



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, March 13, 2023

Planning and Zoning Commission

6:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall - HR Training Room

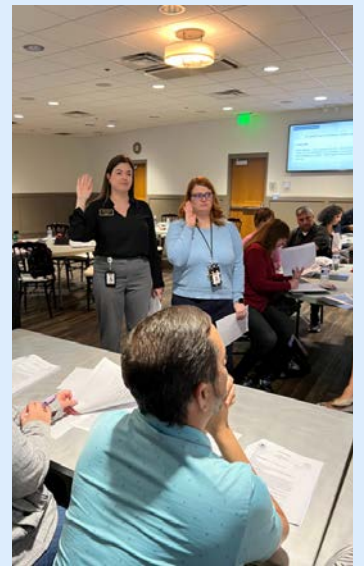
Thursday, March 16, 2023

Committee of the Whole

6:30 PM

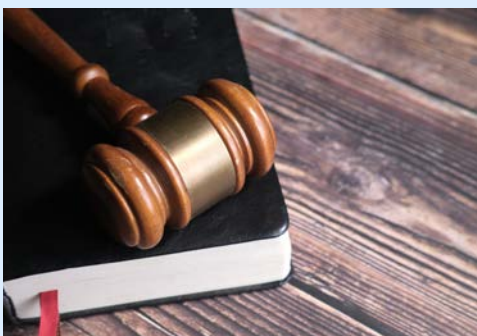
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ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Citizens Academy: The 2023 Smyrna Citizens Academy kicked off on Tuesday night with City Council and Administration! Participants were given a presentation on department operations and then participated in a mock city council meeting. We are excited to welcome another fun and engaged group to the Smyrna Citizens Academy!

COURT SERVICES



Court on 02/28

Cases: 51
Failures to Appear: 23
DUIs Completed: 3
Pre-Trials: 13

Court on 03/02

Cases: 75
Failures to Appear: 17
DUIs Completed: 0
Pre-Trials: 7

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24
 Citations: 204
 Warnings: 65
 Calls for Service: 674

Read Aloud Day at Smyrna Elementary School: Officer Beard, Officer Pyle, Officer Farrell, and E-911 Manager Danielle Fortner read to students at Smyrna Elementary last Wednesday for Read Aloud Day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Accreditation - Center For Public Safety Excellence Conference: The Fire Department has begun their process of becoming an accredited agency, and to kick off this process, they attended the Center for Public Safety Excellence Conference in Orlando, Florida. Being an accredited agency encourages quality improvement, identifies areas of strengths and weaknesses, provides data-supported decision making, communicates management and leadership philosophies, and so much more. Pictured right at the conference are Chief Brian Marcos, Administrative Coordinator/Accreditation Manager Kelly Bastis, Fire Marshal/Division Chief Dustin Davey, EMS Director Rachel Barnhard, and Deputy Chief Eric Mohrmann.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 87
 Other: 44
 Total: 132

F.L.A.M.E.S. Course Completion: Congratulations to Firefighter Chris Russell on his completion of the F.L.A.M.E.S. course! The course is held in Chatsworth, Georgia, and tests firefighter's limitations while working in high stress situations with limited recuperation times. It also tests the firefighter's ability to function as a part of a team. The course includes physical training, running, jogging, and stair climbing, forcing the individual to work and think while tired. While team building is a primary focal point, it also focuses on the importance of good core values and character.



HUMAN RESOURCES



Keandra Jackson
 Detention Officer II
 Police Department
 Hired: 03/06



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Arbor Day Tree Planting: Last Thursday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful's rescheduled Arbor Day Tree Planting took place on a piece of city-owned property in the Cheney Woods neighborhood where volunteers have been removing invasive plants. Three volunteers planted 18 trees, including oak, sycamore, and bald cypress.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Adopt-a-Mile Sign: We're excited to share that Keep Smyrna Beautiful's first Adopt-a-Mile sign with the new logo was printed last week for KEH Camera, who joined the program last year! As time and budget allows, we will update all the signs.



Smyrna Garden Tour: We're now recruiting volunteers for the annual Garden Tour on May 6! Volunteer shifts are available for the morning and the afternoon and include opportunities to check-in volunteers, to serve as a "garden docent," and to work at the tea room or plant sale. Sign up today at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054faaaa2fa6fa7-smyrna8#/>

If you have not volunteered with Keep Smyrna Beautiful before, you'll be sent an online waiver to fill out in advance.

Document Shredding: Save the date! 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.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Shred & recycle documents for free!

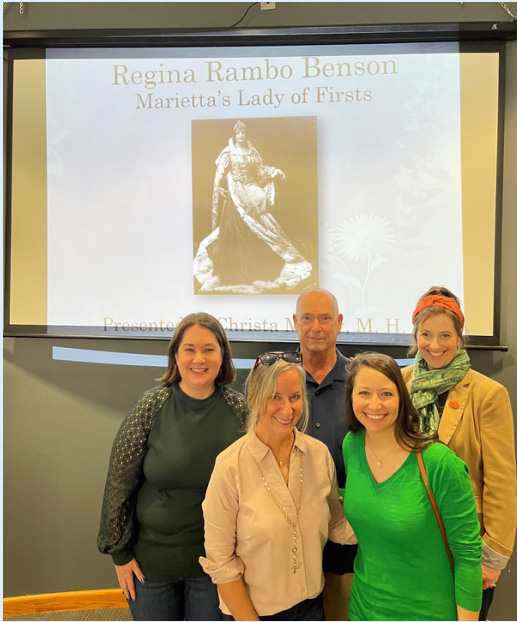
KEEP SMYRNA Beautiful

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



Community Cleanup: On Tuesday, thirteen volunteers from Keep Smyrna Beautiful and River Line Historic Area collaborated to clean up Nickajack Park Road and the adjoining wooded area. Together, they picked up 15 bags of litter, which totaled 264 pounds of litter. (Sixty pounds of that was recyclable material!)

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



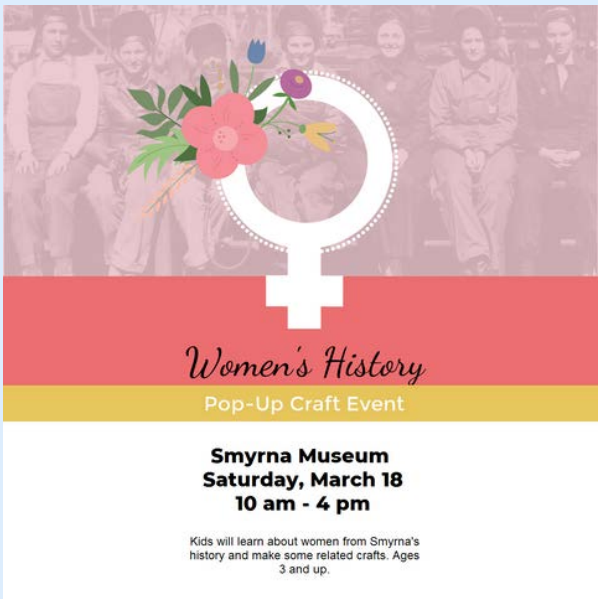
Visitors:
 Library: 2,572
 Museum: 7

Women’s History Month Sunday Lecture: The Smyrna Library began celebrating Women’s History Month with a Sunday lecture highlighting the unique and wonderful life of “Marietta’s Lady of Firsts – Regina Rambo Benson.” Speaker Christa McCay of the Marietta History Museum posed with several Rambo cousins who are relatives of Mrs. Benson.

Grown-Ups Made Tiny Shelves: On Friday, March 3, the Adult Services team hosted an in-person crafts program where participants made “Tiny Shelves” using materials designed for dollhouses.



Cobb Collaborative – The Basics of Story Time Series: Tuesday, February 28 began a 5-week partnership with Cobb Collaborative to introduce The Basics of Storytime, a nationally recognized strategy grounded in five evidence-based parenting and caregiver principles that support the social, emotional, and cognitive development of children from birth to five years old. Cobb Collaborative shared their program with parents of infants and toddlers on Tuesday and Wednesday.



Women's History Pop-Up Craft Event: Join the Smyrna Museum for a pop-up craft event celebrating Women's History Month on Saturday, March 18 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. This event is suitable for ages three and up.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Read Across America Day: Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Power celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2 with Golden Start Preschool where she read *Mr. Brown Can Moo!* by Dr. Seuss. She also visited Norton Park Elementary where she read to five 5th grade classes! "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." - Dr. Seuss

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parent's Night Out: Parks and Recreation hosted the first Parent's Night Out on Friday, March 3. Participants enjoyed games in the gym, a movie, fun snacks, and crafts throughout the evening. The next Parent's Night Out will be on April 14 and the theme for the evening will be a pizza party! There is still space to sign-up, and the cost is \$30 per child. All children must be fully potty-trained. This is for ages 4-12 years old. <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>



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. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.

Winter Photography Contest: There are just a few weeks left for the Parks and Recreation Winter Photography Contest. Submit your photos by March 31. The theme is "The People of Smyrna." Send photos to parkphotos@smyrnaga.gov. If you have any questions, please call 678 631-5392.

PARKS AND RECREATION



TOLLESON PARK
EASTER
EGG HUNT

APRIL 1
1PM - 4PM **\$10** **ACTIVITIES, TREATS, MOVIE AND MORE!**

50% OFF FOR CITY RESIDENTS
KIDS AGES 1 - 12

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

Easter Egg Hunt: Get ready to hop over to Tolleson Park 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. 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 spot by registering 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.



RECREATE Smyrna
 Parks & Recreation

WE ARE Hiring! CAMP COUNSELORS

Applications are now open at 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!

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ENGINEERING



Speed Reduction Markings: Speed reduction markings were striped on Ridge Road between the intersections of Glenhurst Drive and Ridgehurst Drive. These markings were placed as a traffic calming measure decided upon by the Traffic Calming Committee. Speed reduction markings are transverse markings that are placed on the roadway within a lane (along both edges of the lane) in a pattern of progressively reduced spacing to give drivers the impression that their speed is increasing.

ENGINEERING

Truck Turn-Around Signs: Traffic signs were installed on Concord Road to direct large trucks to the turn-around area before the Concord Bridge. These signs were installed in half-mile increments beginning at Hurt Road and ending at the turn-around area. These signs were installed to prevent premature turn-arounds in residential areas.

SR 280 Resurfacing: The resurfacing project for South Cobb Drive/SR280 consists of approximately eight miles of milling and resurfacing beginning at the Fulton County Line inside I-285 and extending to north of Austell Road. This project began on March 5 and is expected to be completed by the July Fourth holiday weekend. Work is anticipated to be performed primarily during the overnight hours from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM, Sunday night through Friday night. The initial stages of the project will involve roadway patching.



Concord Road at King Street Vehicle Detection: Vehicle detection updates were made at the intersection on Concord Road and King Street. The camera facing traffic on King Street was replaced due to periodic issues with the vehicle detection at that approach. This camera was replaced with an inductive loop, which has provided more reliable vehicle detection in other areas throughout the City. An issue with the left turns on Concord Road was also diagnosed and resolved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

174 Inspections
73 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,733,875.50

Building Remodel/ Residential (10)

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

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$126,194.00

Building Remodel/ Commercial (1)

- (1) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
- 3300 Highlands Pkwy Se Unit 130

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$21,431.50.50

Building New/ Commercial (7)

- (7) New Construction
- 6200, 6204, 6212, 6208 Pipevine Ln SE
- 1589 Roswell St SE
- 1572 Hawthorne Ave SE
- 341 Mockingbird Ln

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,586,250.00

Electrical (2) HVAC (3)

Plumbing (7) Signs (1)

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 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)



Cleaning and Updating Sewer Outfall Lines: Staff is cleaning and updating sewer outfall lines. This work will include replacing and installing signs.

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.

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