



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Monday, December 12, 2022**

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting  
6:00 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Council Chambers

### **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

License and Variance Board Meeting  
10:00 AM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Council Chambers

### **Thursday, December 15, 2022**

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
6:30 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
HR Training Room

# ADMINISTRATION

**Smyrna Youth Council:** On Wednesday evening, the Smyrna Youth Council met with Mayor Derek Norton. Mayor Norton talked to them about his position as Mayor and allowed the students to ask him questions about his role. Thank you Mayor Norton for stopping by!



# COURT SERVICES



### **Court on 11/29:**

Cases: 85  
 Failures to Appear: 12  
 Resets: 25  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 20  
 DUIs Completed: 3

### **Court on 12/01:**

Cases: 98  
 Failures to Appear: 15  
 Resets: 32  
 Pre-trials Conducted: 16  
 DUIs Completed: 3

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Spartan Award:** On December 20, 2021, Lieutenant Edward Cason suffered a cerebral accident, or as he calls it, a brain injury. Lieutenant Cason’s brain injury compromised his ability to work as he once knew it, and it also impacted the lifestyle he was accustomed to living. Not deterred or defeated, over the past year, Lieutenant Cason worked relentlessly to regain everything his brain injury had compromised. On October 12, 2022, less than 12 months after lieutenant Cason’s life-changing event, Lieutenant Cason returned to full and unrestricted duty. Lieutenant Cason’s commitment to return to duty could not have happened without the love and support of his family, friends, and his brother/sisterhood at Smyrna Police Department. Lieutenant Cason’s dedication and commitment to excellence are one of the core values of the spartan creed. The Spartan Award was given to Lieutenant Cason as a reminder of his perseverance, strength, and commitment to EXCELLENCE!



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 37  
 Citations: 164  
 Warnings: 49  
 Calls for Service: 692

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Smyrna Firefighter Honored in 2023 American Lung Association Firefighter Calendar:** Firefighter Matt Stewart will be featured in the 2023 Fight For Air Climb Firefighter Calendar. Michelle Howell, executive director of the American Lung Association in Georgia, explained, "Stewart is not only out there saving lives every day, but he also trains and fundraises for events like the Fight For Air Climb in his free time." Firefighter Stewart has already raised \$2,300 for the next climb scheduled for April 2023.



## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 3  
 Medical: 105  
 Other: 42  
 Total: 150

**Smyrna Fire Department's New Badge:** The Smyrna Fire Department is introducing a new badge to be distributed by February 2023. The unique design is one of a kind and includes details specific to the City of Smyrna.

# PUBLIC WORKS



**Staff Spotlight:** Thank you to the Water and Sewer Department for a great year in 2022. The department is looking forward to bigger and better things in the upcoming year. Thank you for all of your hard work!

# PUBLIC WORKS

**Fire Hydrant Training:** The Water and Sewer Department attended a fire hydrant flow training at Smyrna Fire Station 3.

**Sewer Main Backups:** Water and Sewer Department staff resolved two sewer main grease backups this week on Hawthorne Avenue and Matthews Street.

**Water Leaks:** Water and Sewer Department staff resolved multiple water leaks this week.



**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.

**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.

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

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

- Beginning work on the Pat Mell sidewalk enhancement project
- Repairing broken sidewalks on King Valley Drive, Cheltingham Lane, Bank Street, and Belmont Place
- Replacing driveway aprons on Fleming Street with sidewalk and curb to alleviate problems with school pick-ups and drop-offs
- Repairing potholes on Roswell Street, Pierce Avenue, Spring Street, Ivanhoe Lane, Creekside Court, Creatwood Trail, and Brentwood Drive
- Fixing a line of sight issue on Lee Street

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Visitors:**  
 Library: 2,667  
 Museum: 2

**Kids Pop-Up Craft Event at Smyrna Museum:** The Smyrna Museum will host 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.



**New Wall Storage System:** The Smyrna Museum implemented a new wall storage system for large tools and similar items in the museum’s collection. Pictured left are gold shovels with green handles from the Market Village groundbreaking ceremony on August 4, 2001. Thank you to the Buildings and Grounds staff for installing this system.

**Letters to Santa:** Youth Services has a special postal box with direct shipping to the North Pole. If you haven't written your letter to Ole Saint Nick, stop by the "Letters to Santa" station. The library provides stationery, colored pencils, and stickers to make your letter special, plus free postage!



**Sesquicentennial Book Sales:** Smyrna Library, the Friends of Smyrna Library, Smyrna Museum, and the Smyrna Historical Society teamed up to host sales of the Sesquicentennial Celebration Book at Home for the Holidays on November 29 and Smyrna Handmade Holiday Market from December 2-4. Pictured left is Jennifer Moore, Adult Services, in the Market Village and pictured right is Mary Moore, Library Director, at Brawner Hall. Books are available for sale at Smyrna Library, Smyrna Museum, Smyrna Community Center, and the Wolfe Center for \$26 each. City of Smyrna staff may purchase for \$20.

# 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/>

**Jonquil Bulb Sale:** On Friday, December 2, Keep Smyrna Beautiful participated in the Smyrna Handmade Holiday Market to sell jonquil bulbs. We sold more than a dozen bags, but still have some left! We'd love to get them in the ground before the first big frost. They can be purchased for \$20 for a bag of 40 at the Smyrna Recycling Center during open hours.

**Monthly Recycling Center Tours:** Monthly tours of the Smyrna Recycling Center take place on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. The next tour is scheduled for Friday, December 16. Save your spot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054faaaa2fa6fa7-city>



**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>

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**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.



**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.

**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!



**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>.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## Weekly Inspections:

119 Inspections  
62 Sites

**Total Estimated  
Cost of  
Construction:**  
\$4,814,000.00

## Building Remodel/ Residential (2)

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

**Estimated Cost of  
Construction:** \$15,000.00

## Building New / Residential (6)

- (6) New Construction  
– 1500, 1520, 1516, 1512,  
1504, 1508 Purple Coneflower  
Avenue

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

## Building Remodel / Commercial (5)

- (2) Demolition  
–912 Daniell Dr SE  
–2790 Wright St SE
- (1) Land Disturbance  
–200 Village Green Cir SE

**Estimated Cost of  
Construction:** \$3,719,000.00

- HVAC (6)**
- Plumbing (4)**
- Electrical (1)**
- Tree (3)**
- Signs (3)**

## New Businesses

**Crowned by Chara LLC**  
Beauty Salons  
3240 S Cobb Drive, STE 850,  
Room 216  
Ward 3

**Giving Tree Yoga Centre  
LLC (New Ownership)**  
Yoga Instruction, Camps, or  
Schools  
1295 W Spring Street, STE  
200  
Ward 3

**M2L Consulting LLC**  
All Other General  
Merchandise Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 6

**Peach Cobbler 8 LLC**  
Full-Service Restaurants  
2450 Atlanta Road, STE 400  
Ward 3

**Busy Bee Pro Cleaning  
Service LLC**  
Janitorial Services  
Home Business  
Ward 5

**VMDISTRICT LLC**  
All Other General  
Merchandise Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 5

**River Region Psychiatry  
Associates LLC**  
Offices of Physicians,  
Mental Health Specialists  
4015 S Cobb Drive, STE 115  
Ward 6

**Bridge Media LLC**  
All Other General  
Merchandise Retailers  
5000 Highlands Parkway,  
STE 160  
Ward 7

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