



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, March 27, 2023

Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
6:00 PM
Smyrna Community Center
Oak Room

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Riverline Park Splash Pad Family
Information Session
5:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
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Access Code: 340-407-069
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Thursday, March 30, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting
6:30 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
HR Training Room

ADMINISTRATION



Citizens Academy with Public Works and Water Distribution:

Citizens Academy participants met with Public Works and Water Distribution on Tuesday evening. They were given presentations on department operations and saw interactive demonstrations from each department. Thank you to the Public Works and Water Distribution staff for putting on such a fun session!



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 29
 Citations: 234
 Warnings: 72
 Calls for Service: 754

HUMAN RESOURCES



Maurice Jerry
 Part-Time Lifeguard
 (Wolfe Center)
 Parks & Recreation
 Hired: 03/20



COURT SERVICES



Court on 03/14

Cases: 60
 Failures to Appear: 12
 Pre-Trials: 15
 DUI's Completed: 0

Court on 03/16

Cases: 77
 Failures to Appear: 15
 Pre-Trials: 17
 DUI's Completed: 3

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Women's History Pop-Up Craft Event: Smyrna Museum held a Women's History Pop-Up Craft on Saturday, March 18. Smyrna's first female Mayor Lorena Pace Pruitt was highlighted. Since Mayor Pruitt purchased one of the city's early fire trucks, kids made their own fire trucks out of boxes and construction paper. Thank you to the Smyrna Fire Department and Firefighter Dominique Purifoy who came and showed off her gear and shared what she is learning in paramedic school. Kids also talked about what they would do if they were Mayor for a day, where one participant said they would start a free City Zoo.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Mayor's Reading Club: On Thursday, March 16, Mayor Derek Norton, Smyrna Fire Department, and Smyrna Library hosted the second installment of the Mayor's Reading Club. Mayor Norton read picture book *Firefighter Flo*, then participants learned about turnout gear and fire safety, toured the 75-foot ladder truck, and took turns sitting in Smyrna's antique fire truck.



Visitors:
 Library: 2,570
 Museum: 24

Paper Arts Workshop: Japanese Stab Binding: On Friday, March 17, the Adult Services team hosted Virginia Howell from the Williams Museum of Papermaking to teach a class on Japanese Stab Binding. Participants made two books each which can be used for sketching, notes, or scrapbooks. Ms. Howell will be teaching two more paper arts classes at the library in March.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smyrna Fire Department Community Open House: Smyrna Fire Department hosted their first community open house at Fire Station 3 last weekend to engage with Smyrna residents. Children and adults learned how to use fire extinguishers and how to do chest compressions. They also got to climb around Truck 1, try on turnout gear, tour the station, and had a front row seat to view what a vehicle extrication looks like. A special thank you to Ward 2 Councilwoman Latonia P. Hines and Smyrna Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Denise Czarnik for stopping by!



Weekly Incident Totals	
Fire:	5
Medical:	82
Other:	46
Total:	133

Smyrna Fire Department Advanced EMT Class: This week, firefighters in Smyrna Fire Department's Advanced EMT class participated in an anatomy and physiology lab where they examined animal organs that closely resemble human ones! Being able to touch real tissue and getting to identify structures on the organs provides a much deeper understanding of the class material for the students.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recycling Center: On March 17, the monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center welcomed three Smyrna residents on a chilly morning to learn about recycling and how the center works. One lucky three-year-old who loves trucks was lucky enough to catch the glass being picked up!



Spring Document Shredding: On Saturday, March 18, Keep Smyrna Beautiful held its spring Document Shredding event to securely shred and recycle documents. Volunteers served 400 cars, keeping tens of thousands of pounds out of the landfill. Some event participants shared on a survey that they appreciated that the event was "well organized and quick" and provided "ease and convenience."

Recycling Center Field Trip: On Monday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful welcomed students from Bryant Elementary School to tour the Recycling Center and participate in a papermaking activity that simulates what it's like to recycle paper. In all, nine teachers attended with a total of 68 students from kindergarten, 1st grade, and 5th grade.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Adopt-a-Tree: The Adopt-a-Tree program has placed 118 trees since the beginning of the year. Since the planting season is quickly coming to an end, we're seeking folks to adopt trees as soon as possible! If you are interested, visit [our online request form](#) and request a tree.

Smyrna Garden Tour Volunteers Needed: We're now recruiting volunteers for the annual Smyrna Garden Tour on May 6! Volunteer shifts are available in the morning and in the afternoon and include opportunities to check-in volunteers, serve as a "garden docent," and work at the tea room or the plant sale. [Sign up today!](#) If you have not volunteered with Keep Smyrna Beautiful before, you'll be sent an online waiver to fill out in advance.



Smyrna Garden Tour Tickets: Tickets for the Smyrna Garden Tour are now on sale! You can purchase paper tickets at the Smyrna Recycling Center or purchase tickets online at [Eventbrite](#). Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of. Tickets are not needed for children ages 12 and under.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Easter Egg Hunt: There are still spots available for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Tolleson Park! 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>.

Revenue Development School: Programs Service Manager Jodi Mills attended Revenue Development School last week in Wheeling, West Virginia. Year 1 students enjoyed a variety of classes throughout the week including How A Budget is Born, Philosophy Impacts on Cost-Recovery and Pricing, Monitoring and Managing Budgets, and many more. In addition to classroom training, this also provided a great opportunity for Jodi to network with other parks and recreation professionals from around the country.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Reed House Lawn Construction: The Reed House lawn construction is progressing on schedule with completion expected by the end of April. The lawn will enhance the beauty of the Reed House and will offer outdoor space to use for special events in a well-designed and welcoming space.



Parent's Night Out: 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>

Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market will begin May 7 and run through October 22. Mark your calendar now to attend this very popular event and shop for handmade favorites.



Mother/Son Nerf Wars: St. Patrick's Day was filled with fun and competition at Parks and Recreation's second annual Mother/Son Nerf Wars! The event hosted 200 mother/son couples that enjoyed an evening of excitement and friendly competition. Participants enjoyed battling on courses, competing in obstacle courses, and bonding over refreshments and glow-in-the-dark fun! Participants were all delighted to share the experience and let staff know they couldn't wait until next year. One mom shared with staff that her son told her, "this was the best night of his life."

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Lead Service Inventory: Contractors will be potholing and verifying water service lines 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 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 road cut repair)
- Starline Drive (in progress)

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.

Preventative Maintenance: Meter techs have been checking meters for leaks and accurate readings. This is part of the preventive maintenance program. Pictured is Meter Tech Eric Hicks checking a meter after venting the vault to get in it, under the supervision of the Meter Foreman Paul Vickery.



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

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continuing work on the Doeskin Lane drainage project
- Completed the Brawner Hall drainage project
- Continued work on the concrete storage pad at the Public Works facility
- Completed concrete repairs and landscaping at Valley Oaks Drive and Falling Water Drive
- Completed removal of the fountain in the Market Village

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

150 Inspections

57 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,170,363.77

Building Remodel/ Commercial (6)

- (1) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
 - 3200 Highlands Pkwy SE unit 410
- (2) Re-Roof
 - 614 Concord Rd SE
 - 4182 S Cobb Dr SE
- (1) Solar Panels, Generators, Cell Tower
 - 3380 S Cobb Dr
- (1) Other
 - 2120 Atlanta Rd SE
- (1) Demolition
 - 2510 Cobb Pkwy

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$164,690.00

Building New/ Residential (1)

- (1) New Construction
 - 3570 Sherwood Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$550,000.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (12)

- (3) Addition
- (1) Interior Renovation
- (4) Re-roof
- (1) Solar Panels/Generators
- (2) Pool

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$455,673.77.00

Electrical (7) HVAC (1) Plumbing (4) Signs (2) Tree Removal (9)

New Businesses

Blended Solutions Group

Telemarketing Bureaus and Other Contact Centers
1955 Lake Park Drive, STE 300
Ward 1

City Chiropractic

Offices of Chiropractors
3499 S Cobb Drive, STE 206
Ward 3

Cobb Drive Smoke & Vape, Inc.

Tobacco, Electronic Cigarette, and Other Smoking Supplies Retailers
3201 S Cobb Drive, STE D2
Ward 3

Plumbers 4 Real LLC

Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors
1640 Roswell Street, STE D
Ward 3

Styled Glory LLC

Beauty Salons
3240 S Cobb Drive, STE 850, Room 210
Ward 3

1000 Belmont Apartments LP

(Ownership Change)
Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings
1000 Belmont Park Drive
Ward 3

Makin Macon LLC

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 6

Zurix Building Solutions LLC

Roofing Contractors
1600 Wilson Way, STE 12
Ward 7

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