



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - HR Training Room

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 23
Citations: 186
Warnings: 70
Calls for Service: 663

Promotions at Smyrna Police Department:

Effective on October 31, Hannah Houze is promoted to Sergeant. Please take the time to congratulate Sergeant Houze!



North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy Graduation:

Congratulations to Alan Gladney (left) and Matthew Hoover (right) for graduating from the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy on October 21!

Welcome to Smyrna: The Smyrna Police Department recently added three new employees to the team: Josiah Davis-Jail Division (left), Orlando Hester-Patrol (middle), and Douglas Murray-Patrol (right). Welcome to Smyrna!



COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/18

Cases: 121
Failures to Appear: 18
Resets: 25
Pre-trials Conducted: 24
DUIs Completed: 5

Court on 10/20

Cases: 97
Failures to Appear: 33
Resets: 36
Pre-trials Conducted: 21
DUIs Completed: 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 99
 Other: 78
 Total: 178

Cobb EMC First Responders Appreciation Lunch: Cobb EMC recently held its annual First Responders Appreciation Lunch. In attendance from Smyrna Fire Department was Deputy Chief Mohrmann, Lieutenant O'Bryan, and Training Chief Bates.

2022 Smyrna Fire Awards: This year, we recognized several members for their outstanding service and leadership. We thank Denise Czarnik for her support and the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation for their partnership. Congratulations to the recipients of the following awards:

Firefighter of the Year: Engineer Justin Tucker (top left)

Rookie of the Year: Firefighter Alex Grosso (top middle)

Chief's Award: Firefighter/Support Services Coordinator James Pace (top right)

Commitment to Excellence Award: Lieutenant Arcelio Davis (bottom left)

Impact Award: Engine 2 and Rescue 1 C-Shift (represented by Firefighter Travis Rockwell, Firefighter Sam Counts, Lieutenant Tim Dobeck, Lieutenant Robert Faillo, Engineer Bryan Labar, and Battalion Chief Kenneth Durden) (bottom right)

Knockdown Award: Engine 3 A-Shift (represented by Captain Jason Evangelista) (bottom middle)



PARKS AND RECREATION

Smyrna Spook Fest: It's almost spooky time! 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.



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!



'Que & Brew: The 2nd annual 'Que & Brew festival was held on October 22 at Taylor Brawner Park featuring live music, delicious BBQ, and many types of beverages. Approximately 200 people joined the festivities throughout the day.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Adult League Champions: Adult Leagues hosted championship games throughout the week. On October 24, the Rebels won the 2022 Monday Night Co-ed Softball Championship. Congratulations!

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Visitors:

Library: 2,869

Museum: 8

Friends are Magic: In celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week, the Friends of Smyrna Library sponsored a visit from Magician Ken Scott. Mr. Scott performed to a maximum capacity crowd in the library meeting room on Monday, October 17. A big round of applause goes to the Friends for making the magic happen!

Staff Outreach: Smyrna Library sponsored a booth at the Staff Benefits Fair on October 17. Mary Moore and Library Aide Jennifer Moore spoke with over 70 employees about the benefits of using the library. Staff learned about eBooks, eAudiobooks, LinkedIn Learning, and more. Many employees took the opportunity to get their cards renewed.



Cleaning Workshop: The Museum welcomed 10 volunteers who took a spooky mini tour of Smyrna Memorial Cemetery and helped clean 25 stones on Saturday morning.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Upcoming Events:

- America Recycles Day: November 15
- Smyrna Wonderous Winter Cleanup: December 17

Recycling Center Tour: Last Friday, the Smyrna Recycling Center had two visitors for our monthly tour. These tours take place every third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. To sign up for the next tour on November 18, click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054faaaa2fa6fa7-city>



Bulky Trash Amnesty Day: On Saturday, 349 cars came to drop off large trash items at the annual Bulky Trash Amnesty Day. Coordinated by Keep Smyrna Beautiful and Smyrna Public Works, this event provides a much appreciated service to Smyrna residents and helps prevent illegal dumping. This was the most well attended bulky trash event to date with over 100 more cars than in 2021! Feedback from residents include: "really organized and quick", "convenient way to dispose of old, large items," and "staff were so friendly and helpful!" Thank you to the team at Public Works who made this event possible!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CRAFTS AND DRAFTS KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL

October 29th and 30th



Help us cover the Jonquil City with jonquils!
\$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs



Get your very own Keep Smyrna Beautiful T-shirt!
T-shirts for \$5

Crafts and Drafts: Keep Smyrna Beautiful will be at Crafts and Drafts this weekend selling jonquil bulbs (\$20 for 40 bulbs) and vintage Keep Smyrna Beautiful t-shirts (\$5). We'll also have opportunities to test your environmental knowledge and win prizes!

Life Achievement Proclamation: Keep Smyrna Beautiful board member and Ward 5 appointee Maggie McGarity received a Life Achievement Proclamation Tuesday night at the Cobb Board of Commissioners meeting! This was awarded by the Senior Citizen Council of Cobb County and celebrates extraordinary senior citizens who give their time, energy, and talents to serve others and their community. Maggie has served as a Keep Smyrna Beautiful board member since 2016 and has served as treasurer since 2018. Keep Smyrna Beautiful is proud to have her as a board member. Pictured right is Maggie McGarity and Councilmember Susan Wilkinson. Congratulations, Maggie!



PUBLIC WORKS



Water Main and Service Repairs: Staff had a busy week repairing water mains and services due to the weather changes. Staff responded to two main breaks on Reed Road and Argo Drive within the same hour on October 25. With most of staff in training this week, crews have been working nonstop to keep up. Thank you to Guy Kirkwood, Joseph Humphry, Ralph Gordon, Darrell Ross, Hector Gomez, and Morris Simms for going the extra mile to ensure the citizens of Smyrna have water.

Leak Detection: As part of the yearly water loss prevention project, water distribution conducted leak detection in Ward 4. Staff found three water main and service line leaks. The leaks have been called in for locates to begin the 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 to help staff locate valves when overnight emergencies arise. This project is 60% 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 94% 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. The following projects are currently active in 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.

Road Resurfacing: Ardito Construction started lowering manholes and valves on Vineyard Way, Bordeau Walk, and Woodale Drive for a resurfacing project. Staff has been installing sand in valve boxes for paving crews to mill through and they will be graded after new asphalt has been applied. Eighteen roads will be paved as part of this project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Building Remodel / Residential (12)

- (2) Additions
- (6) Re-roof
- (2) Interior Renovation
- (2) Accessory Structure

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,177,366.00

- HVAC (5)**
- Plumbing (3)**
- Signs (1)**
- Tree (3)**
- Electrical (3)**

Building Remodel / Commercial (7)

- (2) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
 - 2771 Cumberland Blvd SE
 - 3300 Highlands Pkwy SE Unit 200
- (1) Land Disturbance
 - 1587 Roswell St SE
- (1) Retaining/Detention Wall
 - 1953 Watkins Rd SE
- (1) Re-Roof
 - 239 Spring Rd SE
- (1) Other
 - 3218 S Cobb Dr SE
- (1) Modular Construction
 - 1885 Mitchell Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$806,730.42

Weekly Inspections:

147 Inspections
69 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,984,096.42

New Businesses

YOU'RE A GREAT AMERICAN TOO!

All Other Miscellaneous Retailers
Home Business
Ward 5

Express Drywall LLC

Drywall and Insulation Contractors
5529 Oakdale Road
Ward 7

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