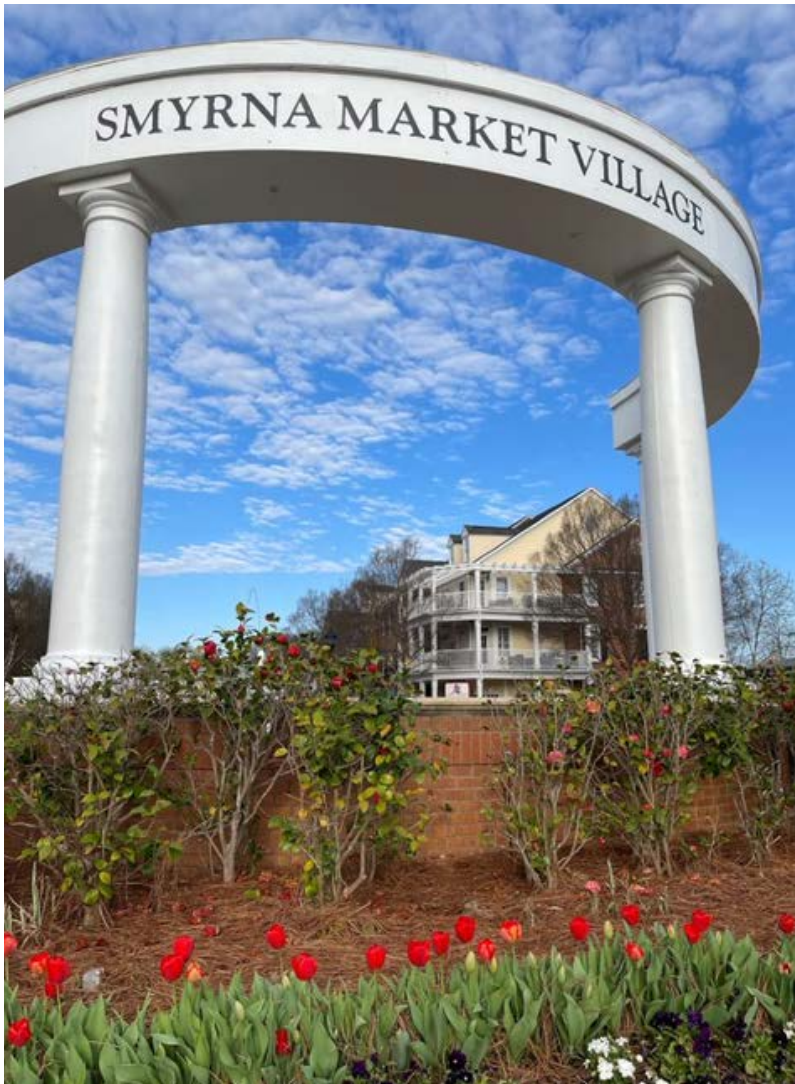




CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, February 20, 2023

Pre-Council Meeting
6:30 PM

Smyrna Community Center
Room TBD

Monday, February 20, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting
7:00 PM

Smyrna Community Center
Magnolia Room

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

License and Variance Board Meeting
10:00 AM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
HR Training Room

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Youth Council: On Wednesday evening, members of the Smyrna Youth Council met with Fire Chief Brian Marcos for a public speaking presentation and activity. Students were able to practice and expand on their public speaking skills in preparation for future presentations. Thank you Chief Marcos for an engaging presentation and activity!

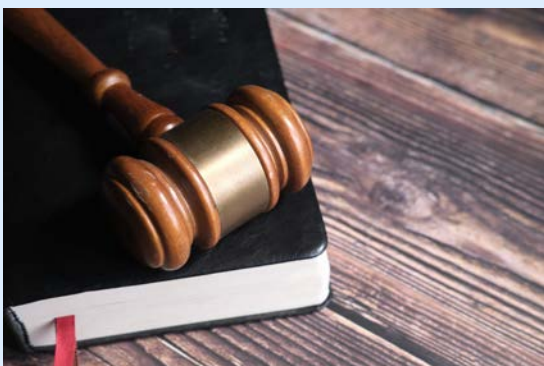
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

- Arrests: 26
- Citations: 245
- Warnings: 62
- Calls for Service: 716

Smyrna Police Department is Hiring: Do you know someone looking for a career in law enforcement? Smyrna Police Department is hiring! Come join the best mid-sized Police Department in Georgia and take advantage of the unlimited opportunities. Be on the lookout for our new banners that will be displayed around the city!

COURT SERVICES



Court on 02/14

- Cases: 58
- Failures to Appear: 13
- DUI's Completed: 2
- Pre-Trials: 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Congratulations Engineer Tucker: Engineer Justin Tucker completed the Georgia Smoke Diver Association's program to become Georgia Smoke Diver #1166. Congratulations!



Smoke Alarm Blitz: On Saturday, February 11, The Smyrna Fire Department partnered with the American Red Cross and Laurel Springs neighborhood to provide a free smoke detector check.



Teamwork, Chick-fil-A, and Smyrna Fire: A few months ago, Smyrna Fire partnered with Chick-fil-A's Leadership Academy and ADDO to create a video that will be used for high school leadership development, specifically on teamwork. This collaboration is one of many examples connecting Smyrna Fire to our vision: to be recognized as a leader in community risk reduction, excel at developing our people, and build enduring partnerships. The video can be accessed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/JXIC-6H6GoQ>.

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 91
 Other: 38
 Total: 131

HUMAN RESOURCES



Tiffany Smith
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 02/13



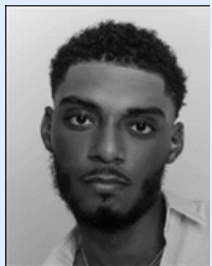
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Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 02/13



Reynold Ojongboh
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 02/13



Kevin Alderette
Sanitation Truck Driver
Public Works
Hired: 02/13



Brandon Wood
PT Community
Center Attendant
Parks & Recreation
Hired: 02/13



Brian Moulton
PT Community
Center Attendant
Parks & Recreation
Hired: 02/13

Welcome

TO SMYRNA!

Jonquil City Jog: The City and Corporate Health Partners (CHP) are sponsoring the first 40 entries for the Smyrna Jonquil City Jog on Saturday, April 15. Registration will open for free entry through April 15 (before 8:00 AM). The entries will first be open to all employees, regardless of being enrolled on the Smyrna medical plan. By Wednesday, April 12, if spots are still available, registration will be open to spouses and family members. For information on how to sign up, please contact HR.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Daddy Daughter Dance: The Daddy Daughter Dance was held on Friday, February 10 at the Community Center. This year's event was attended by 244 proud dads and excited daughters. Everyone enjoyed music, dancing, crafts, and delicious snacks while creating beautiful memories to share for a lifetime.

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

Sewer Manhole Updating: Staff is updating sewer manholes in effort to prevent potential problems from arising. Before and after photos of the updates are pictured right.

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 Meter Replacements: The remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ water meter replacement project will begin on March 6. Contractor Reed & Shows will be replacing outdated meters with new digital meters.

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.



New Water and Sewer Tap: A new water and sewer tap was installed at North Copper Lake Park, pictured left.

Water Main and Service Replacement: Outdated water mains and services are being replaced and upgraded around the city. 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 recently made the following repairs:

- A sunken roadway on Reed Road
- Sidewalk on Gann Road
- Potholes on Highland Parkway, Concord Road, and Jane Lyle Road
- A water and sewer cut in the roadway at Falling Waters Drive

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Damage Repairs: Hard work is continuing on repairing water damages at the Community Center, City Hall (Court Services) and the Wolfe Center from the freezing temperatures in December. Pictured below are the latest progress pictures.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:
 Library: 2,621
 Museum: 32

Story Time in the Spotlight: In the February 8 issue, the *Marietta Daily Journal* highlighted Smyrna Library's weekly story times with front-page pictures of a story time with Youth Services Associate Hannah Ross.

Crafting for a Cause: On Tuesday, February 7, Smyrna Library teens stitched flannel scent hearts that will be shared with NICU babies and their parents at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The hearts are worn by the mother, then shared with the infant so the baby can learn his/her mother's scent. Special thanks go to library patron Teresa Kent for donating the fabric, loaning her sewing machines, and teaching the participants how to sew the hearts.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Book Suggestions Column: Smyrna Library has partnered with the monthly publication, *Smyrna Vinings Lifestyle*, on a column of suggested reads available at the library. The series kicked off in the February issue with a selection of books with themes of love in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Adult Art Workshop: Smyrna Library's Adult Services team partnered with library patron Bihter Alapan to host a Valentine-themed art workshop for adults. Ms. Alapan developed a mixed media technique using acrylics and embroidery on canvas. The workshop held Friday, February 10, was covered in the e-edition of the *Marietta Daily Journal* on Monday, February 13.



Library art class gets residents into the Valentine's Day spirit

Four days before Valentine's Day, visitors to the Smyrna Public Library got into the holiday spirit by making art Friday. Bihter Alapan, a Turkish-born biologist and art hobbyist, led a "mixed media" art class combining acrylic paint with embroidery. Attendees painted flowers on canvas and used thread to embroider the word "Love." **Above left:** From left, Holly Mitchell of Smyrna and Jenny Sarto of Marietta make art during Friday's class. **Below left:** Pictured is mixed-media artwork created by Alapan, combining acrylic paint with embroidery.



Hunter Riggall

Black History Month Craft Pop-Up
Learn about the Heroism of Harriet Tubman

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Community Cleanup: On Saturday, volunteers picked up 17 bags, including 2 bags of recyclable material, during a Community Cleanup on Atlanta Road. In all, they picked up 255 pounds of litter.

Invasive Species Removal: Last Friday, volunteers continued the work to remove invasive nonnative plants from a city-owned plot in the Cheney Woods neighborhood to prepare for an Arbor Day tree planting. They removed a massive amount of kudzu, wisteria, privet, and other invasive plants.

Environmental Studies Scholarship: Keep Smyrna Beautiful's Environmental Studies Scholarship deadline is February 26. Students living in or attending school in Smyrna who are pursuing a college degree in an environmentally related field are eligible to apply: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships/>

Arbor Day Tree Planting



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



TREE PLANTING



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



DOCUMENT SHREDDING



Shred & recycle documents for free!



Saturday, March 18, 2023
9:00 a.m. to Noon
Aline Wolfe Rec. Center, 884 Church St.

Arbor Day Ceremonial Tree Planting: Arbor Day is this Friday! The official Arbor Day Tree Planting will take place 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 to attend.

Tree Planting: After the ceremonial 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.

Document Shredding: Save the date! Document Shredding is on March 18. This popular event allows residents to securely shred and recycle documents at no charge. Details at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/shred-fest/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

157 Inspections

112 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,270,647.77

Building Remodel/ Residential (11)

- (1) Addition
- (2) Re-roof
- (1) Interior Renovation
- (1) Pool
- (1) Other

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$612,647.77

Building New/ Residential (6)

- (7) New Construction
- 2601 Argo Dr SE
- 1716, 1712, 1708, 1704, 1700 Hyssop Blvd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,103,000.00

Building Remodel/ Commercial (5)

- (1) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
- 1060 Windy Hill Rd Unit 209
- (2) Solar Panels, Generators, Cell Tower
- 3080 Jonquil Dr SE
- 2717 Spring Rd SE
- (1) Land Disturbance
- 5040 Highlands Pkwy SE
- (1) Accessory Structure
- 3080 Atlanta Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$555,000.00

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

New Businesses

A Cleaner's Touch Services LLC

Janitorial Services
Home Business
Ward 3

DLD Solutions, LLC

Interior Design Services
Home Business
Ward 3

Infinite Comfort Care

Other Personal Care Services
696 Concord Road,
Unit B
Ward 3

Shearz Hair Artistry LLC

Beauty Salons
3240 S Cobb Drive. STE
850 Room 126
Ward 3

Taproot Hydroponics & Organics, L.P.

Nursery, Garden Center,
and Farm Supply Retailers
1640 Roswell Street, STE O
Ward 3

Sea Set Vacations LLC

Travel Agencies
Home Business
Ward 5

Speckled Mosaic

Educational Support Services
Home Business
Ward 5

REALMACK Investment Group

Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings
Home Business
Ward 6

Charin Health Services LLC

Other Personal Care Services
Home Business
Ward 7

DEWY MD BEAUTY BOX

All Other General Merchandise Retailers
Home Business
Ward 7

LWS Enterprises, LLC

Audio Visual Equipment Installation
5292 Oakdale Road,
Unit 9
Ward 7

US Management & Consulting Services, LLC

Remediation Services
1600 Wilson Way, STE 4
Ward 7

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