



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, February 13, 2023

Planning and Zoning Meeting

6:00 PM

Smyrna Community Center

Magnolia Room

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM

Location TBD

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Invasive Species Removal: Last Friday, four volunteers helped remove invasive non-native plants from a city-owned plot in the Cheney Woods neighborhood to prepare for an Arbor Day tree planting. In addition to mounds of privet, wisteria, and other invasive plants, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 100 pounds of litter!



The invasive species removal continues! On Friday, February 10, volunteers are invited to help us continue to 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.](#)

Arbor Day Tree Planting

 A group of five people, including men and women of various ages, are gathered around a newly planted sapling. They are using tools like shovels and rakes to work the soil around the base of the tree.

Celebrate trees with us!
Friday, February 17th
12:00pm-12:30pm

TREE PLANTING

 A person wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, grey pants, and a black face mask is using a shovel to plant a tree in a hole. Another person in a pink shirt is visible in the background.

Plant trees to celebrate Arbor Day!
Friday, Feb 17, 1:30pm-3:00pm
2860 Rosalyn Lane

Arbor Day Ceremonial Tree Planting: The official Arbor Day tree planting will take place on Friday, February 17 from 12:00-12:30 PM at the City of Smyrna Arboretum. This ceremonial tree planting is open to the public. No registration is required.

Tree Planting: After the ceremonial Arbor Day tree planting, volunteers will have the opportunity to plant trees from 1:30-3:30 PM on a piece of city-owned land. [Volunteer registration is required.](#)

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/>

Recycling Center: On Monday and Tuesday, a total of 95 students and four teachers from Amana Academy visited the Smyrna Recycling Center. In addition to touring the center, they learned about stormwater and did a hands-on chemical monitoring activity.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 30
 Citations: 174
 Warnings: 54
 Calls for Service: 686

Smyrna Police Department Awards Breakfast: The Smyrna Police Department had the opportunity to recognize their hardworking employees last Friday at the Police Awards Breakfast. Thank you to the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation and multiple sponsors for putting on this breakfast!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2022 Smyrna Fire Department Annual Report: The 2022 Smyrna Fire Department Annual Report was released this week. Included in the report are the retirement of Chief Acree, the appointment of Chief Marcos, various promotions and awards, department highlights, and budget details. The report can be accessed on the [Smyrna Fire Department Facebook page](#) or by [clicking here](#).

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 69
 Other: 44
 Total: 116



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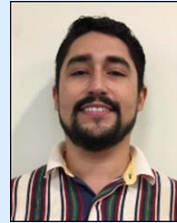


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SMYRNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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HUMAN RESOURCES



Robert Cantrell
 Parks Maintenance Technician II
 Parks & Recreation
 Hired: 02/06

John Carr
 Head Lifeguard
 (Wolfe Center)
 Parks & Recreation
 Hired: 02/06

Brandon Martinez
 Maintenance Worker
 Water Distribution
 Hired: 02/06

Jacquilyn Hamilton
 Communications Officer II
 Police Department
 Hired: 02/06



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

156 Inspections
 76 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$295,252.50

Building Remodel/ Residential (5)

- (1) Retaining Wall
- (2) Addition
- (2) Interior Renovation

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$295,252.50

Electrical (1) HVAC (7)

Plumbing (3) Tree (2) Signs (4)

New Businesses

Chapman Griffin Lanier Sussenbach Architects, Inc.
 Architectural Services
 2300 Lake Park Drive, STE 165
 Ward 2

Mainspring Home Care LLC
 Other Personal Care Services
 Home Business
 Ward 6

Amdec Anesthesia Services, LLC
 Electronic and Precision Equipment Repair and Maintenance
 Home Business
 Ward 3

Weight No More Studio
 Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers
 1600 Wilson Way, STE 1
 Ward 7

PARKS AND RECREATION

Reed House: The hardwood floors at the Reed House were refinished. YNZ Properties did a fabulous job bringing the shine back to all of the floors, creating a welcoming area for anyone hosting an event.



Lattanzi Field: Lattanzi Field is ready for spring play! The Campbell Spartans began practice and will officially kick off their season with opening day next month. Parks Maintenance staff worked hard to get the field ready for opening day.



Parents' Night Out: Register your children for Parents' Night Out and leave the childcare to us. On March 3 and April 14 from 5:00-8:00 PM, we will have our gyms, art room, and theater open for their enjoyment. They won't even notice you're gone! Registration opens Monday, February 6. The cost is \$30 per child. All children MUST be fully potty-trained. This is for ages 4-12 years old. [Click here to register.](#)

Mother/Son Nerf Wars: Registration for Parks and Recreation's award-winning Mother/Son Nerf Wars is open! 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>

Hiring Camp Counselors: Do you know someone looking for a summer job or internship in childcare? We are hiring camp counselors for 40 hours per week with pay starting at \$15 an hour. Counselors don't have to work weekends, and we can provide you with an exceptional resume builder in childcare! Applications are now open at smyrnaga.gov! Have questions about the available positions or how to earn college credit for internships? Contact Ashley Putnam at aputnam@smyrnaga.gov or 678-631-5392.

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

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Training: Utility Manager Marilyn Everett attended training this week on water audit policy and procedures.

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: 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 South Cobb Drive and Spring Road.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Repaired catch basin tops on Hickory Lane, Concord Lake Road, and Lake Court
- Installed sidewalk and an ADA ramp at the Smyrna Museum parking lot
- Repaired roads on Roswell Street, Dixie Avenue, Daniel Drive, and Shawnee Trail

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



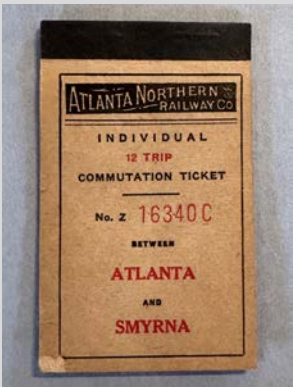
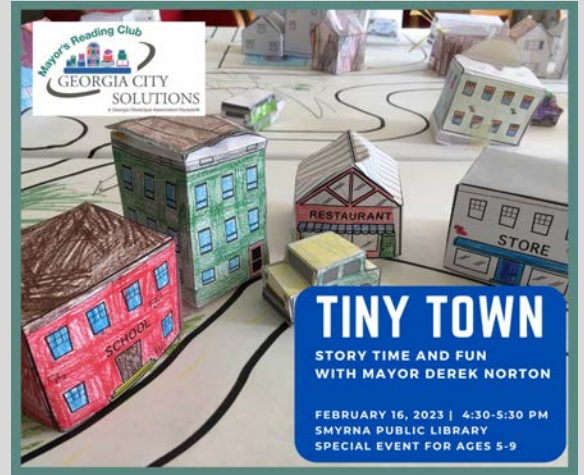
Visitors:

Library: 2,527
Museum: 18

Black History Month Craft Pop-Up: The Smyrna Museum will be hosting a craft pop-up on Saturday, February 18, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM in recognition of Black History Month. Kids will make a lantern in honor of Harriet Tubman and learn about how she became a conductor on the Underground Railroad and a Union spy.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Mayor’s Reading Club: Mayor Derek Norton has launched a children’s book club which will promote literacy as well as civic engagement among young Smyrna residents. The first story time in the series will be at Smyrna Library on Thursday, February 16, at 4:30 PM, in the library meeting room. After a story, Mayor Norton and attendees will design and build their own Tiny Town.



New Artifacts at the Museum: In the spring, Smyrna Museum will debut several new artifacts which will enhance exhibits throughout the museum. Two very special pieces on loan thanks to Lanier Ivester are ticket books for the Atlanta Northern Railway Company (better known as the streetcar). The streetcar started service in Smyrna in 1905 and offered an economical and congestion-easing route between Marietta and Atlanta. These ticket books are rare material objects related to the streetcar system here in Smyrna. We are thrilled to exhibit them.

Business Workshop: Smyrna Library partnered with Economic Development to host a business startup workshop on Friday, February 3, in the library meeting room. Economic Development Director Andrea Worthy presented an hour talk on “Starting a Business in Smyrna” to a crowd of 20 entrepreneurs. Economic Development is already working on a follow-up workshop for later this year.



Black History Month: Smyrna Library kicked off Black History Month festivities with a presentation about baseball legend, Hank Aaron, by author Terence Moore on Saturday, February 4. An article and photograph covering the lecture appeared in the Tuesday, February 7 issue of the Marietta Daily Journal. The article is on page A2.

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