



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Monday, December 5, 2022**

Pre-Council Meeting  
6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Admin Conference Room

### **Monday, December 5, 2022**

Mayor and Council Meeting  
7:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Council Chambers

# ADMINISTRATION

**Holiday Clothing Drive:** The Smyrna Youth Council held their first-ever clothing drive at the Coming Home for the Holidays event in downtown Smyrna on Tuesday. Three carloads of clothing items were donated to 7 Bridges to Recovery. Thank you to everyone who came out and donated!



# FINANCE

**Certificate of Achievement:** The Finance Department was notified that their annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, met the requirements to be awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Congratulations Finance!



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 23  
 Citations: 126  
 Warnings: 56  
 Calls for Service: 586

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1  
 Medical: 167  
 Other: 87  
 Total: 255



**Christmas Cheer Photo Opportunity:** Stop by Station 13 to take a selfie with Santa's sleigh! See the Smyrna Fire Department's [Facebook page](#) for information about their Christmas selfie competition.



## Cobb Young Professionals Leadership Luncheon:

On November 15, Chief Brian Marcos presented at the Cobb Chamber's Young Professionals Leadership Luncheon. Chief Marcos' topic focused on "How to Lead When You're NOT in Charge." The luncheon was sponsored by the Cobb Chamber, Croy Engineering, and the Rotary Club of Marietta.

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Michelle Willis**  
 Police Officer  
 Police Department  
 Hired: 11/21



**Gerard Benton**  
 Police Officer  
 Police Department  
 Hired: 11/28



**Anthony Jones**  
 Sanitation Worker  
 Public Works  
 Hired: 11/28

*Welcome to Smyrna!*

# COURT SERVICES



**Court on 11/15:**

Cases: 72  
 Failures to Appear: 10  
 Resets: 34  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 16  
 DUIs Completed: 3

**Court on 11/17:**

Cases: 75  
 Failures to Appear: 13  
 Resets: 29  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 20  
 DUIs Completed: 2

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Visitors:**

Library: 3,833  
 Museum: 20

**Kids Pop-Up Craft Event at Smyrna Museum:** The Smyrna Museum will be hosting a holiday craft pop-up on Saturday, December 17. Kids will have their choice of making a craft related to holidays around the world such as Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice, and others. This event is suitable for ages three and up. Call 678-631-5424 for more information.

**Kids Pop-Up Craft Event at Smyrna Museum**

**Saturday, Dec. 17  
 10 AM - 4 PM**

This event will introduce kids to the various holidays from many cultures that are celebrated in winter. Kids will have their choice of making a craft related to holidays from around the world like Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice, and others. Ages 3+

Call 678-631-5424 for more info

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Crafty Tweens:** The Smyrna Library tweens put all their creativity into a Stuffed Animal Taxidermy event on Wednesday, November 16. They gave stuffed animals makeovers and made modifications to parts of their bodies to create new animals, like a DragonSnake and a KangaBug.

**Holiday Thanks:** The library recently received a heartfelt note from a regular patron. She wrote, "While there are many things to be grateful for today, I am particularly grateful for you! Thank you for making this library environment so welcoming and comfortable. In 2020, I spent many hours studying for my CPA exams in this library, and as I drove by the other day, it just hit me how much of a blessing it was to have a local library staff who are so kind. So, thank you! Keep shining that light!"



**Pre-K Library Tour:** On Friday, November 18, twenty-one Pre-K students from "Beyond the Book" visited Smyrna Library. They listened to a story and were taken on a tour of the Youth Services department before settling in to read some books.

## **Donation to Genealogy Collection:**

The Fielding Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution visited Smyrna Library on November 21 to donate new books to the library's genealogy collection. The books provide information to patrons researching Revolutionary War veteran ancestors and Native American ancestors.



# PUBLIC WORKS

**Water Main Breaks:** Water and Sewer Department crews resolved multiple water main breaks last week on Winding Valley Drive, Alpine Drive, and Wisteria Drive.

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



**Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Inspection:** The Water and 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.

**Water Main Backups:** Over Thanksgiving break, sewer crews resolved two sewer main backups on Roswell Street and Tecumseh Trail. Pictured right are before and after pictures of one of the backups.



**Water Main and Service Replacement:** The Water and 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 (This section of the project recently passed the water test and new services are currently being tied in.)

## PUBLIC WORKS

**Water Valve Maintenance:** Crews are performing valve maintenance in Ward 4 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.

**Monthly Readings for Billing:** The Utility Services Department started monthly meter readings for billing on November 28. Readings will take roughly three days to complete. Meter readings allow for edits to be made before the billing process begins.



## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### SMYRNA WONDROUS WINTER CLEANUP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022



**Wondrous Winter Cleanup:** Celebrate your Smyrna community this winter by giving back at Keep Smyrna Beautiful's Wondrous Winter Cleanup! On Saturday, December 17, join your neighbors and friends to gift Smyrna with clean streets and good cheer. Learn more and sign up to volunteer: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/community-cleanups/>

**Community Cleanup:** On Saturday, November 19, Smyrna Is Fabulous joined Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers and picked up 158 pounds of litter on East-West Connector. Out of the litter collected, almost 20 pounds was recycled!



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Bring One for the Chipper:** Save the Date! On January 7, 2023, Keep Smyrna Beautiful is offering Bring One for the Chipper, in partnership with the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, to help Georgians recycle their Christmas trees. Rather than ending up in a landfill, the thousands of trees taken at this event are chipped by Davey Tree Company, who makes the mulch from the trees available to businesses, schools, and residents free of charge.

- Date: January 7, 2023
- Location: The Home Depot, 2450 Cumberland Pkwy SE, Atlanta, GA 30339
- Time: 9 AM-3 PM
- More information: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/bring-one-for-the-chipper/>
- Those that would like their tree picked up can contact Campbell High School Baseball as part of their annual fundraiser: <https://bit.ly/CHSTreePickup>



**Outreach/Education:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful presented to 12 members of the Rotary Club about their work and recycling in Smyrna during their meeting on Tuesday. Also on Tuesday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful led an educational activity on litter and recycling for nine children at Our Giving Garden.



**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.

**Annual Jonquil Bulb Sale:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful still has jonquil bulbs in stock! They are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs and can be purchased at the Smyrna Recycling Center during regular business hours while supplies last or at the Smyrna Holiday Market on Friday, December 2.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Smyrna Handmade Holiday Market:** It's almost time! Join Parks and Recreation along with 66 amazing holiday vendors for the Smyrna Handmade Holiday Market this weekend. 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.



**College Football Saturday:** Join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, December 3, in the Smyrna Market Village for College Football Saturday. The fun begins at 3:00 PM and admission is free. Bring a chair or blanket and cheer on your favorite team.

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

**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>.

**Event Space:** Parks and Recreation facilities are beautiful spaces for all of your event needs. If you're looking for a location to host upcoming holiday gatherings, reach out to one of our Event Coordinators to schedule available times. Hoping to reserve one of the historical sites like Brawner Hall or Reed House? Contact Theresa at (678) 631-5545 or [tgalletta@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:tgalletta@smyrnaga.gov). If you're interested in the Community Center, Lee can be reached at (678) 631-5394 or [lsanders@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:lsanders@smyrnaga.gov). Call today to guarantee your desired space!



**Bright Nights:** We have elves working around the clock on project Bright Nights, a community celebration! Bright Nights is an interactive map that will highlight homes that have light displays around the city. Do you and your family have a light display you would like to share? We are looking for all levels of displays, from Charlie Brown to Clark Griswold, and we want to share them with everyone. Spread your cheer and join your community celebration by adding your home to the map now (<https://arcg.is/mSunu>), and help make this a Christmas full of Bright Nights! On December 5, we will provide the map of those addresses joining this community celebration. We'll continue to update the map through December 31.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## Weekly Inspections:

249 Inspections  
107 Sites

## Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,913,963.36

### Building Remodel/ Residential (9)

- (1) Accessory Structure
- (4) Re-roof
- (3) Interior Renovation
- (1) Pool

#### Estimated Cost of

**Construction:** \$268,063.36

### Building New/ Commercial (1)

- (1) New Construction  
- 1885 Mitchell Rd SE

#### Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$14,679,000.00

### Building New / Residential (6)

- (6) New Construction  
- 6001, 6005, 6009, 6013, 6017,  
6021 Liatris St SE

#### Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,080,000.00

### Building Remodel / Commercial (5)

- (1) Re-Roof  
-3330 S Cobb Dr
- (1) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish  
-3243 S Cobb Dr SE
- (1) Solar Panels/Generators  
-4330 King Springs Rd
- (1) Demolition  
-1501 Windy Hill Rd SE
- (1) Retaining Wall  
-2400 Lake Park Dr

#### Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$98,000.00

#### HVAC (12)

#### Plumbing (4)

#### Electrical (6)

#### Tree (3)

#### Signs (2)

## New Businesses

### GKM Smyrna, LLC

Full-Service Restaurants  
300 Village Green Circle, STE 110  
Ward 3

### Lee's Real Estate

Residential Property Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 3

### MCR Health, Inc.

Offices of Physicians  
3065 S Cobb Drive, Unit A  
Ward 3

### Allokay Teez & Tings

All Other General Merchandise Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 7

### Yellow Box Life Sciences LLC

Research and Development in the Physical,  
Engineering, and Life Sciences (except  
Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)  
5700 Highlands Parkway, STE 100  
Ward 7

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