



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, April 3, 2023

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Smyrna Community Center - Oak Room

Monday, April 3, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Smyrna Community Center - Magnolia Room

Holiday Closure Notice: City of Smyrna Administrative offices will be closed on Friday, April 7 in observance of Good Friday. Public safety remains operational.

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Youth Council with Smyrna Fire Department: Youth Council members met with the Fire Department on Wednesday evening. They were given a presentation from Deputy Chief Eric Mohrmann and a demonstration in the fire training yard by Fire Department staff. Thank you to everyone that made this such a fun evening!



ADMINISTRATION



Citizens Academy with Community Development, Economic Development, and IT: Citizens Academy participants met with Community Development, Economic Development, and IT on Tuesday night at Brawner Hall. Thank you to all of the city staff that presented on their departments!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smyrna Safe Business: The Smyrna Fire Department is proud to announce the Smyrna Safe Business Program: a six-session program that aims to increase resiliency and safety in the local business community. [Click here for more information](#), or visit the [Smyrna Fire Departments Facebook page](#).

Mayor Derek Norton said "I'm proud to see our Smyrna team develop a new and unique program that encourages and supports our business community's safety and preparedness. What sets this program apart from others are the collaborators involved, the business-to-business support, and the recognition that comes with achieving a Smyrna Safe Business designation. I can't wait to recognize the first group of businesses to complete this program as a Smyrna Safe Business!"



Weekly Incident Totals	
Fire:	1
Medical:	89
Other:	56
Total:	146



United Leadership Excellence Program Certification: Congratulations to Administrative Coordinator Kelly Bastis with the Smyrna Fire Department on completing the Leadership Excellence Program through Michael Coles College of Business. The program is designed for professionals at all levels who want to elevate their potential as leaders, innovators, and change-makers. Each session covered 8 leader roles and 24 skills that deliver excellence and make participants highly-respected leaders inside of their organizations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals
 Arrests: 29
 Citations: 199
 Warnings: 51
 Calls for Service: 719

Drug Awareness and Prevention Seminar: The Smyrna Police Department partnered with Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program to host a drug awareness and prevention seminar on Tuesday evening. The event was attended by the community (parents, children, senior citizens), guest speakers, medical doctors, and members from the Department of Justice and the US Attorney's Office from the Northern District of Georgia.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 03/21
 Cases: 70
 Failures to Appear: 14
 Pre-Trials: 16
 DUI's Completed: 0

Court on 03/23
 Cases: 65
 Failures to Appear: 12
 Pre-Trials: 11
 DUI's Completed: 1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Site Selection Tool: Economic Development has relaunched [a site selection tool on the City website](#). Our state Economic Development partners provide this service for larger properties (office and industrial properties over 20,000 square feet), but small businesses (especially retailers and restaurants) are not represented in that database. City staff previously managed a tedious process of asking brokers to share their information, with staff having to keep the information up to date. Now we have partnered with Select Cobb, as well as Austell and Powder Springs, to share costs for a 3rd party site selection tool for prospects looking for small to mid-sized properties. Listings are compiled of a variety of commercial real estate sites or can be submitted directly by the broker, and only properties in Smyrna are shown on our website. This is an important part of our Economic Development efforts, as it helps us tout investment opportunities in the City and provide our smaller businesses and prospects the ability to search for available space. Kudos to staff member Sherita Martin who identified this solution and pitched it to our partners to make this a cost-effective tool for the City.

PUBLIC WORKS

Holiday Sanitation Schedule: The City of Smyrna administrative offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday on Friday, April 7. The sanitation schedule for next week is as follows:

- Monday and Tuesday routes remain unchanged
- Thursday routes will be picked up Wednesday
- Friday routes will be picked up Thursday
- No yard waste or large items collection this week

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:

Library: 2,715

Museum: 10

Women's History Month: Celebrating female superheroes' great here! Wonder Woman and Batgirl visited Smyrna Library on Monday, March 20 in celebration of Women's History Month! Wonder Woman read a book explaining her origin story, then participants designed their own hero badges and had their pictures taken with the heroes.

Partnership with Keep Smyrna Beautiful: Keep Smyrna Beautiful Coordinator Eloise Holland dropped off materials at the library on Friday, March 24 for the new "Community Cleanup Kits." Keep Smyrna Beautiful donated the materials and instructions for these unique kits which the library will begin checking out in early April in celebration of Earth Month. Each kit contains enough supplies and equipment for two people to conduct a cleanup of their neighborhood, street, or communal outdoor space.

Holiday Closure Notice: The Smyrna Library and Museum will be closed on Friday, April 7, Saturday, April 8, and Sunday, April 9 in observance of the Good Friday and Easter holidays.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Community Cleanups: Last week, a group from Marietta Central Seventh Day Adventist Church did an independent cleanup on Benson Poole Road. Six volunteers picked up 9 bags totaling 135 pounds of litter. In addition, three volunteers participated in a community cleanup last Wednesday on Pat Mell Road. Together, they picked up 34 pounds of litter, including 8 pounds of recyclable materials.

Adopt-a-Mile: Atlanta Rotaract recently joined the Adopt-a-Mile program, and they couldn't wait for the April Adopt-a-Mile to get started! Last week a group of seven volunteers cleaned up their mile on Windy Hill Road and picked 6 bags totaling 90 pounds of litter.

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](https://www.eventbrite.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of. Tickets are not needed for children ages 12 and under. Volunteers are still needed. [Sign up today!](#)



Adopt-a-Tree: We're looking for homes for our Adopt-a-Tree trees before the weather is too warm to plant them. Interested? [Visit our online request form](#) and request a tree.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Easter Egg Hunt: Spots are still available for the Easter egg hunt at Tolleson Park on Saturday, April 1. We are monitoring the forecast and have an alternative indoor location if there is inclement weather. If you have signed-up for the event, please monitor your emails and our social media pages for updates. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.

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>

Summer Camp: Summer camp registration opens on Monday, April 3. This year's camp will run from June 5- July 28, taking a break the week of July 4. Camp will be held weekly from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. The cost of camp is \$250, and there is a \$25 City resident discount. Early care and aftercare is available for a separate purchase of \$40 for one or \$70 for both. Register at <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.

Cookie Decorating Class: This Mother's Day weekend, enjoy an interactive and sweet-filled day decorating cookies and celebrating mom! Join Sweet Bites by Mimi to learn decorating techniques, piping skills, and how to frost your cookies like a professional. Once you have completed your masterpieces, take them home and show them off! The class is on Saturday, May 13 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The cost is \$50 per adult and \$30 for children 5-16 years old. Registration opens on Monday, April 3. Space is limited. <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>

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Pickleball League: Smyrna's first pickleball league began on Monday, March 20. The league quickly filled, hosting 12 teams with 92 participants who will enjoy a six-week long season followed by potential playoffs.



Reed House Refresh: Charles McCall Painting did a fantastic job giving the interior of the Reed House a fresh coat of paint. With fresh walls and refinished hardwood floors, the Reed House is in great shape for events when it reopens in May. (Pictured above)

Updates at Tolleson Pool: Tolleson Pool saw some long-awaited updates in the concession area and locker rooms in preparation for the fast-approaching 2023 season. Cabinets, countertops, and sink hardware were upgraded with new granite and stainless steel features. These upgrades will improve the experience for guests when they visit the pool beginning Memorial Day weekend! (Pictured left)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

165 Inspections

74 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,596,854.25

Building Remodel/ Residential (13)

- (6) Addition
- (2) Interior Renovation
- (3) Re-roof
- (1) Pool
- (1) Wall

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$320,354.25

Building New/ Residential (2)

- (2) New Construction
- 609 Reed Rd SE
- 2635 Highland Ave SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$700,000.00

Building Remodel/ Commercial (3)

- (1) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
- 300 Village Green Cir SE Unit 102
- (1) Demolition
- 0 Foster St SE
- (1) Land Disturbance
- 2800 King St SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,576,500.00

Electrical (2)

HVAC (6)

Plumbing (3)

Signs (7)

Tree Removal (2)

New Businesses

Braves Local Getaway

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 1

iCare Health LLC

Massage Therapists' Offices
2756 Cumberland Blvd
Ward 1

The Anad Group

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 1

Next Generation Investments, L.L.C

Administrative Management and General Management
Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 4

Mountains Women's Center

Offices of Physicians
3200 Highlands Parkway
STE 420
Ward 7

Stronghold Roofing & Solar, LLC.

Roofing Contractors
Home Business
Ward 7

8 Seven Holdings

Administrative Management and General Management
Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 7

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