



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, November 7, 2022

Pre-Council Meeting
6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - Admin Conference Room

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mayor and Council Meeting
7:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Community Center - Jonquil Room

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

License and Variance Board Meeting
10:00 AM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - Council Chambers

ADMINISTRATION

Smyrna Youth Council: The Smyrna Youth Council met with Landon O'Neal on Wednesday night for a presentation on the Finance Department. Landon planned an interactive activity and contest with the students on the city's budget. The winner of the contest received an Amazon gift card! Thank you Landon for a fun night!



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 29
Citations: 179
Warnings: 65
Calls for Service: 680



Community Service Award: Congratulations to Lieutenant Defense for receiving the Community Service Award at the NAACP 41st Oscar R. Freeman Freedom Fund Awards Gala on October 29. Lieutenant Defense was nominated for this award by Mayor Derek Norton and Councilmember Latonia Hines for his outstanding work as the Smyrna Police Department's Community Relations Unit Officer and Public Information Officer. Congratulations Lieutenant Defense!



Welcome to Smyrna!

Welcome to Smyrna: Welcome to the team Officer Xavier Carter. Smyrna is excited to have you!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smyrna Fire Drone Program: The Smyrna Fire Department hosted a two-day basic Drone Pilot Course delivered by Skyfire Consulting. This public safety-focused class covered hands-on drone operations, pilot fundamentals, FAA airspace recognition, and more. It was a big step in leveraging the latest technology to assist in keeping Smyrna’s citizens and visitors safe!



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
Medical: 89
Other: 63
Total: 153



COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/25

Cases: 75
Failures to Appear: 12
Resets: 19
Pre-trials Conducted: 13
DUIs Completed: 3

HUMAN RESOURCES



Jaasiel Martinez
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 10/31

Welcome to Smyrna!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Upcoming Events:

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

Crafts & Drafts: Keep Smyrna Beautiful had a fantastic time last weekend at Crafts & Drafts selling jonquil bulbs and t-shirts, sharing information, collecting recycling, and testing the knowledge of festival goers! In all, 16 volunteers engaged with 427 visitors and collected 54 pounds of recycling from the festival.

Smyrna Recycling Center: The recycling center processed over 106,000 pounds of recyclables in the month of October. So far in 2022, the center has processed over 1 million pounds of recyclable material!

America Recycles Day: On November 15, Keep Smyrna Beautiful will celebrate America Recycles Day with a recycling lunch and learn, a tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center, and a to-go craft for kids. Join in the fun! Learn more and register for the events at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/america-recycles-day/>

Annual Jonquil Bulb Sale: Because Sunday was a little soggy, Keep Smyrna Beautiful didn't see their usual jonquil bulb sales at Crafts & Drafts, so jonquil bulbs are still in stock! You can purchase them at the Smyrna Recycling Center while supplies last. Bulbs are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs.

Adopt-a-Tree: Adopt-a-Tree continues with available trees including sycamores, American redbuds, oaks, and more! To adopt a tree, visit <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/adopt-a-tree/>



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JONQUIL BULB SALE

KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL
 \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs
 Sale begins late September
 Details at keepsmyrnabeautiful.org/jonquil-bulbs

AMERICA RECYLES DAY

LUNCH & LEARN
 RECYCLING
 CENTER TOURS
 PRIZES & MORE
 TO-GO CRAFT KIT

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Smyrna Spook Fest: Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge had a hex of a fun time handing out candy to trick-or-treaters at the Smyrna Spook Fest on Friday, October 28.



Celebrating Diwali: Youth Services held a drop-in program for families with young children to learn about the Indian festival of Diwali on Monday, October 24. Families made a festival lantern, sand art, a tissue paper chrysanthemum, and received henna hand designs.



Water Conservation: The Adult Services team hosted a Rain Barrel Workshop again this year due to the long wait list for the spring workshop. Cobb Watershed graciously agreed to return to teach a second workshop and provide the recycled barrels. Smyrna Library provided the hardware to complete the project. Eleven adults attended the workshop on Tuesday, October 25.

Native American Heritage Craft Pop-Up: Join the Smyrna Museum on November 12 for a craft pop-up in honor of Native American Heritage Month!

Smyrna Museum
Native American Heritage Craft Pop-Up

Saturday, November 12

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, kids will learn about the Creek and Cherokee cultures and make a free craft.

Kids can make a Cherokee gorget or a Muscogee Creek shell ornament while they learn about the history of the Muscogee Creek and Cherokee in the north Georgia area.
Ages 3+



Sesquicentennial Scrapbook: Marietta Daily Journal (MDJ) reporter Jacob Busch visited Smyrna Library on Monday, October 24 to interview Mary Moore and Jennifer Bennett about the recently published coffee table book celebrating Smyrna's sesquicentennial year. Mary Moore is pictured here pointing out some of the beautiful photography in the book, such as the photo of Fox Creek by Richard Garland. The article appeared in the October 29-30, 2022 print edition of the MDJ.

Visitors:
Library: 2,321
Museum: 8

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 a water main break on Brentwood Drive and Lake Drive on Saturday, October 29. Thank you to Guy Kirkwood, Hector Gomez, Terrance Alford, and Mike Atkinson for going the extra mile to ensure Smyrna residents have water.



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 project is being extended to Ward 5. Wards 1 and 2 have been completed. The project is 94% 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 60% complete.

Road Resurfacing: Ardito Construction started lowering manholes and valves on Vineyard Way, Bordeaux Walk, and Woodale Drive for a resurfacing project. Staff is 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.

Veterans Day Trash Pick Up: City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of Veterans Day. Thursday sanitation pickup will occur on Wednesday, and Friday pickup will occur on Thursday. Monday and Tuesday schedules remain the same. There will be no yard debris or large item pick up that week due to the holiday.



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 17% 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 soon.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Halloween at the Wolfe Center:

On October 31, Wolfe Center staff hosted a chili luncheon for members. Staff made various kinds of chili including all bean chili, white chicken chili, and meat chili along with cornbread, and desserts. To celebrate Halloween, Wolfe Center members were encouraged to wear costumes.



Active Adult Update: For the month of October, the Wolfe Center saw more than 400 member visits and over 525 therapy pool member visits. Seniors enjoyed trips to the North Georgia apple houses and Harrah's Casino. Some members also started a three-part trip: The Great Locomotive Chase. During the first trip, members visited sites in Marietta, Kennesaw, Acworth and Cartersville. They continued north during part 2 of this trip and visited sites in Kingston, Adairsville, Calhoun and Resaca. When not on one of the fabulous trips, Wolfe Center members enjoyed playing Mah Jongg, Hand & Foot, Canasta, Mexican Train Dominoes and Rummikub. They also participated in 27 exercise classes per week in the month of October.

Smyrna Spook Fest: Smyrna Spook Fest was a huge success serving more than 400 families in the community on Friday, October 28. There were haunted scenes, an enchanted trail, a DJ, bubbles, an outdoor movie, and plenty of sweets! Participants are looking forward to next year's annual event. Thank you to all who volunteered their time helping Parks and Recreation host such an exciting event.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Parks Maintenance: Parks maintenance staff is working on over-seeding baseball fields and multipurpose fields with Perennial Ryegrass. This will give the fields a vibrant green look throughout the winter. Pictured is Caleb on the tractor (left) spreading seed at Chuck Camp Park and Marlon on a ride-on spreader (right) at Lattanzi Field.

North Pole Ornament Decorating Workshop: The holidays are coming! Join Parks and Recreation on Friday, December 9 for the North Pole Ornament Decorating Workshop at the Smyrna Community Center! Each participant will receive an ornament to decorate and bring home for their own tree. Space in limited. Register now at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>. Registration is \$10 per person.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

158 Inspections
26 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$7,827,942.00

Building Remodel / Residential (4)

- (2) Additions
- (1) Re-roof
- (1) Accessory Structure

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$94,272.00

Building New/ Commercial (1)

- (1) New Construction
– 2400 Lake Park Dr SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$7,733,670.00

HVAC (8) Plumbing (3) Electrical (1)

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