



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, November 21, 2022**

Budget Committee Meeting  
4:00 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Admin Conference Room

**Monday, November 21, 2022**

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

**Monday, November 21, 2022**

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



# ADMINISTRATION

**Holiday Closure Notice:** City of Smyrna administrative offices and services will be closed on Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, November 25 (Day after Thanksgiving). Public Safety remains operational. The curbside sanitation schedule has adjusted.



**Smyrna Youth Council:** On Wednesday, November 16, the Smyrna Youth Council met with Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge for a tour of the Smyrna Museum. They learned about the history of Smyrna, participated in an activity, and had the opportunity to ask Jennie any questions they had about Smyrna's history. Thank you Jennie for having us!



# ADMINISTRATION

**Smyrna Youth Council  
CLOTHING DRIVE**

**November 29**  
**5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

During the Coming Home for the Holidays event.

Join us at City Hall for our holiday clothing drive!  
All donations will go to 7 Bridges to Recovery.  
Visit [7bridgestorecovery.org](http://7bridgestorecovery.org) to learn more about what this organization does for our community.

**Holiday Clothing Drive:** Planning on attending the Coming Home for the Holidays event? Stop by the Smyrna Youth Council's booth and bring your clothing donations! The Youth Council will be hosting a clothing drive in the Market Village from 5:00-9:00 PM. They will be collecting new and gently used clothing and shoes. All clothing item donations should be folded and clean. Items collected at the drive will be donated to 7 Bridges to Recovery.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Weekly Police Totals**

Arrests: 29  
Citations: 179  
Warnings: 74  
Calls for Service: 640

# HUMAN RESOURCES

**Lacey Fournier**  
City Arborist  
Community Development  
Hired: 11/14

*Welcome to Smyrna!*



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Weekly Incident Totals**

- Fire: 1
- Medical: 108
- Other: 43
- Total: 152

**Toys for Tots:** Smyrna Fire Department Station 1 will be collecting items for this year's Toys for Tots, a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.

**Irreverent Warriors Hike for Veterans:**

On November 12, Smyrna Fire Department Station 3 was one of the host sites for the Irreverent Warriors for their "Hike for Veterans." The mission of the Irreverent Warriors is "to bring veterans together using humor and camaraderie to improve mental health and prevent veteran suicide. Smyrna Fire Department was very honored to be a part of this special event.



**Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy:** On November 15, Smyrna Fire Department partnered with Chick-fil-A and participated in a video showcasing how the fire service demonstrates teamwork and cultivates these teams for success. The video will serve two purposes: one is for Chick-fil-A's Leader Academy, and the other is for Smyrna Fire Department's recruitment.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Storm Drain Marking:** Last Wednesday, three Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers marked 45 storm drains near and around Campbell High School. Storm drain markers help protect local wildlife by letting folks know that whatever is dumped in storm drains goes directly to local creeks.



**America Recycles Day:** America Recycles Day was November 15. Keep Smyrna Beautiful celebrated with a Recycling 101 lunch & learn, a "guess the bale weight" game with prizes, an afternoon tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center, and to-go craft kits for kids featuring adorable upcycled water bottle penguins.

**Annual Jonquil Bulb Sale:** Jonquil bulbs are still in stock! They can be purchased at the Smyrna Recycling Center while supplies last. They are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs.

**Adopt-a-Tree:** Trees rescued from properties slated for development are available through Adopt-a-Tree! To learn more or sign up to adopt a tree, visit <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/adopt-a-tree/> and fill out the request form.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**New Wonderbooks Collection:** In November, Smyrna Library added a new collection of special materials for beginning readers called "Wonderbooks." These books are similar to book/audio CD kits we currently offer, but fewer families have access to CD players than in the past. Wonderbooks have a playable audio copy of the story attached to the book, so no special equipment is needed to listen and read. This special collection was funded through a combination of donations from the Friends of Smyrna Library, a donation from Judge Cindy Morris in memory of her mother and former Library Director Doris Morris, and a small donation from the Modern Woodmen of America. The library has 54 picture books in this new collection and plans to expand it in 2023.

**Thanksgiving Hours:** Smyrna Library will close early at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23, and will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Normal hours resume on Saturday, November 26.

## Visitors:

Library: 2,350

Museum: 27





# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**Native American Heritage Pop-Up Craft:** Twelve people attended the Native American Heritage Pop-Up Craft Event at Smyrna Museum on Saturday, November 12. Kids made Cherokee gorgets out of scratch paper and painted shell necklaces to learn about the Muscogee Creek culture.

**Winter Holidays Pop-Up Craft:** The museum's next Pop-Up Craft Event will be focused on winter holidays from around the world and will take place on Saturday, December 17.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

The sanitation schedule for the week of November 21 is as follows:

- Monday and Tuesday routes remain unchanged
- Thursday and Friday routes will be picked up on Wednesday

There will be no yard waste or large item pickup due to the holidays.



**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 locations are in progress:

- Highlands Water Main Replacement (Dundee Drive now complete)
- Argo Road Water Main Replacement

**Sewer Service Tap Replacement:** Staff replaced a sewer service tap on Queens Gate Drive due to roots growing into the pipe.

**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.



# PUBLIC WORKS

**Meter Dial Change Out:** The Utility Service Department has been changing out meter dials around the city to ensure accurate meter readings and water billing.

**Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Inspection:** The Water/Sewer Department is currently grading sewer infrastructure with closed-circuit TV equipment. This technology allows staff to view lines in real-time and determine pipe conditions. Staff is currently marking the direction of flow around manholes.



**Congratulations:** We would like to congratulate John Bramlett (left) and Jason Winters (right) for completing the Management Development Program hosted by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. This is a year-long class that helps supervisors learn how to interact and grow with their staff.



**Confined Space Class:** Water and Sewer staff attended a confined space class. Some employees attended the class for the first time, and other employees attended to get re-certified. This certification allows employees to gain the knowledge to perform work in a confined space when needed.

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

- Repairing the sidewalk on Atlanta Road in front of Montclair Subdivision
- Removing driveway aprons on Fleming Street and replacing them with curbs and sidewalk
- Repairing asphalt on Spring Street, Eastfield Road, Pierce Avenue, Powder Springs Street, and Brentwood Drive
- Trimming bushes and limbs to fix the line of sight issues at Fire Station 5
- Reviewing and cutting (as needed) on the monthly right-of-way mowing list



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Georgia Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference:

Parks and Recreation staff members attended the Georgia Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference in Jekyll Island the week of November 7–10. It was a fantastic few days to join other professionals around the state to share great ideas and learn from each other.

The most exciting moment of the week was celebrating our Programs Division winning the Recreation Programming Network Outstanding Special Event Award, for the Mother/Son Nerf Wars event that took place in early 2022. This state award was presented to Recreation Coordinator Ashley Putnam on behalf of the Programs Division.



**College Football Saturday:** The first College Football Saturday of 2022 saw a great turnout of both Georgia and Tennessee fans! During half time, Parks and Recreation held a raffle giving out Community Center gym memberships, Tolleson Pool memberships, and vouchers to Stars and Strikes as prizes. Our very own Mayor Norton won a Stars and Strikes voucher. Be part of the excitement for the next College Football Saturday on December 3 when Georgia and LSU play in the SEC Championship.

**Chess Classes:** Smyrna Parks and Recreation and Burdnest Inc. will be hosting beginner chess classes for children ages 8-13 years old starting in January 2023. Classes will consist of (4) six-week sessions covering the basics of chess and how to incorporate lessons learned through chess into the children's everyday lives. Participants will receive their own chess board and compete in a tournament in the spring. The cost is \$95 per student, per session. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Smyrna Handmade Holiday Market:** Join Parks and Recreation along with 66 amazing holiday vendors for Smyrna Handmade Holiday Market. The festivities will take place at Brawner Hall and Reed House on Friday, December 2 from 6:00–9:00 PM, Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, and Sunday, December 4 from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM. Don't miss the chance to find special handmade treasures for gift-giving or to brighten your own home for the holidays.



**Ornament Decorating Workshop:** Join Parks and Recreation 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 tree. Space is limited! Register now at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>. The cost is \$10 per person.

# ENGINEERING

**Traffic Signal Flashing Yellow Arrow Updates:** The traffic signal at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Cooper Lake Road was updated on November 9. The update included flashing yellow arrows for the left turn on all approaches and relocation of the traffic signal cabinet. This was the last signal to be upgraded as part of the Georgia Department of Transportation/Regional Traffic Operations Professionals project along SR 280. Previous intersections completed include SR 280 and King Springs Road, SR 280 and Church Road, SR 280 and The Crossings/Concord Village, and South Cobb Drive and Concord Road. BB&H was the contractor for this project.



**School Zone Flashing Beacon Relocation:** One of the school zone speed limit signs for Argyle Elementary was relocated approximately 230 feet south on Campbell Road. This school limit sign was relocated to construct a right turn/deceleration lane for the development at Spring Road and Campbell Road.

**Infrastructure Repairs:** The red flashing beacon was repaired for the southbound approach at the intersection of Campbell Road and Nancy Circle. The flashing beacon is placed above the stop sign to alert drivers of the all-way stop at this intersection. New cameras were installed for all approaches at the intersection of Atlanta Road and Windy Hill Road to improve video detection.

**Speed Study Requests:** Radar signs have been deployed to collect traffic speed and volume data for speed study requests on Old Concord Road (near Glendale Place/Smyrna Grove entrance), Lynhurst Road, and the Vinings Estates Subdivision (data is being collected on Vinings Estates Drive and Whitehaven Park Lane).

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## Weekly Inspections:

332 Inspections  
55 Sites

## Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,669,949.55

### Building New / Residential (6)

(6) New Construction  
– 6025, 6029, 6033, 6037,  
6041, 6045 Liatris St SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$1,080,000.00

### Building Remodel/ Commercial (1)

(1) Re-Roof  
–3995 S Cobb Dr SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$35,674.55

### Building Remodel / Residential (4)

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

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$104, 275.00

### Building New/ Commercial (1)

(2) New Construction  
–1625 Roswell St SE Units 100 and 200

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$450,000.00

**HVAC (3) Plumbing (6) Electrical (1) Tree (5) Signs (3)**

## New Businesses

### **iRepairIT WGPIII LLC**

Electronic and Precision Equipment  
Repair and Maintenance  
2517 Spring Road SE, STE 102  
Ward 1

### **Santee Capital, LLC**

Real Estate Credit  
Home Business  
Ward 1

### **Advanced Power Solutions, LLC**

Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring  
Installation Contractors  
Home Business  
Ward 3

### **Aggregate Singularity, Inc.**

Computer Systems Design Services  
Home Business  
Ward 7

### **Regulated Capital Consultants, LLC**

Other Management Consulting  
Services  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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