



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM

Smyrna Community Center - Magnolia Room

# HUMAN RESOURCES



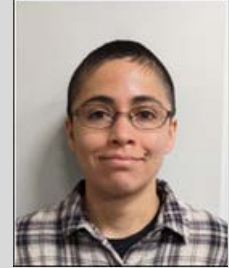
**Kaleb Johnson**

Parks Maintenance Technician I  
Parks and Recreation  
Hired: 01/23/2023



**Creston Jones**

Part Time Community Center  
Attendant  
Parks and Recreation  
Hired: 01/23/2023



**Rochelle Kanuho**

Part Time Community Center  
Attendant  
Parks and Recreation  
Hired: 01/23/2023



# ADMINISTRATION

**Councilmember Lewis Wheaton with Smyrna Youth Council:** Councilmember Lewis Wheaton spoke with the Smyrna Youth Council at their meeting on Wednesday. He gave them valuable advice on leadership and tackling multiple roles at once. Thank you Councilmember Wheaton for joining us!

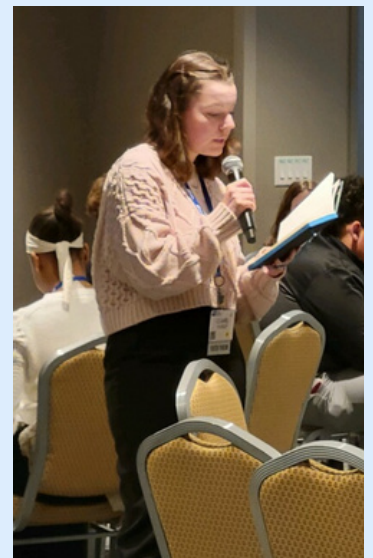
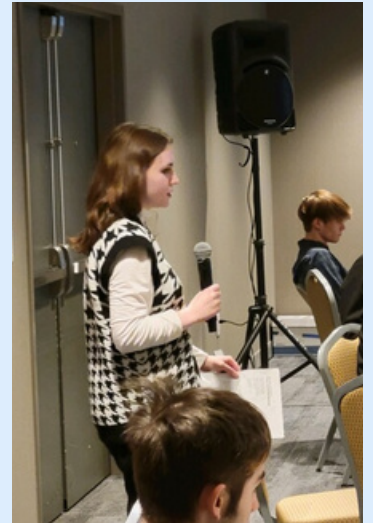
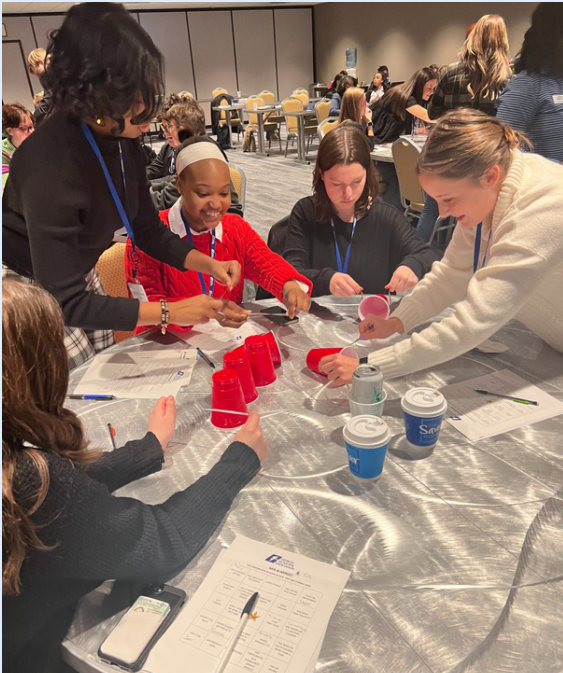




# ADMINISTRATION



**Cities United Summit - Youth Leadership Program:** Five members from the Smyrna Youth Council attended the Cities United Summit in Atlanta over the weekend. Students had the opportunity to connect with other youth councils to exchange ideas from their programs. They attended an outing at Top Golf, participated in multiple icebreaker activities, and attended informational sessions with several speakers. Thank you to the Georgia Municipal Association for hosting a great event!





# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 15  
 Citations: 125  
 Warnings: 29  
 Calls for Service: 649

# ENGINEERING



**Traffic Signage and Striping:** Chevrons were striped for the new raised pedestrian crosswalk on Powder Springs Street near Campbell High School and the existing raised pedestrian crosswalk on Church Road near Lachlan Drive. Raised pavement markers were also installed to enhance the visibility of the pedestrian crosswalks. Chevron alignment signs were installed along the curve on Concord Road between King Street and Medlin Street. These signs are used to bring awareness to the sharp curve and guide drivers along the curve.

**Signal Repairs:** Repairs were made to the green indication signal at the intersection of Spring Road and Park Road. Repair is also underway for a pedestrian signal that was damaged during a traffic accident at the intersection of SR 280 and Glendale Place. The pedestrian signal under repair sits at the southeast corner of the intersection.



**Audible Push Buttons:** In coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation, six new audible push buttons were installed at the intersection of SR 280 and King Springs Road. The push buttons communicate information about the "walk" and "don't walk" intervals at signalized intersections in non-visual formats to pedestrians who are blind or have low vision. The pedestrian signals can also be operated via an app called PedApp for touchless activation. These push buttons were installed to increase the safety of visually impaired citizens who cross the intersection to access the Vision Rehabilitation Services building off of Mill Pond Road. Another improvement included an increase in the walk clearance time across SR 280.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## SMYRNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

### PURPOSE STATEMENT

We are an "all-hazards" organization with a focus on community risk reduction and an exceptional readiness to respond to emergencies.  
 We save lives. We protect property.  
 We improve the quality of life in our community.

### VISION STATEMENT

To be recognized as a leader in community risk reduction, excel at developing our people, and build enduring partnerships.

### OUR VALUES

- Integrity
- Service
- Accountability
- Community
- Commitment

### OUR MOTTO

"A Tradition of Excellence"



## SMYRNA FIRE VISION PLAN

### VISION FOCUS #1

#### A Leader in Community Risk Reduction

As we evaluate and classify risks, we will apply data-supported strategies, invest resources, and provide guidance in implementing adaptive measures to reduce fire and other risks. Our overall goal is to keep communities safe, healthy, and resilient.

#### VISION GOALS

- Examine the report from our Community Risk Assessment and Standard of Cover and develop a mid- and long-range plan.
- Invite the community to participate in our strategic plan.

### VISION FOCUS #2

#### Innovation Through Professional Development

Seeking new opportunities to learn and grow is the hallmark of a successful organization. Professional development will help us expand skillsets and free up time, financial resources, and manpower to reinvest into our top priorities.

#### VISION GOALS

- Build upon and develop the professional development framework that drives clarity and growth for our department.
- Introduce training that enhances our skills, knowledge, and abilities to help realize our vision.

### VISION FOCUS #3

#### Achieving Agency Accreditation

Taking this important step will outwardly demonstrate the commitment we have to continuous quality improvement in public safety and bring real value to our community.

#### VISION GOALS

- Create a project team to manage the accreditation process.
- Apply for accreditation by July 1st, 2023.
- Communicate the results of the self-assessment to our stakeholders and firefighters.
- Implement recommendations from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

To learn more about the Smyrna Fire Department visit [smyrncityfire.com](http://smyrncityfire.com)

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 678-631-5385

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#### Headquarters

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 770-434-6667

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4  
 Medical: 98  
 Other: 58  
 Total: 160

### Smyrna Fire Department Photo Shoot:

Smyrna Fire Department is currently hosting Heritage Portraits and Albums as they take personnel headshots and work on creating our 2022-2023 yearbook. On Monday evening, Heritage took sunset photos of our apparatus in front of City Hall.





# 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 on March 31. The theme is "The People of Smyrna." Send photos to [parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov). If you have any questions, call (678) 631-5392.



**Batting Cage Updates:** The Lattanzi Field batting cages at Ward Park were given some needed attention. YNZ Properties poured a curb barrier to correct the uneven base of the cage. This work is part of a larger project to prepare Lattanzi Field for spring baseball.

**Mother/Son Nerf Wars:** Registration for Parks and Recreation's award-winning Mother/Son Nerf Wars opens on January 30! The event is on March 17 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Registration is \$60 per mother/son couple (please register under your son's name) with a \$10 city resident discount. There is a \$20 early-bird registration discount as well. Last year's Nerf Wars event was so popular that we sold out within weeks of registration opening, so be sure to sign up early! Last year, one mother wrote: "Thank you for hosting an event for mothers and sons. My son said that was the best night of his life. We can't wait for next year." Don't miss out on this bonding opportunity with your son(s)! Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>



# WATER DISTRIBUTION

**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.

**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: Dundee Drive section is complete
- Argo Road: Complete
- Roswell Street: Phase one has begun from Spring Street to Old Roswell Street
- Starline Drive: Approved by Mayor and Council
- Roswell Road: Halfway complete with work expected to be completed in three weeks

**Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Inspection:** Sewer infrastructure is being graded 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. Upcoming locations to be rehabbed include Tecumseh Trail, Howell Drive, Dunn Street, and Highland Drive.

**Projects Out to Bid:** TV video, cleaning, and CIPP spot repair sanitary sewer system (bid opening February 10)

# PUBLIC WORKS



**Water Damage Repairs:** Hard work is continuing on repairing water damages at Brinkley Park and the Wolfe Center from the freezing temperatures in December.

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

- Continued work on Pat Mell Road sidewalk project
- Worked on various road repairs at King Street, Roswell Street, Clifton Road, and Shawnee Trail
- Resolved a line of sight issue on King Springs Road at Rhyne Circle
- Removed a tree from the roadway at Ann Road



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



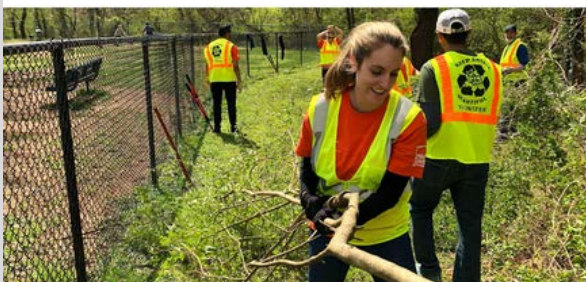
**Adopt-a-Mile:** Fourteen Adopt-a-Mile groups (including approximately 120 volunteers!) picked up over 1,110 pounds of litter from Smyrna roadways this past Saturday. Several groups are scheduled to do alternative dates in the coming weeks. The next Adopt-a-Mile cleanup day will be on April 15.

**Recycling Center Tour:** The Smyrna Recycling Center welcomed four members of the community at its monthly tour this past Friday. Monthly tours take place on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. Groups can schedule tours at other times by contacting Julie Barwig at [jbarwig@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jbarwig@smyrnaga.gov).



**Adopt-a-Tree:** Adopt-a-Tree is still going strong with lots of dogwood seedlings available. Request yours today at: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/adopt-a-tree/>

## INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL



**Invasive Species Removal:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful is hosting an invasive species removal! On Friday, February 3, and Friday, February 10, volunteers are invited to help us thin out invasive non-native plants to make room for trees that will be planted on Arbor Day (April 17). [Register here to volunteer for this project.](#)

Volunteer to remove invasive plants!



Friday, Feb. 3, 9am-12pm  
Friday, Feb. 10, 9am-12pm  
For ages 12+ with an adult



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Visitors:**

Library: 2,806

Museum: 16

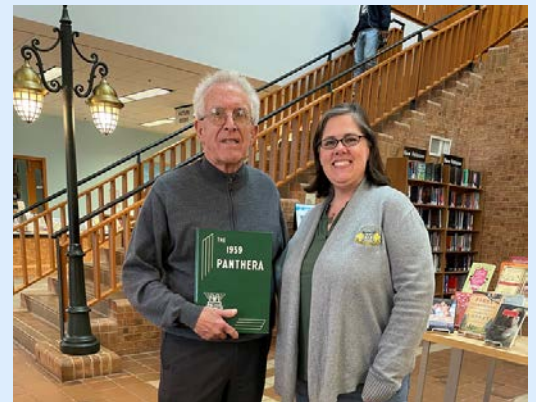
**Community Partnership:** On Wednesday, January 18, Smyrna Library staff Rebecca Power, Swapna Kaimal, Hannah Ross, and Mary Moore met with Cobb Collaborative staff Kaleigh Rawlerson and Leslie Danford to discuss program partnerships. Ms. Danford and Ms. Rawlerson will conduct a series of special story times in the spring at Smyrna Library to help parents build literacy skills in their toddlers.



**Summer Reading Planning:** On Thursday, January 19, Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Power attended the annual Performer's Showcase for performers to display their talents for librarians booking acts for upcoming summer reading programs. Ms Rebecca is pictured here with Rudy, the baby kangaroo.

**Used Book Sale:** The Friends of Smyrna Library held a winter book sale on January 20-22 in the library meeting room. They raised \$2400 to support programming and collection development at the library.

**Donor Spotlight:** Mr. Gordon Mortin, formerly of Smyrna, donated his late wife's Campbell High School yearbooks and class jewelry to Smyrna Library on January 18. Mr. Mortin's firm was involved in the financing of the new downtown and library in the early 1990s. Mrs. Malinda Jolley Mortin was a 1959 graduate of Campbell High School and a lifelong supporter of Smyrna Public Library. A successful businesswoman and community leader, Mrs. Mortin was well-known for her leadership and volunteer work in Smyrna, Kennesaw, and Sea Island, Georgia.



**New Walkway at the Museum:** Public Works is currently building a new walkway for visitors needing accessible parking at the Smyrna Museum.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

417 Inspections  
66 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$839,573.35

**Building Remodel/ Residential (16)**

- (6) Re-roof
- (5) Addition
- (1) Accessory Structure
- (3) Interior Renovation
- (1) Other

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$417,573.35

- Electrical (5)**
- HVAC (8)**
- Plumbing (6)**
- Tree (5)**
- Signs (1)**

**Building Remodel / Commercial (3)**

- (1) Interior Renovated/Tenant Finish  
-2270 Benson Poole Rd SE
- (1) Solar Panels, Generators, Cell Tower  
-3075 Jonquil Dr SE
- (1) Building Addition  
-400 Lake Ridge Dr SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$422,000.00

## New Businesses

**Selah Studio ATL**

All Other General Merchandise Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**TUSCANY DESIGN & BUILD LLC  
S Cobb Drive LLC**

General Contractors - Single-Family Houses  
Home Businesses  
Ward 5

**Boss Kidz Inc.**

Educational Support Services  
Home Business  
Ward 7

**Lokx LLC**

Other Scientific and Technical Consulting Services  
Home Business  
Ward 7

**Zona de Nutricion LLC**

Diet and Weight Reducing Centers  
2220 Atlanta Road, STE 108  
Ward 5

**Wallymang Homecare and Staffing Agency LLC**

Services for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities  
Home Businesses  
Ward 5

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