



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Monday, March 6, 2023**

Pre-Council Meeting  
6:30 PM

Smyrna Community Center - Room TBD

### **Monday, March 6, 2023**

Mayor and Council Meeting  
7:00 PM

Smyrna Community Center - Magnolia Room

### **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

License and Variance Board Meeting  
10:00 AM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - HR Training Room

### **Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Ward 4 Public Meeting  
6:30 PM

Smyrna Community Center - Magnolia Room

# ADMINISTRATION



**Smyrna Youth Council at the State Capitol:** The Smyrna Youth Council visited the State Capitol on Monday. They had the opportunity to meet with State Representative Teri Anulewicz, Senator Jason Esteves, and Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones. Students also visited with Mayor Derek Norton. The trip was a great learning experience for members of the Smyrna Youth Council!



**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](#).

**Rebuilding Together Atlanta Day of Service:** Rebuilding Together Atlanta hosted a Day of Service at a Smyrna residence this past Monday in partnership with Floor & Decor. Mayor Pro Tem and Ward 6 Councilmember Tim Gould gave opening remarks along with Rebuilding Together Atlanta leadership and Floor & Decor executives. Volunteers assisted the homeowner with flooring and carpeting repairs, landscaping, yard clean-up, and exterior painting. The City is grateful for our partnership with Rebuilding Together Atlanta which assists homeowners in need.



# ADMINISTRATION



**Smyrna Youth Council at Public Works, Water Distribution, and Engineering:** The Smyrna Youth Council met with Public Works, Water Distribution, and Engineering on Wednesday night. They were given presentations about department operations and demonstrations from several staff members. Thank you to the staff at Public Works, Water Distribution, and Engineering for such a fun and interactive night!



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 38  
Citations: 251  
Warnings: 86  
Calls for Service: 786



# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 02/21

Cases: 59  
Failures to Appear: 10  
DUIs Completed: 5  
Pre-Trials: 20

## Court on 02/23

Cases: 50  
Failures to Appear: 6  
DUIs Completed: 16  
Pre-Trials: 2

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 0  
Medical: 98  
Other: 37  
Total: 135

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Laron McKinnon**  
Sanitation Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 02/27



**Cornell Lee**  
Sanitation Truck Driver  
Public Works  
Hired: 02/27



**Christopher Beasley**  
Parks Maintenance  
Technician III  
Parks & Recreation  
Hired: 02/27



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Keep America Beautiful Conference and Awards:** Last week, the Keep Smyrna Beautiful board and staff members traveled to Washington, DC for the annual Keep America Beautiful conference. Keep America Beautiful awarded Keep Smyrna Beautiful an Innovation Award for partnering with Smyrna Arts Council to create the Smyrna Art & Garden Tour in 2022. Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Member Liz Davis was also awarded the Lady Bird Johnson award for her leadership and outstanding volunteer efforts. At the conference, Keep America Beautiful staff Julie Barwig and Eloise Holland co-presented a session on Arts in Spaces, which discussed best practices for Keep America Beautiful affiliate collaborations with arts organizations.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## DOCUMENT SHREDDING



**Document Shredding:** Save the date! Coming up soon, the spring Document Shredding event will take place on Saturday, March 18 at the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

Shred & recycle documents for free!



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

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Black History Month Dinner:** The stars aligned for a fabulous celebration of African American culture and history on Friday, February 24. Festivities for Black History Month culminated in a dinner in the Smyrna Community Center Magnolia Room. The speaker, Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar, is the author of a Harriet Tubman biography entitled *She Came to Slay*. Dr. Dunbar spoke to a sold-out crowd of approximately 150 people. The Black History Month Committee will begin meeting soon to make plans for the 2nd annual Black History Month Dinner in February 2024.



**Visitors:**

Library: 2,550  
Museum: 13

**Tween Art:** On February 21, the Tween Creativity Club created gorgeous artwork using a technique called string pull art, in which paint-covered string is draped onto paper and pulled across it.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Clowning Around at the Library:** Squeeze the Clown entertained 46 Smyrna children and adults with juggling, singing, and slights of hand on Monday, February 20. In addition to the performance, the audience learned about famous African American performers such as The Mills Brothers and Josephine Baker.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## **The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool Reopening:**

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool reopened to members Monday, February 27. Eager members were happy to return to their normal routines of fitness and pool activities and were reminded of how much they were missed with donut holes and goldfish crackers.



**Monet: The Immersive Experience:** Recreation Coordinator Lewis Lay and a small group of Wolfe Center members visited Monet: The Immersive Experience. The display is a 360-degree experience of light and sound, allowing visitors to explore the artist's most compelling works.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Basketball Tournament:** Several youth basketball teams competed in the Georgia Recreation and Park Association District Basketball Tournament during the week of February 20-24. In an exciting competition, the 12U boys and the 8U boys defeated Rome to advance to the state championship beginning on March 3.



**MOTHER/SON NERF WARS**

**Ready, Aim, Fire!**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17  
6 TO 9 PM**

**SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF NERF WARS, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND SNACKS! BRING YOUR OWN (SINGLE SHOT) NERF GUNS.

\*NO AUTOMATIC GUNS

AGES 5-12 \$60 \$10 DISCOUNT FOR CITY RESIDENTS

\*REGISTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 27 AND SAVE \$20 ON REGISTRATION!

\*ADDITIONAL SONS: \$25 EACH

REGISTER HERE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ASHLEY PUTNAM  
678-631-5392 OR APUTNAM@SMYRNAGA.GOV

RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

**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>

**Parent's 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>

**Parent's NIGHT OUT**

Register Today  
\$30 per child

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

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# PARKS AND RECREATION



**TOLLESON PARK**  
**EASTER**



**EGG HUNT**

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

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

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Registration is open 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](mailto:parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov). If you have any questions call 678-631-5392.



**WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST IS HERE!**

**This contest theme will focus on "The People of Smyrna"!**  
 The contest will run through the end of March. Send your favorite Smyrna photos, that you have personally captured, to [parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov). Winners will be announced the week after the contest closes.

If you have any questions about the contest, please email [parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov) or give us a call at 678-631-5392.

**RECREATE Smyrna**  
Parks & Recreation



**WE ARE Hiring! CAMP COUNSELORS**

**Applications are now open at [smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)!**

Looking for a summer job or internship in childcare? We are hiring camp counselors! Earn 40 hrs/week with pay starting at \$15 an hour, you won't have to work weekends, and we can provide you with an exceptional resume builder in childcare!

Have questions about the available positions or how to earn college credit for internships?  
 Contact Ashley Putnam at [aputnam@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:aputnam@smyrnaga.gov) or 678-631-5392

**RECREATE Smyrna**  
Parks & Recreation

**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](http://smyrnaga.gov)! Have questions about the available positions or how to earn college credit for internships? Contact Ashley Putnam at [aputnam@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:aputnam@smyrnaga.gov) or 678-631-5392.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## IT's Monthly Technology Tips and Shortcuts:

1. To open the file explorer, press "Windows Key + E"
2. To quickly show your desktop and revert windows, press "Windows Key + D"
3. To open your PC's settings, press "Windows Key + I"
4. To change Windows Password, press "Ctrl + alt + del" and select Change Password option

# WATER DISTRIBUTION

**Lead Service Inventory:** Contractors will be potholing and verifying water service lines on March 6 as part of the water service line inventory for the Environmental Protection Agency's requirements. Verification has been approached in two different ways:

- Water sample kits are being sent to residents in ward 3 with qualifying homes built before 1986
- Potholing and physical verification will be taking place in Wards 2 and 6 for qualifying homes

**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.

**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, determine pipe conditions, and make corrections when necessary. Ward 4 has been completed, and several wards are still in progress.

**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 areas are included in this project:

- The Highlands water main replacement (in progress)
- Roswell Street water main and service line replacement (completed except for tying in new water services and landscaping)
- Starline Drive (in progress)



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

294 Inspections  
123 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$1,056,559.00

**Building Remodel/ Residential (12)**

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

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$700,984.00

- Electrical (7) HVAC (5)**
- Plumbing (3) Signs (2)**
- Tree Removal (5)**

**Building Remodel/ Commercial (13)**

- (12) Re-roof
  - Galleria Courtyards (1400 Galleria Lane, 12 Buildings)
- (1) Solar Panels
  - Space Shop Self Storage (2520 Spring Rd)

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$355,575.00

## New Businesses

**Willy B Enterprises, LLC**

Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**k.cruz landscaping**

Landscaping Services  
Home Business  
Ward 3

**Magnolia Suite Atlanta LLC**

Bridal & Formal Wear  
2968 Atlanta Road, STE 200  
Ward 3

**Dee Rogers Designs Custom Jewelry**

Jewelry Design Services  
Home Business  
Ward 4

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