



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Monday, April 10, 2023**

Planning and Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
6:00 PM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
HR Training Room

### **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Meeting  
6:30 PM  
Smyrna Community Center  
Jonquil Room

### **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

Joint Ward Meeting  
(Wards 1, 2 and 3)  
7:00 PM  
Smyrna Community Center  
Magnolia Room

### **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

License and Variance Board Meeting  
10:00 AM  
A. Max Bacon City Hall  
HR Training Room

### **Thursday, April 13, 2023**

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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Leadership Cobb Alumni Association Breakfast:** On March 30, Smyrna Fire Chief Brian Marcos was part of a panel of “distinguished leaders who have broken barriers in their respective fields.” The panel consisted of Superior Court Judge Kellie Hill, Superior Court Judge Vic Reynolds, Chief Brian Marcos, and former Cobb County District Attorney Joyette Holmes. All of these panelists have learned great lessons, overcome challenges, and have become established leaders and mentors within their departments and community.

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2  
 Medical: 92  
 Other: 61  
 Total: 155

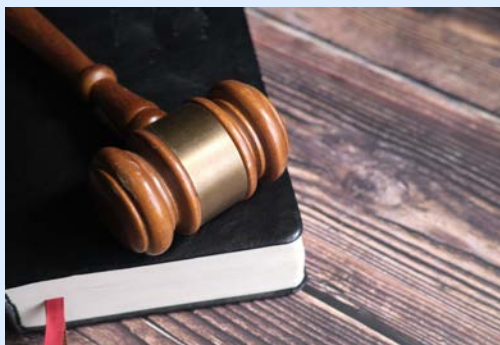
**Smyrna Future Firefighter Program:** The Smyrna Future Firefighter Program is coming soon! This program will:

- Develop a pipeline of future firefighters
- Help participants get “career ready”
- Recruit with purpose

For more information on the program, please contact [joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov).



# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 03/28

Cases: 66  
 Failures to Appear: 17  
 Pre-Trials: 10  
 DUI's Completed: 3

## Court on 03/30

Cases: 41  
 Failures to Appear: 13  
 Pre-Trials: 12  
 DUI's Completed: 2

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 41  
Citations: 238  
Warnings: 92  
Calls for Service: 758

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Chelsea Howard**  
Sanitation Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 04/03



**Brody Gregory**  
Police Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 04/03



# PUBLIC WORKS

**Council Chambers Remodel Project:** After water damage from the extreme winter weather in December, the remodeling process for the Council Chambers has begun. Pictured right is a current picture of the Council Chambers as the construction process begins.



**Raised Pedestrian Speed Table:** The Public Works Department began working on a raised pedestrian speed table on Powder Springs Road.

# ENGINEERING



**Vehicle Detection Improvements:** The traffic sensors at the intersection of Cumberland Parkway and Spring Hill Road were reoriented to capture traffic more effectively. There has been periodic vehicle detection issues at this intersection due to the original placement of the sensors. Signal timing adjustments were also made to improve synchronization with the adjacent signal at Cumberland Parkway and Spring Road.

**Traffic Cabinet Maintenance:** The traffic signal cabinet at Concord Road and McCauley Road/Hollis Street was rewired, and detection zones were adjusted to improve vehicle detection on the side streets.

**Speed Studies:** Radar signs were deployed on Lake Park Drive, Old Concord Road, and Austin Lake Drive. These radar signs will collect traffic volume and speed data for approximately two weeks.



**Various Traffic Signal Light Replacements:** Traffic signal lights were replaced in various locations, including the intersection of Spring Road and Jonquil Drive, and the intersection of Atlanta Road and West Spring Street.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## IT's Monthly Technology Tips and Shortcuts

### Microsoft Word:

1. Press (CTRL + B) to toggle bold text
2. Press (CTRL + I) to toggle italicize text
3. Press (CTRL + K) to insert a hyperlink

### Microsoft Excel:

1. To quickly sum a range of cells, press (ALT + =)
2. To auto adjust the width of each cell, select all then hold ALT then sequentially press H, O, I
3. To undo, press (CTRL + Z). To redo, press (CTRL + Y)

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**CAREing Paws:** CAREing Paws (Canines Assisting Rehabilitation and Education) is a local group of registered therapy teams consisting of a licensed therapy dog and a handler. Otto and his owner/handler Kathy (pictured) are one of two teams that visit Smyrna Library each month. Reading to therapy dogs fosters reading and communication skills and builds confidence. The program has seen kids as young as 4 years old to pre-teens who need to build confidence in their reading skills. The library once hosted a teen who was afraid of dogs and wanted to become more comfortable around them. Kids of all ages who do not have their own dog enjoy spending time with a beautiful canine.

This successful program has run consistently for over 10+ years at Smyrna Library. Emergent readers and older readers may sign up for a session by visiting the Youth Services desk on the first floor of Smyrna Library.

## Visitors:

Library: 2,885

Museum: 12



**Friends Annual Meeting and Sunday Lecture:** The Friends of Smyrna Library elected a new Board of Directors on Sunday, April 2. The annual meeting was followed by a lecture about the Georgia Gold Rush by newly elected Friends of Smyrna Library President Dr. William Marchione.

Pictured left to right are Kahlillah Dotson Mosley (Member At Large), Mary Ann Marchione (Art & Display Galleries), GeeGee Walters (Treasurer) Jeff Jones (Vice President) Ellie Wolf (Member At Large), William Marchione (President), Mickie Higgins (Secretary) and Len Hallke Jr. (Member At Large).

Not pictured are Mary Beth LaHatte Beebe (Member At Large) and Charlie Stannard (Retiring President).

**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.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**On Exhibit:** Through the end of April, the paintings of Chinemerem Omeh are on exhibit in the upstairs art gallery (pictured far left), and the reclaimed wood turnings of Richard Herklotz are in the upstairs display cases (pictured left).

**The Smyrna Museum Wants Your Old Pictures:** The Smyrna Museum frequently gets requests from the public for pictures of old buildings and businesses. We are always on the lookout for old photos of Smyrna to help with such requests. For example, we are currently seeking pictures of or contacts for Trade City Motors, and pictures of the State Farm Insurance building at Windy Hill Road and Cobb Parkway before the tornado of April 1998. Do you have old snapshots and pictures of Smyrna? If so, we would love to see them! We can digitally scan your photos, and you can keep the originals. Please call Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge at (678) 631-5424 or email at [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov).



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Invasive Species Removal:** As part of ongoing maintenance, two Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers helped remove invasive, nonnative plants from an area of land at Powder Springs Street and Rosalyn Lane on March 30. Benefits of this project include reducing the spread of invasive plants, creating a more welcoming environment for native wildlife, and beautifying Smyrna.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Garden Tour:** Tickets for the Garden Tour are now on sale! You can purchase paper tickets at the Smyrna Recycling Center or Vickery Ace Hardware. You can also purchase them [online at Eventbrite](#). Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the event. No ticket is needed for ages 12 and under. Volunteers are also 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.

**Smyrna Recycling Center:** The Smyrna Recycling Center processed 107,285 pounds of material in March. So far in 2023, over 308,000 pounds of recyclable material has been processed.

# WATER DISTRIBUTION



**Touch a Truck Day:** Staff participated in Touch a Truck Day at Belmont Hills Elementary. Pictured left is Operator Ralph Gordon explaining operation processes to the students.

**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. Water sample kits are being sent to residents in Ward 3 with qualifying homes built before 1986. Potholing and physical verification will continue in other Wards for qualifying homes. Ward 2 has been completed, and the contractor is now moving into Wards 1 and 4.

**Water Meter Replacements:** The remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  water meter replacement project began on March 6. Contractor Reed & Shows is replacing outdated meters with new digital meters. This project is currently 50% completed.

**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. Staff is 25% complete with jetting and cleaning for the project, and the video inspection in Ward 5 is 10% complete.

**Sewer Main Line Project:** Water Distribution held a pre-con meeting with a sewer contractor to begin cleaning and videoing sewer main lines in Ward 3. This is part of a citywide project to complete sewer inspections in all Wards by the end of 2025. Wards 2 and 4 have been fully completed as part of this project.



**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. Two projects are currently active in this program:

- The Highlands Water Main Replacement (30% complete)
- Starline Drive (50% complete)

# WATER DISTRIBUTION

**Water Service Disruption:** Water Distribution received a call on Monday, April 3 that the water main at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and King Springs Road had ruptured. Crews isolated the main break within an hour of receiving the call. South Cobb Drive was affected from King Springs Road to Lake Drive on the west side, and from South Cobb Drive to Smyrna Emory Hospital on the east side. Water pressure dropped in various locations in the City as far as Concord Road and even to City limits. Staff quickly hit our redundant valves while dispatching Cobb County Marietta Water Authority to turn on a main feed to level out residuals and allow citizens to begin regaining water pressure in their homes. This was not a fast process, as it took several hours to gain full pressure of 110 PSI to the west side of South Cobb Drive. Unfortunately, the east side of South Cobb Drive remained without water at this time. Water crews isolated a mainline valve at Wexford Apartments restoring full pressure from King Springs Road to the downtown area. This left Wexford Apartments and The Gates of King Springs without water. Water staff came up with a possible temporary solution while contractors remained on-site in an attempt to reach the ruptured pipe that was over 20 feet deep. However, still no results were achieved with the attempted temporary solutions. During this time, the Fire Department came to assist with residents' questions and concerns and be of any assistance to our field operations. At that time, the two communities (Wexford Apartments and The Gates of King Springs) had been without water for over 24 hours. Management came together to review maps and possible connections as a temporary solution. Staff decided to find a hydrant that tied off the South Cobb Drive water main and run a temporary line to the hydrant in the rear of the community. Fire Department and Water Distribution staff jumped into action with fire hoses to hook to the hydrant in the rear of the Smyrna Emory Hospital property and tie into a hydrant at the rear of Wexford Apartments. Water was restored on Tuesday, April 4 at 3:30 PM with the success of this temporary solution. After water was restored, crews began to flush and pull samples to ensure water had adequate chlorine levels.

Contractors are currently excavating for the repairs. On Wednesday, April 5, 48 hours later, contractors were still working to reach the ruptured pipe. Due to the depth and severity of the water main rupture, Water Distribution staff decided to take another approach and re-tap the 20" water main line and reroute a new water main at a suitable depth to provide a permanent source of water supply. The anticipated date for this project to be completed is April 14 due to material logistics.

Water Distribution would like to thank the Community Relations, Police, Streets, and Fire departments for assisting with roadway closure, information, and citizen needs while crews and contractors worked through day and night to restore water.





# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** Parks and Recreation hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, welcoming approximately 400 happy hunters. Due to inclement weather, the hunt was moved inside to the Smyrna Community Center. However, that did not hinder the fun! Excited families enjoyed hunting for colorful eggs, creating crafts, and enjoying delicious concession goodies. This event is a community favorite that residents look forward to every year!



**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 & Recreation

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**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.



# PARKS AND RECREATION



**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 is now open. Space is limited. <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>

**Summer 2023 Pool Passes:** Pool passes for the Tolleson Pool 2023 season are now available. With the summer season right around the corner, don't delay in purchasing your passes! The pool will be open from Saturday, May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend), through Monday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend). Passes allow unlimited entry throughout the season. Family passes are \$125 for residents and \$150 for non-residents. Individual passes are \$50 for residents or \$75 for non-residents. Passes are limited, so get them while you can at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.



**Summer Camp:** Summer camp registration is now open! 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>

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

129 Inspections

77 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$41,595,298.00

**Building Remodel/ Commercial (7)**

- (3) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish
  - 5040 Highlands Pkwy SE
  - 1675 Roswell Sr SE Bldg D
  - 2750 Cobb Pkwy SE
- (1) Modular Construction Office/Trailer
  - 5040 Highlands Pkwy SE
- (1) Roof
  - 3130 Atlanta Rd SE
- (2) Solar Panels, Generators , Cell Tower
  - 4030 Gann Rd SE
  - 6600 Highlands Pkwy SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$20,322,649.00

**Building New/ Commercial (1)**

- (1) New Construction
  - 0 W Spring St SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$250,000.00

**Building New/ Residential (2)**

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

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$700,000.00

**Building Remodel/ Residential (9)**

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

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$20,322,649.00

**Electrical (7) HVAC (7) Plumbing (10) Signs (3) Tree Removal (1)**

## New Businesses

**Aggrey Consulting LLC**

Residential Property Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**ALBERT VITA LLC**

Other Management Consulting Services  
Home Business  
Ward 6

**Hemp Box Etc**

All Other Personal Services  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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