



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, December 19, 2022

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Admin Conference Room

Monday, December 19, 2022

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Holiday Closure Notice: City of Smyrna administrative offices and services will be closed on Friday, December 23 (in observance of Christmas Eve) and Monday, December 26 (in observance of Christmas Day). Public Safety remains operational. The curbside sanitation schedule has been adjusted.

STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY

The city's staff holiday party was on Monday, December 12 at the Community Center. Staff members enjoyed lunch, trivia games, gingerbread decorating, and raffles for various prizes. Thank you to Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, and all of the other staff that helped put together a great celebration!



STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY



HUMAN RESOURCES

Welcome to Smyrna!



Ivan Araujo
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 12/12



Oscar Hernandez
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 12/12

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Visitors:
Library: 2,462
Museum: 13

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.



Saturday, Dec. 17
10 AM - 4 PM



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



A Special Tour of the Smyrna Museum: On Saturday, December 10, members of the River Line Historic Area, Inc. took a special tour that highlighted the history of the area.

Ollivander's Pop-Up Wand Shop: Young wizards and their muggle families were recently invited to an exclusive wand-shopping event at Smyrna Library. The Ollivander Shop appeared into the library's meeting room on Wednesday, December 7. Each wizard was able to select a unique wand free of charge. Before leaving, they tested their wands, practiced illumination spells, filled out paperwork for the Ministry of Magic Wand Permit, and took an oath to use their magic for good.



Donation to Special Collections: On Thursday, December 8, the library received over 100 books donated for the special collections. Mr. David Canaday of Ward 2 gifted eight boxes of his late wife's genealogy collection. Mrs. Barbara Canaday was an avid genealogist and her collection of quality resources reflected that. Many thanks go to Mr. Canaday for his generosity and to former City Councilman Ron Newcomb for helping to facilitate the donation. Adult Services Librarian Swapna Kaimal is pictured left sorting the books to be added into the Genealogy, Smyrna, and Reference Collections.

Snow Much Fun: On Saturday, December 10, Smyrna Library's Youth Services team hosted "Snowman Saturday." Families dressed in pajamas, watched a Snowman double-bill, made a snowman craft, and had snowman treats!



Shop with a Hero: All year, the Youth Services team collects new and like-new donations of books for the "Shop with a Hero" participants. Pictured left are this year's books before they were picked up by the Smyrna Fire Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pinning Ceremony for Deputy Chief Mark Binicewicz: Smyrna Police Department is hosting the pinning ceremony for Deputy Chief Binicewicz on December 15 at 11:30 AM in the Police Department Training Room. Congratulations Deputy Chief Binicewicz!



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 27
 Citations: 150
 Warnings: 39
 Calls for Service: 618

Retirement of Officer John Sparks: Officer John Sparks is retiring this month after 34 years with the City of Smyrna. Officer Sparks began his career at the city in 1988, and has proudly served the community ever since. Congratulations Officer Sparks!

COURT SERVICES



Court on 12/06:

Cases: 113
 Failures to Appear: 13
 Resets: 25
 Pre-trials Conducted: 20
 DUIs Completed: 4

Court on 12/08 (Trials):

Cases On: 2
 Failures to Appear: 1

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 121
 Other: 59
 Total: 181

Smyrna Fire Department Recruit Class 22-02: On December 8, Smyrna Fire Department Recruit Class 22-02 graduated and will begin their first shifts as firefighters this week. This class includes one of our youngest recruits ever as well as a legacy recruit. Pictured left to right: Walker Acree, Reggie Glover, Briggs Williams, Johnny Cruz, Joshua Delcid, and Brayden Baldwin.

Smyrna Shop With a Hero: On Friday, December 9, the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation, Smyrna Fire Department, Smyrna Police Department, and Metro Atlanta Ambulance shopped with 86 kids, had lunch together, and visited Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.



Smyrna Shop With a Hero - American Legion: On Thursday, December 8, the American Legion Post 160 presented a check to the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation to benefit the Shop With a Hero event.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Smyrna Recycling Center: On December 8, the recycling center was recognized for its collaboration and work by Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) at their 2022 Volunteer Appreciation Event with the Recycling Partnership Award! The recycling center and Keep Smyrna Beautiful have partnered with KCB since 2021 for the Hefty EnergyBag Program. It was the first drop off facility in the state to collect Hefty EnergyBags and continues to work with our county affiliate to increase recycling efforts and education.

Recycling center staff have not only been recognized by this community organization, but by patrons that visit the recycling center daily. Just last week, the following feedback was received: "I was very lost and confused. The young man that assisted me made it a surprisingly painless and easy process" and "The people there are very courteous and helpful. Bins are neatly organized. Awesome experience."

The quality experience for patrons, the continued effort to expand recyclable material, and a well-organized facility has resulted in 1,173,821 pounds of material processed so far this year. The recycling center is on track to have its biggest year to date! A big thanks and shoutout to Jerod Stewart, Daniel Chamblee, and Andy Jones for their hard work in making the recycling center a city service and resource to be proud of.



SMYRNA WONDROUS WINTER CLEANUP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022



9:15 AM- 12:30 PM
MEET AT TOLLESON PARK
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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/>

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:** 9:00 AM-3:00 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>



Sensory Garden: Keep Smyrna Beautiful's December e-newsletter includes a story about the Sensory Garden and the members of the Jonquil Garden Club who volunteer to maintain it. You can read the story on the Keep Smyrna Beautiful website: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/volunteer-spotlight-shirley-priest-and-the-sensory-garden/>

Community Cleanup: Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 72 pounds of litter, including 13 pounds of recycling, on Windy Hill Road and Village Parkway on December 8.



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 highlights homes that have light displays around the city. The map is available now. Spread your cheer and join your community celebration by adding your home to the map (<https://arcg.is/mSunu>), and help make this a Christmas full of Bright Nights! We'll continue to update the map through December 31.



Ornament Decorating Workshop: Parks and Recreation hosted an Ornament Decorating Workshop on December 9 at the Smyrna Community Center. Thirty-five participants were excited to decorate festive Christmas ornaments with old and new friends while enjoying refreshments and Christmas tunes. Everyone was creative and made beautiful treasures to take home to their trees.

Bike Course Resurfacing: Parks Maintenance staff is working on resurfacing the mountain bike course at North Cooper Lake Park. The two slopestyle runs in the center of the park have worn areas from riders and weather. Soil is being added and worked into place with a ride-on-track loader. A soil stabilizer will be applied to bind the clay into place once the trails are smoothed and packed. The resurfacing will make the bike course safe for all riders that visit the park



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>.

PUBLIC WORKS

Cooper Lake Bridge Project: Public Works staff began working on the first phase of the Cooper Lake Bridge Repair and Maintenance Project (pictured right). They removed trees that were deemed impacts to the structure of the bridge.



Streets Department: The Streets Department has been working on the following projects:

- Continuing work on the Pat Mell sidewalk enhancement project
- Repairing drainage issues on Powder Springs Road, Dogwood Circle, Hickory Acres Drive, and Creatwood Trail
- Repairing a broken drainage pipe on Lee Street

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

129 Inspections
62 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,506,706.09

Building New / Residential (6)

(6) New Construction
– 6006, 6010, 6014, 6018,
6022, 6026 Liatris Street SE

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

Building Remodel/ Residential (7)

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

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$254,206.09

Building Remodel / Commercial (4)

(2) Demolition
–2648 Davenport St SE
–3201 S Cobb Dr SE Unit D2
(1) Accessory Building
–2085 Lake Park Dr SE
(1) Interior Renovated/Tenant Finish
–300 Technology Ct SE Unit 700

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$172,500.00

- HVAC (7)**
- Plumbing (1)**
- Electrical (4)**
- Tree (2)**
- Signs (2)**

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