



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Community Center - Magnolia Room

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Community Center - Magnolia Room

ADMINISTRATION

Smyrna Youth Council: On Wednesday, January 11, the Smyrna Youth Council met for their first meeting of 2023 at the Smyrna Community Center. They began their meeting with a team building/critical thinking activity. Students were given toothpicks, candies, straws, and pieces of foam. Each team competed to build the tallest free-standing tower with the materials provided. Congratulations Coralie and Mariah for building the tallest structure!

Students discussed their goals as a Youth Council for 2023, and locked in their first project for the year. Follow the Smyrna Youth Council's Instagram page (@smyrna_youthcouncil) to stay up to date on their projects and events!



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24
Citations: 201
Warnings: 58
Calls for Service: 675

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2
Medical: 94
Other: 65
Total: 161

Outdoor Warning Sirens Audible Test: There has recently been an update to the hardware and software for the outdoor warning sirens (weather sirens). Coinciding with Severe Weather Awareness Week, the "Know the Sound" campaign encourages residents to go outside at noon on Wednesday, February 8, and listen to the audible test. Social media and *CivicReady* will be used to provide information on what to do if severe weather is in the area.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Joe Garrett
Part-Time
Maintenance Technician I
Parks & Recreation
Hired: 01/09



Mark Wolff
City Engineer
Engineering
Hired: 01/09

*Welcome to
Smyrna!*

ENGINEERING

Mast Arm Repair: The traffic signal mast arm is replaced at the intersection of Spring Road and Campbell Road. This mast arm was damaged during a traffic incident in August 2022 and was temporarily replaced by a wooden strain pole. Staff was able to utilize salvaged parts to repair. Installation of the overhead street name signs and removal of the strain pole is underway. Staff worked closely with the signal contractor, Reedwick, to facilitate the emergency repair and permanent replacement.

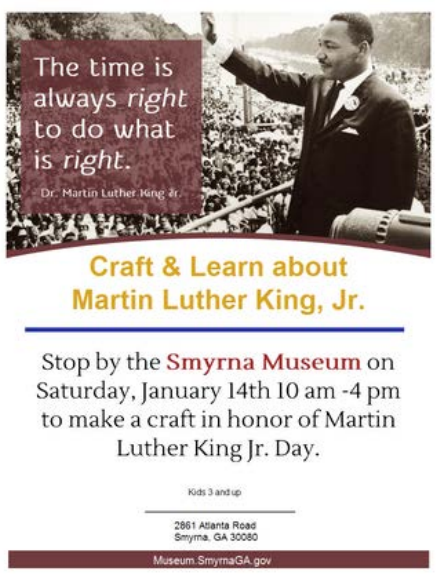


Overhead Flashing Beacon Repair: An overhead flashing beacon was damaged at the intersection of Old Spring Road and San Fernando Drive. Traffic Signal Technicians rewired the cable connections to the beacon and are currently working with Georgia Power to restore the power connection.



Speed Studies: Speed studies have resumed with the reopening of Cobb County schools. Traffic speed and volume data is currently being collected on Park Road near Jonquil Park. Data is typically collected for approximately two weeks and carefully reviewed to determine if traffic calming measures are warranted. Additional speed study requests include King Springs Road, Old Concord Road, and Woodland Trail.

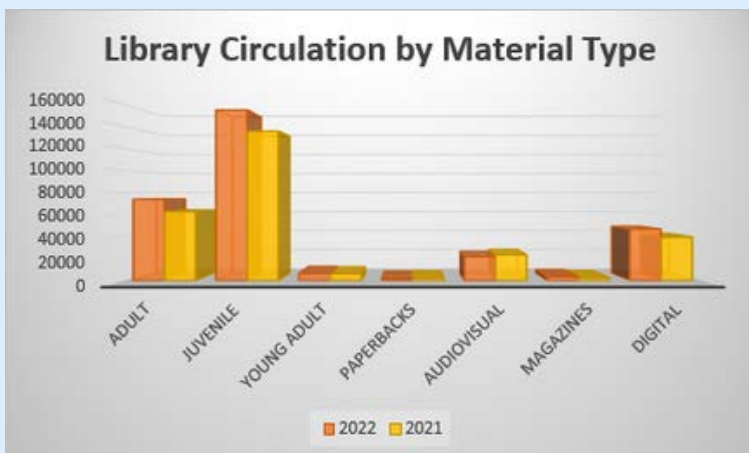
LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:
 Library: 2,344
 Museum: 14

Craft & Learn About Martin Luther King, Junior: Join the Smyrna Museum on Saturday, January 14 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM to make a craft in honor of Martin Luther King Junior Day. The craft is suitable for ages three and up.

Celebrating Our Feathered Friends: In celebration of National Bird Day on January 5, the Youth Services Department gave away unpainted birdhouses to families checking out books related to birds. Bihter A. and her son spent some time reading their book at the library.



2022 Circulation of Materials: 2022 saw another healthy gain in utilization with a 13.35% increase in circulation of materials over 2021. Usage of the library's digital collections continues to improve, increasing by 17.86%.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Utility Notice: The significant cold weather event occurring in late December 2022 that caused temperatures to remain below freezing for several days resulted in some customer service lines breaking on the customer side of the meter. As a result, these customers will see usage above their normal amounts for the next water billing cycle and likely on the following billing cycle.

The City of Smyrna has a leak adjustment policy to mitigate this financial burden:

- Customers seeking a leak adjustment must provide a plumber's invoice showing the damaged pipe was repaired.
- If acceptable documentation is provided, the sewer charge will be removed from the water bill for the amount above normal usage.
- Contact Utility Billing at water@smyrnaga.gov or 678-631-5338 with any questions.

Large Meter Testing and Calibration: Large meter testing for commercial and multifamily units began on January 9. Staff tests meters annually to ensure accuracy. Meters range from 2" to 12" serving large complexes and HOA communities. Contractor Reed and Shows will be performing this work throughout the city, including city buildings. Once testing is performed, calibration and repairs will be made if necessary.



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. Projects will be ongoing through 2023.



Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Inspection: Staff 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 and worked on monthly problem areas this week. These monthly areas will be visited for one week every month until the problem areas can be remediated. The monthly list has decreased from 36 areas to 19. Staff has located many areas with issues that need to be addressed with cured-in-place liner. Repairs will be non-invasive with no excavation needed.

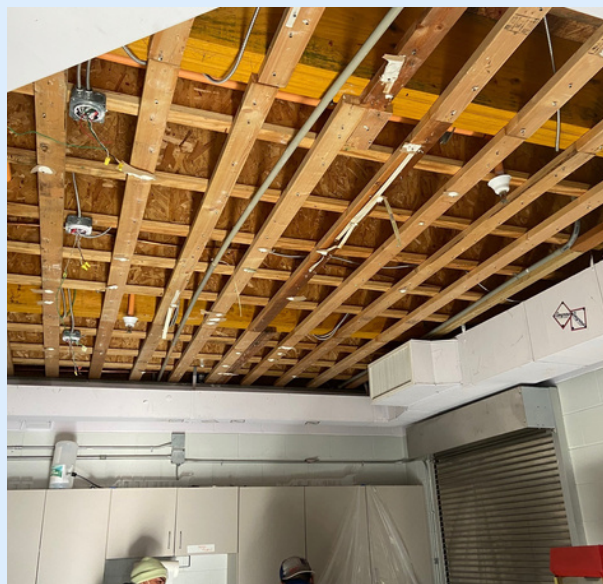
WATER DISTRIBUTION

Water Main and Service Replacement: Staff is replacing and upgrading outdated water mains and services. Areas are selected after being reviewed 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.

- Highlands Water Main Replacement: Dundee Drive section is complete
- Argo Road Water Main Replacement: Complete
- Roswell Street Water Main Replacement: Phase one has begun from Spring Street to Old Roswell Street
- Starline Drive: Awaiting approval from Mayor and Council

Projects Out to Bid: TV video, cleaning, and CIPP spot repair sanitary sewer system

PUBLIC WORKS



Water Damage Repairs: Staff has been hard at work repairing city buildings with water damage from the winter weather in December. Sheetrock repair and painting has begun in the Wolfe Center and flooring is expected to be replaced within the next two weeks. Most of the remediation in other city buildings is complete and staff is collecting quotes for repairs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Christmas Tree Recycling: Keep Smyrna Beautiful kicked off 2023 with their Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling event last Saturday at The Home Depot. There were 320 cars that came to drop off trees, including several trucks and trailers full of trees! Keep Smyrna Beautiful gives a big shout-out to volunteers and the Campbell High School Baseball team who picked up trees and brought them to chipper as part of their annual fundraising.



ADOPT-A-TREE

Visit the KSB website to request dogwood seedlings or other small trees recently rescued from properties slated for development.

keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/adopt-a-tree

Adopt-a-Tree: Every year, the Georgia Forestry Commission provides dogwood seedlings to give away at Bring One for the Chipper. We gave away just under 150 seedlings on Saturday, but we still have about 150! Fill out our [Adopt-a-Tree interest form](#) if you'd like to reserve one of those seedlings or any of the other trees we have ready for adoption!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Recycling Center Tour: The first monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Tour is coming up on Friday, January 20. You can reserve your spot online. These tours happen on the third Friday of the month from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Science Camp: Science Camp registration is open! Camp will take place during Cobb County School District's winter break on February 20–24 from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The cost is \$75.00 per camper with a \$10 discount for city residents. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.

Photography Contest: Parks and Recreation's Winter Photography Contest has begun and will end March 31. The theme is "The People of Smyrna." Send photos to parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov. If you have any questions, call (678) 631-5392.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Daddy Daughter Dance: Registration for the Daddy Daughter Dance on February 10 is open. The event is from 6:00 PM-9:00 pm at the Community Center and will be an exciting evening for participants. This year's theme is Smyrna Sox Hop, so grab those poodle skirts and leather jackets and meet your friends on the dance floor. The cost is \$60 per father and daughter couple with a \$10 city resident discount. Register before January 20 to receive \$20 off your tickets! Registering with more than 1 daughter? You will receive 50% off each additional daughter registered. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>. For more details, head over to [Smyrna Parks and Recreation's Facebook page](#) or contact Ashley Putnam at 678-631-5392 / aputnam@smyrnaga.gov.



Smyrna Sox Hop
Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday, February 10th
Smyrna Community Center
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Ages: Up to 12 Years Old
\$60.00 per couple
\$10 Discount For Residents
Additional Daughters are \$15

Take a step back in time and embrace the 50s!
Girls, grab your poodle skirts, while dad's break out the letterman's or leather jackets!

Register Here!  For More Info Contact Ashley Putnam (678)-631-5392 or aputnam@smyrnaga.gov

RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation



AGES 8-13 Register Now 

CHESS CLASSES

During the four 6 week sessions, students will build off of previous lessons to enhance their knowledge of chess. The first session will run Jan. 18th - March 1st on Wednesdays. Cost is \$95 per student and includes a chess board!

JAN. 18 - MARCH 1 4PM-5PM | SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER AZALEA ROOM

RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

Chess Class: There's only one week left to register your children for chess classes. Do you have an 8-13 year old wanting to learn a new skill? Sign them up for chess! Classes begin January 18 and will take place Wednesdays at the Community Center. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>. For more details, visit [Smyrna Parks and Recreation's Facebook page](#) or contact Ashley Putnam at 678-631-5392/ aputnam@smyrnaga.gov.

New Park Informational Signs: Parks Maintenance staff, Blake Walker and Marlon Heath worked diligently to install new park informational signs at Tolleson Park, Taylor-Brawner Park and River Line Park. These were the first of eleven new signs being installed as part of the ongoing project. The signs are designed to familiarize guests with park amenities and important information pertaining to each park.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

94 Inspections

55 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,984,800.00

Building Remodel / Residential (12)

- (4) Re-roof
- (4) Interior Renovation
- (4) Addition

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$446,800.00

Building New / Residential (4)

- (4) New Construction
- 1725, 1733, 1729 Hyssop Blvd SE
- 2790 Wright St SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$940,000.00

Building Remodel / Commercial (3)

- (2) Interior Renovated/Tenant Finish
- 1302 Concord Rd SE
- 5000 Highlands Pkwy SE Ste 140
- (1) Cell Towers
- 1609 Corn Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$598,000.00

Electrical (2)

HVAC (11)

Plumbing (5)

Tree (5)

Signs (2)

New Businesses

Ayybee designs and production

Graphic Art and Related Design Services
Home Business
Ward 2

S & S Pine Straw LLC

Nursery, Garden Center, and Farm Supply Stores
1398 Spring Street
Ward 3

Working Wednesday, LLC

All Other General Merchandise Retailers
Home Business
Ward 3

Southeastern Engineering and Electronics

All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
Home Business
Ward 5

C&C Studio Services LLC

Other Commercial and Industrial Machinery and Equipment Rental and Leasing
1800 Wilson Way, STE 2
Ward 7

Lifestyle Cuisine LLC

Caterers
4924 S Cob Drive, STE B
Ward 7

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