." Rali CEO Rich Cannon, a change management expert, facilitated the conversation.



COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/11

Cases: 77
 Failures to Appear: 13
 Resets: 19
 Pre-trials Conducted: 14
 DUIs Completed: 2

Court on 10/13

Cases: 119
 Failures to Appear: 20
 Resets: 26
 Pre-trials Conducted: 16
 DUIs Completed: 3

PARKS AND RECREATION



Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market, 2022 will host its last outing of the year Sunday, October 23! Come out and find your favorite baked goods, homemade soaps, local honey, handmade art and more. Join us on Sunday in the Market Village between 11:00 AM–3:00 PM. Many of your favorite vendors will join the upcoming Holiday Market December 2–4 at Brawner Hall and the Reed House. Stay tuned for more information regarding the Holiday Market!

Photography Challenge: There are only a few days 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!



PARKS AND RECREATION

Smyrna Spook Fest: Smyrna Spook Fest is right around the corner! Join Parks and Recreation for Smyrna Spook Fest 2022. On Friday, October 28, bring your family for tricks and treats and enjoy the seasonal decorations at Taylor-Brawner Park from 5:00 PM-10:00 PM. Festival goers will have access to an Enchanted Trail Walk, suitable for children of all ages, and a Haunted Trail Walk, filled with haunted scares that may not be suitable for young children. A DJ will pump everyone up for a dance party in front of Brawner Hall. There will be vendors for refreshments and candy! The cost is \$20 per family, with a \$5 discount for City of Smyrna residents.



Volunteers Needed: There are over 200 families registered for the Smyrna Spook Fest so far, and Parks and Recreation is expecting even more to register in the near future. With such a large community event, Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers who are willing to help hand out candy and break down the event once it is over. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Putnam at aputnam@smyrnaga.gov or 678-631-5392.

Great Locomotive Chase: Wolfe Center staff and a group of excited seniors began the Great Locomotive Chase on Friday, October 14. Part 1 of the Chase began in Marietta visiting the Kennesaw House (Marietta Museum), then they headed to Kennesaw for a stop at the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History, where they visited The General. Later, they made a stop at Moon Station. The final stop of the day was at Cooper's Iron Works Furnace in Cartersville. Part two of the Great Locomotive Chase will continue October 28.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Upcoming Events

- Bulky Trash Amnesty Day: October 22
- Community Cleanups: November 4 & 19



Adopt-a-Mile: This past weekend, 18 Adopt-a-Mile groups and over 100 volunteers were out across Smyrna to clean up their miles and keep the city clean, green, and beautiful. The final number of volunteers and litter collected will be announced next week!

Adopt-a-Tree: Adopt-a-Tree kicked off with 14 trees matched with residents. Currently, our inventory of 81 available trees includes sycamores, American redbuds, oaks, and more. To adopt a tree, visit keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/adopt-a-tree and follow the link.

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day: Bulky Trash Amnesty Day will be this Saturday, October 22, from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM at Smyrna Public Works (2190 Atlanta Road). This event is open to Smyrna residents.

Annual Jonquil Bulb Sale: Jonquil bulbs are still on sale (\$20 for a bag of 40) at the Smyrna Recycling Center through October 28. After that, they'll be on sale at the Keep Smyrna Beautiful booth at Crafts & Drafts on October 29- 30.



PUBLIC WORKS



Water Main and Service Repairs: Staff has had a busy week repairing water mains and water services due to the weather change. Pictured left is staff member Joseph Humphreys repairing a water main break on Powder Springs Street.

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

- Completed landscaping associated with the Austin Lake drainage project
- Continued work on Dixie Avenue sidewalk project
- Continued work on monthly right of way mowing list

Emergency Water Service Repair: Durrell Ross and fellow staff members (pictured right) made emergency repairs on a service line that broke and caused a customer to have no water on Roswell Street last Friday.

Leak Detection: As part of the yearly water loss prevention project, water distribution is currently conducting leak detection in Ward 4. Staff will be in this area for the next two weeks ensuring there are no hidden water leaks. Without proper leak detection, millions of gallons could be lost due to small leaks that are not visible on aging systems.

Preparing for Paving: Ardito Construction started lowering manholes and valves on Vineyard Way, Bordeau Walk, and Woodale Drive for paving to begin on October 24.



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 55% 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 93% complete.

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 15% 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 this month.
- Stone Creek Drive Water Main Installation: Landscaping and roadway repairs will be scheduled. This project is 99% complete.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Visitors:

Library: 2,487
 Museum: 14

Professional Development: Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Power (left), and Circulation Services Manager Susan Baker (center), attended the Georgia Library Association annual conference in Macon from October 12-14. They are pictured here at the Peach Books program with Kayla Bolton (right), one of the presenters.



Hispanic Heritage Month: Smyrna Library wrapped up Hispanic Heritage Month with an adult art workshop sponsored by the Friends of Smyrna Library. Participants painted designs inspired by traditional Mexican Otemi embroidery. The month of festivities included a Sugar Skull Cookie Party for families, two adult art workshops, a tween art workshop, a "Day of the Dead" I-spy challenge, and lots of book displays. We had a blast!

What I Love About Smyrna: A recent visitor to the museum was a young history enthusiast named Landon. When asked what Landon and his mom love most about Smyrna, they answered, "the library and history."

Cemetery Workshop: Smyrna Museum will be closed on Saturday morning, October 22, from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM for a Cemetery Workshop at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. If you would like to take part in the workshop, email jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov.



HUMAN RESOURCES



UKG Ready

UKG Ready: UKG Ready went live on October 3! The October 19th payroll reflects time captured from the new system. Please contact Gwen Spruiell at 678-631-5322 with any questions. Learning aids for employees and managers can be found on COS411 @ Documents>Human Resources & Risk Mgmt>UKG Ready Timekeeping. Thanks to everyone for assisting with the transition!



Benefits Fair: The 2022 Benefits Fair was held on Monday, October 17! The drawing for prizes will be held on Friday, October 21. Thank you to the following employee benefits providers and the local businesses for sponsoring this event: Anthem, Guardian, Oakbridge, CHP, AFLAC, One Digital/Empower, Colonial, Smyrna Library, Delta Community Credit Union, AAA, Gas South, LGE, Liberty Mutual, Smyrna Eye Group, PNC Bank, Quality Diversified Services, UGA Extension, Fullscope Sports, 5/3 Bank, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Bad Daddy's Burger Bar, Ben's Crab Seafood & Bar, Good Kitchen, US Café, Naija Cuisine, Smyrna Stout Brothers, Los Bravos, and Carter's Pharmacy (Flu Shots).

Welcome to Smyrna!



Douglas Murry
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 10/17



Xavier Carter
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 10/17



Orlando Hester
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 10/17

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Building Remodel / Residential (15)

- (3) Additions
- (3) Re-roof
- (5) Interior Renovation
- (1) Pool
- (2) Other

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$404,916.00

Building New / Residential (8)

- 2901, 2905, 2909, 3029, 3033, 3037, 3041, 3042 Ferrington Way SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,503,664.00

Building Remodel / Commercial (5)

- (1) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
-300 Technology Ct SE Unit STE 600
- (1) Land Disturbance
-4500 Highlands Pkwy SE
- (1)Wall Permit
-578 Windy Hill Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$443,400.00

- HVAC (8)**
- Plumbing (3)**
- Signs (7)**
- Electrical (2)**

Weekly Inspections:

149 Inspections
71 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,351,980.00

New Businesses

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Janitorial Services
Home Business
Ward 1

LES AMOUREUX BRIDAL AND FORMAL LLC

Bridal & Formal Wear
3209 South Cobb Drive, STE G-1
Ward 3

Service Nerd, LLC

Other Management
Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 5

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