



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall

HR Training Room

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Committee to Honor Fanny Williams

5:00 PM

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HR Training Room

ADMINISTRATION



Racial Trust Building Initiative Breakfast Speaker Series: As part of the Racial Trust Building Initiative, the City is hosting a Breakfast Speaker Series on Tuesday, March 7 with guest speaker Dr. David Anderson Hooker, who will be presenting on transforming historical harms. Breakfast will be served. This is a free event, but registration is required to reserve your spot. Registration is on [Eventbrite](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 25
Citations: 223
Warnings: 75
Calls for Service: 796

Employee Spotlight: Congratulations to Officer Quentin Hale for being a City of Smyrna employee for twenty years!

HUMAN RESOURCES



Hector Polanco-Rodriguez
Maintenance Worker
Water Distribution
Hired: 02/20



FIRE DEPARTMENT

90 Days of Coaching: Over three months ago, our leadership team brought in a professional coach to help our new Lieutenants and Engineers transition into their roles. The coaching sessions involved several 1:1 meetings, a leadership assessment, and conflict resolution training. Everyone summarized their takeaways from the coaching, identified common new leader traps, and recognized ways to eliminate dysfunction within a team. We are so proud of this group and their commitment to their profession.

Quotes from two participants: "The leadership coaching session gave me a better understanding of who I am as a leader. It focused on my natural talents and identified the weaknesses I need to work on. It will also assist in refining me into a more effective and adaptive leader. The investment into this program will have a huge impact on the department as well as those we develop; to become the next generation of leaders for Smyrna." - Cel Davis, Smyrna Fire Lieutenant

"The 90-day coaching program taught me that acknowledging my own mistakes creates maturity, and maturity paves the path to be a successful leader" - Marcos Barajas Barajas, Smyrna Fire Engineer



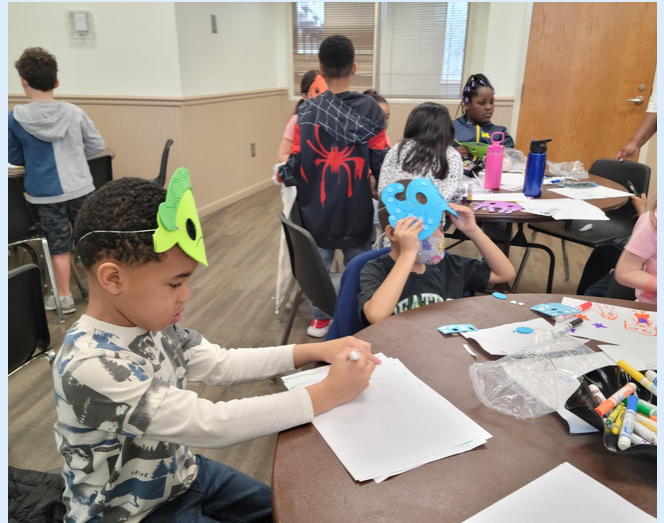
Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 93
 Other: 54
 Total: 148

Tower Garden: Brenda Dixon from Juice Plus+ graciously donated a tower garden to Fire Station 3. The crew has been growing vegetables and herbs to cook with.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Science Camp: While on Winter Break from school, campers are enjoying a fun-filled week of Science Camp! They are learning about marine biology, the weather, and the scientific method. Our action-packed camp is at full capacity and will continue throughout the week.

Parents' Night Out: Register your children for Parent's Night Out and leave the childcare to us. March 3 and April 14 from 5-8:00 PM, we will have our gyms, art room, and theater open for their enjoyment. All children must be fully potty-trained to participate. This is for ages 4-12 years old. Registration is open and the cost is \$30 per child: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>

Wolfe Center: Wolfe Center members continue to take classes at the Community Center while they await the reopening of the Wolfe Center on February 27. Therapy pool members have taken this opportunity to try some of our land-based exercise classes such as Balance and Functional Movement, Mobility Improvement, Weights and More, and Chair Yoga.

A promotional graphic for 'Parent's Night Out'. It features a collage of images: children drawing, hands clinking wine glasses, and a plate of food. The text reads 'Parent's NIGHT OUT' in a stylized font. Below the title is a QR code and the text 'Register Today \$30 per child'. At the bottom, it says 'Looking for an evening without the kids? Let us handle the childcare at the Smyrna Community Center, March 3 and April 14 5pm-8pm! Space will be limited. Children must be potty trained and ages 4-12'. The logo for 'RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation' and the website 'smyrnaga.gov' are also present.



Mardi Gras: Parks and Recreation staff celebrated Mardi Gras with a king cake from McEntyre's Bakery. Yolanda Celik, one of Wolfe Center's finest receptionists, was the lucky finder of the baby.

Helen Arts Winter Fest Trip: Members of the Wolfe Center took a trip to the Helen Arts Winter Fest on Sunday, February 19. Participants went to four different locations and enjoyed some of the best arts and crafts vendors in the southeast. This trip was one of many that Smyrna's active adults will enjoy throughout the year, including an overnight trip to Savannah in March.

PARKS AND RECREATION



TOLLESON PARK
EASTER

EGG HUNT

APRIL 1 1PM - 4PM	\$10	ACTIVITIES, TREATS, MOVIE AND MORE!
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**50% OFF FOR CITY RESIDENTS
KIDS AGES 1 - 12**

REGISTER HERE!  **RECREATE Smyrna**
Parks & Recreation
SMYRNAGA.GOV

Easter Egg Hunt: Hop onto the registration site beginning February 27 at 8:00 AM to register for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter bunny hopes all of his friends will join him on Saturday, April 1 for egg hunts, activities, Easter treats, and lots of fun with family and friends at Tolleson Park. The cost is \$10 per child, with a discount for city residents. Children ages 1-12 are invited to attend. There are limited spots available for various sessions throughout the afternoon, so be sure to secure your children's space early at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.

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

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.

Mother/Son Nerf Wars: Spaces are still available for Parks and Recreation's award-winning Mother/Son Nerf Wars. The event is on March 17 from 6-9:00 PM. Registration is \$60 per Mother/Son couple (please register under your son's name) with a \$10 city resident discount. Last year's Nerf Wars was so popular that we sold out within weeks of registration opening, so be sure to sign-up early! Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>



RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

WE ARE Hiring! CAMP COUNSELORS

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Smyrna Handmade Market: Applications for the 2023 Smyrna Handmade Market are still being accepted with 143 applications thus far. The market, which has been proven to be one of Smyrna's favorite events, will begin May 7, 2023 and run through October 22, 2023.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Audit: The yearly water loss audit was completed by management and certified by the state. This yearly audit is required of all water systems to submit for the city's water permit.

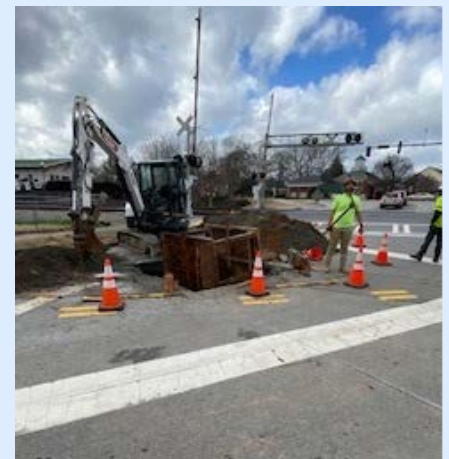
Water Valve Maintenance: Crews are performing valve maintenance in Ward 4 to ensure the valves are located and accessible. This maintenance reduces downtime and provides flushing of the system during water main breaks. While performing maintenance, crews are marking valves in the roadway with reflective 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.

Water Main and Service Replacement: Outdated water mains and services are being upgraded and replaced around the city. This project includes the area of suspected lead service lines. With ARPA and CIP funding these projects, staff is aiming to be proactive instead of reactive to these issues because water mains and services are crucial infrastructures to the community. Several projects are currently active as part of this program:

- The Highland's water main replacement
- Phase one of the Roswell Street water main and service line replacement



PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Began repairing a drainage pipe on Doeskin Lane
- Began drainage repairs on Laurel Springs Way
- Repaired potholes on Riverview Road, Camp Highland Parkway, Lake Park Drive, and Windy Hill Road

Wolfe Center Update: After several months of hard work and repairs, the Wolfe Center and therapy pool will reopen on Monday, February 27 at 8:00 AM.

PUBLIC WORKS



Chuck Camp Park Restoration: Restoration at Chuck Camp Park has begun, and is expected to be completed within a couple of weeks. Pictured left is the progress so far.

Restoration at Brinkley Park: Restoration at Brinkley Park was completed last week after it was damaged from the extreme winter weather in December. Restorations are pictured right.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:
 Library: 2,439
 Museum: 16

Black History Month Craft Pop-Up: The Smyrna Museum had 8 attendees for the Black History Month Craft Pop-Up on Saturday, February 18.

LEGO Library: Felix (4) and Metin (4) built a LEGO library completed with story time by Mrs. Rebecca, Youth Services Librarian and storyteller. Both boys are regular attendees to Mrs. Rebecca's Preschool Storytime.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



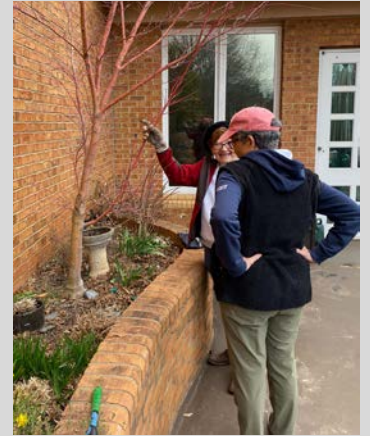
Tiny Town: On Thursday, February 16 Mayor Derek Norton hosted the first special story time of a series called the "Mayor's Book Club." After reading *Little Blue Truck Leads the Way*, Mayor Norton and friends built their own town. The majority of the construction concentrated on a public park with trees and playground equipment, although the town did get one sushi restaurant. The next "Mayor's Book Club" story time will be at Fire Station 1 on Thursday, March 16 at 4:30 PM. Participants will hear a story and get a tour from Fire Chief Marcos!



Black History Month Art Workshop: The library's Adult Services team hosted an adult art workshop on February 17 to celebrate the quilts of Gee's Bend, Alabama. Participants learned about the history and style of these amazing quilters, then painted book bags with designs inspired by the quilts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Sensory Garden: On February 14, members of the Jonquil Garden Club showed their love for the Sensory Garden with a workday and meeting to kick up the 2023 year in the garden. More on the sensory garden: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/sensory-garden/>



Monthly Recycling Center Tour: We kicked off the morning of Friday, February 17 with our monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center, attended by three adults and five children. In addition to the tour, the children were able to participate in a paper-making activity.

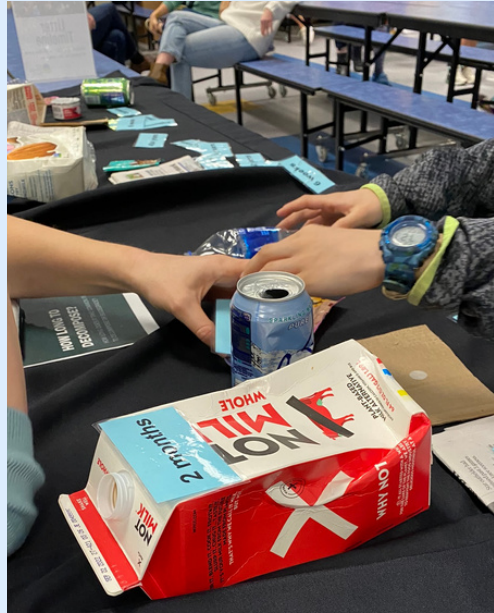


Community Cleanup: On Thursday, February 16, five volunteers picked up 70 pounds of litter, including 18 pounds of recyclable material, on East-West Connector.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

King Springs Elementary STEM

Night: On Thursday, February 16, Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff took a trip to King Springs Elementary School's STEM Night to share information and lead approximately 40 students and parents in our "Litter Timeline" activity.



Arbor Day Ceremonial Tree Planting: Keep Smyrna Beautiful celebrated Georgia Arbor Day on February 17 along with the Smyrna Tree Board, Parks and Recreation, and the Georgia Forestry Commission with an Arbor Day Tree Planting in the Smyrna Arboretum. A Kousa dogwood was planted that at maturity will reach 15-25 feet.

Community Tree Planting Rescheduled: Due to weather conditions, our community tree planting on Arbor Day was rescheduled for Thursday, March 2 from 2-3:30 PM. Register here to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054faaaa2fa6fa7-arbor#/>

Environmental Studies Scholarship: This is the final week for students to apply for the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Environmental Studies Scholarship. Applications are due on Sunday, February 26. Scholarships are available for students living in or going to school in Smyrna and are pursuing or plan to pursue a college degree in an environmentally related field. More information and the application can be found here: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships/>

ENVIRONMENTAL
Studies
SCHOLARSHIP

Application Open



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

243 Inspections
105 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$616,626.66

Building Remodel/ Residential (19)

- (4) Additions
- (7) Re-roof
- (3) Interior Renovation
- (1) Other
- (2) Pool
- (1) Solar Panels/Generators
- (1) Retaining/Detention Wall

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$396,626.66

Building Remodel/ Commercial (2)

- (1) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
-3583 S Cobb Dr SE
- (1) Land Disturbance Permit
-3583 S Cobb Dr SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$220,000.00

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

New Businesses

Lawrence M Cohen CPA LLC
Offices of Certified Public Accountants
Home Business
Ward 6

The Clog Dawg Inc
Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors
Home Business
Ward 6

Beggoledecc Investments LLC
Other Activities Related to Real Estate
Home Business
Ward 6

Molly Sellers Photo
Photographers
Home Business
Ward 4

Geode Property
Nonresidential Property Managers
3499 S Cobb Drive
Ward 3

Smyrna Lawn, LLC
Landscaping Services
Home Business
Ward 4

The Book House Mableton, LLC
Book Retailers and News Dealers
1130 Concord Road
Ward 3

Insta-Pet, LLC
Pet and Pet Supplies Retailers
2450 Atlanta Road, STE 300
Ward 3

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