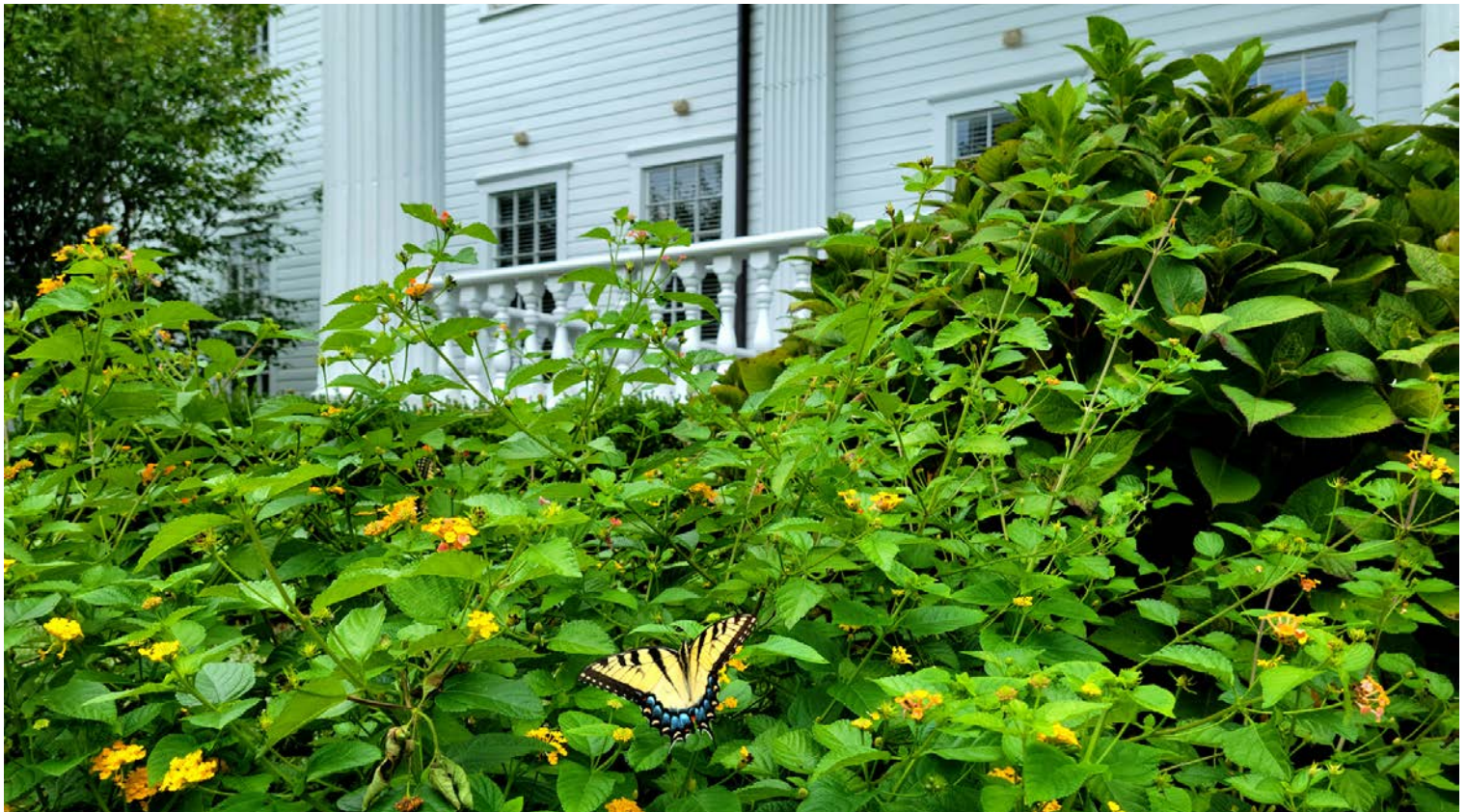




CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

License and Variance Board Meeting

10:00 AM

HR Training Room

A. Max Bacon City Hall

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Jonquil City Jog: The weather was perfect for the 2023 Jonquil City Jog on Saturday, April 15! This year, proceeds from the event went to Support Smyrna and the Campbell High School Education Foundation. Thank you to everyone that participated!

Sanitation Schedule Change Beginning May 1

We're kicking the old can plan to the curb! Beginning May 1, to increase efficiency and make holiday adjustments easier, the following changes are being made to the sanitation and recycling collection schedules:

All curbside trash/recycling collection will take place Tuesday–Friday and all yard waste collection will take place on Monday. The new schedule creates fewer changes due to holidays. The schedule for holiday weeks taking place after May 1, 2023, has been updated on [the city website](#).

Who has to adjust?

- If your trash day has been Monday, your new collection day is Tuesday.
- If your trash day has been on Tuesday, your curbside day is now Wednesday.
- Thursday and Friday trash collection days remain the same.

WHAT'S CHANGING IN MAY?



**ALL YARD WASTE
COLLECTION**
• Monday

STARTING
MAY 1ST



**ALL CURBSIDE
TRASH/RECYCLING
COLLECTION**
• Tuesday - Friday

Fewer changes
due to the
holidays!

- **Has your trash day been on Monday?**
Your trash collection day is now Tuesday.
- **Has your trash day been on Tuesday?**
Your trash collection day is now Wednesday.
- **Thursday and Friday** trash collection days remain the same.

ADMINISTRATION

Citizens Academy: Citizens Academy participants met with Parks and Recreation on Tuesday night. They learned about the department through an interactive game: Wits and Wagers. The winners of the game won family passes to Tolleson Pool! Staff also handed out swag bags filled with Parks and Recreation merch. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation staff for hosting a fun night!



COURT SERVICES



Court on 04/11

Cases: 70
Failures to Appear: 23
Pre-Trials: 22
DUIs Completed: 4

Trials on 04/13

Cases: 9
Failures to Appear: 0
Pre-Trials: 1
DUIs Completed: None
on Calendar

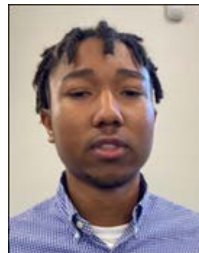
HUMAN RESOURCES



Kenyatta Lakes
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 4/17



William McElheney
PT Lifeguard (Wolfe Center)
Parks and Recreation
Hired: 4/17



Charles Smith
PT Lifeguard (Wolfe Center)
Parks and Recreation
Hired: 4/17



Norma Fuentes
Detention Officer
Police Department
Hired: 4/17



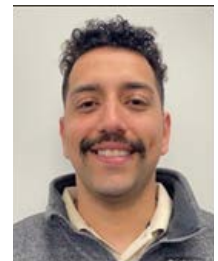
Asher Allred
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 4/17



Christian Echols
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 4/17



Robert Jenkins
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 4/17



Samyr Santos
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 4/17



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 3
 Medical: 101
 Other: 49
 Total: 153

Smyrna Fire Department on 94.9 The Bull: On Thursday, April 13, Engineer Jacob Moore and Firefighter Matt Stewart were on 94.9 The Bull to promote the Fight for Air Stair Climb, which takes place on April 22.



Jonquil City Jog: The Smyrna Jonquil City Jog was held on Saturday, April 15: an annual event that is growing every year. Team Smyrna was well represented!

One of our firefighters brought his father (pictured far left) and pushed him in full gear, all three miles.

Smyrna Fire Department and Croy Engineering: Division Chief Davey and Captain Grubaugh were invited to present about “Fire Department Access and Life Safety Considerations for Design Professionals” at Croy Engineering’s lunch and learn event. Their presentation covered a wide range of subjects that are considered during the site planning and civil engineering process. We appreciated the opportunity to share with our partners over at Croy!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 38
 Citations: 296
 Warnings: 72
 Calls for Service: 813

Smyrna Public Safety Foundation Golf Tournament: On April 17, the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation hosted their 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Brookstone Country Club to encourage and strengthen the partnership between the community and our public safety personnel.



PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continuing work on Hayes Drive sidewalk installation
- Continuing work on Pat Mell Road sidewalk installation
- Repairing potholes on Spring Road, Windy Hill Road, and Village Parkway
- Continuing work on the monthly right-of-way mowing list



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. 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 60% 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 (35% complete)
- Starline Drive (90% complete)

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 30% complete with jetting and cleaning, and the video inspection in Ward 5 is 15% complete.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Visitors:

Library: 2,760

Museum: 10

Tinker Lab: In celebration of Citizen Science Month and Earth Month, Tinker Lab participants dissected owl pellets and identified the prey animals they found by comparing bones, teeth, and claws to ID charts. Adults and children both dissected pellets and learned about food webs at this monthly STEM program on Wednesday, April 12.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Mayor Norton's
Reading Club

Mayor's Reading Club: Mayor Derek Norton presented the third installment of the Mayor's Reading Club on Thursday, April 13, at the Smyrna Recycling Center. After a reading of *One Earth* by Eileen Spinelli, Mayor Norton handed out challenge coins to all the children. Environmental Services Director Julie Barwig led a tour of the center's amazing resources. Participants were able to watch a demonstration of a recycling truck and the baler: it's amazing! Join us for the next session of the Mayor's Reading Club on June 16. We will enjoy a story and activities in one of Smyrna's beautiful parks.

Rain Barrel Workshop: Earth Month celebrations continued on Friday, April 14, when Cobb Watershed returned to teach the annual Rain Barrel Workshop at Smyrna Library. The library provides the space and mechanical parts for the rain catchers. Cobb Watershed provides the barrels, power tools, instruction, and expertise. Participants get to take home their barrel to help conserve rainwater in Smyrna.



Spring Cleaning at the Museum: In preparation for the Spring Open House on May 13, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge has been cleaning new artifacts going on display. Most artifacts will get a gentle cleaning with distilled water and Q-tips. The picture of the football below illustrates just how much dirt and dust can be removed with this gentle cleaning action. Other cleaning tasks need the advice of a conservator.

New Benches: Last week, the museum installed two new benches to provide permanent seating in the exhibit area.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Storm Drain Marking: A Brownie troop joined Keller Williams Realty-Cityside on their Adopt-a-Mile road to make sure all the storm drains were marked, letting people know not to dump their trash!

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. No ticket is needed for ages 12 and under. Volunteers are also still needed. [Sign up today!](#)

Adopt-a-Mile: On April 15, sixteen Adopt-a-Mile groups cleaned up 18 miles of Smyrna roadways! With over 150 volunteers, they collected 86 bags of litter totaling over 1,200 pounds! Some reporting is still coming in and a couple of groups have make-up dates, so the numbers will be even higher at the end of the quarter.



National Volunteer Week: Since it's National Volunteer Appreciation Week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful is giving away T-shirts to volunteers who participated in at least 3 events last year. Board members hand-wrote heartfelt thank you notes to let them know how much we appreciate them! We also profiled two fantastic volunteers in our weekly e-newsletter, Josh and Stephanie Earhart. [You can read about them on our website.](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Education and Outreach: Last Friday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful visited Nickjack Elementary School's "Careers on Wheels" with the kindergarteners and first graders. Students practiced picking up litter and sorting between trash and recycling.

On Monday, preschoolers from Smyrna First United Methodist Church preschool visited the Smyrna Recycling Center to tour the center and participate in a paper-making activity.

On Tuesday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful visited Golden Start Preschool to give an Earth Day presentation. The students were able to watch a paper-making demonstration and learned about what plastic gets turned into when it's recycled!



ENGINEERING



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Installation: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) were installed at the new raised pedestrian crossing on King Spring Road near Brinkley Park. The RRFBs flash when the pedestrian button is pushed to warn approaching vehicles that a pedestrian is entering the crosswalk.

Infrastructure Repairs: A traffic signal cabinet was struck during an accident at the intersection of Spring Road and Bell Drive on April 15. There was also damage to the pedestrian signal and the base for the signal mast arm. Repairs are underway.



Traffic Signal Light Repairs: Repairs were made to a damaged traffic signal head at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Highlands Parkway. The green signal indication light and visor were missing from the signal head facing southbound traffic on South Cobb Drive.

Railroad Signage and Marking Updates: Railroad signage and pavement markings were installed per Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirements. Signs were updated at the intersections of Atlanta Road and Hawthorne Avenue/Fleming Street, Hawthorne Avenue and Dixie Drive/Marston Street, and Atlanta Road and West Spring Street/Spring Street. Updates at these intersections were identified during an FRA field inspection.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Smyrna Parks and Recreation
BIKE RODEO
Saturday,
May 6th
9am-12pm

**FREE EVENT
AT NORTH COOPER LAKE PARK**
Dust the winter off your bicycles for
safety checks and tips.
Once your bicycle is road ready, take a test run
around our track.
This event is family, friendly for all ages!

**RECREATE
Smyrna**
Parks & Recreation

Bike Rodeo: On May 6, Smyrna Parks and Recreation is teaming up with the Smyrna Fire Department to host a Bike Rodeo. With the outdoor season quickly approaching, get ready to ride! Visit North Cooper Lake Park and let team members help you prepare your bicycles for the trails! Different stations will be available for participants to have their bicycles' safety checked, learn how to stay safe on the roads, have their tires pumped up, and receive some free giveaways. Free helmets will be given away to the first 80 people! Once your bike is checked and ready to go, try it out on the tracks and test your skills. This is a family-friendly event and is open to everyone! No registration is required and this is a free event.

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 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>

Smyrna Handmade Market: Just three weeks until the opening of the 2023 Smyrna Handmade Market. To date, we have 66 full-season vendors, 24 partial-season vendors, 16 monthly vendors, and 11 single-market vendors. Join Parks and Recreation each Sunday in the Market Village from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM beginning May 7. Don't miss all of the remarkable handmade goods!



**2023
SUMMER
CAMP**
SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION
WEEKLY CAMP THEMES

- **Mission Impossible Week**
(no clubs)
◦ June 5th - 9th
- **Through the Decades Week**
◦ June 12th - 16th
- **Around the World**
◦ June 19th - 23rd
- **Circus Week**
◦ June 26th - 30th
- **When I Grow Up.... Week**
(no clubs)
◦ July 10th - 14th
- **STEAM Week**
◦ July 17th - 21st
- **Wild Card Week**
(Different Theme Each Day)
◦ July 24th - 28th

\$250 per week, \$25 discount for Smyrna residents
Camp Dates: June 5th - July 28th 9am - 4pm
No camp during 4th of July Week
Registration Opens April 3rd!
Register at smyrna.gov

Register Today

**RECREATE
Smyrna**
Parks & Recreation

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>.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

175 Inspections

61 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,596,838.36

Building Remodel/ Commercial (5)

- (1) Land Disturbance
-3302 Atlanta Rd SE
- (2) Interior Renovation / Tenant Finish
-300 Lake Ridge Dr SE
-2467 Cobb Pkwy SE
- (2) Wall
-302 Berkeley Ct SE
-5040 Highlands Pkwy SE

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$1,572,000.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (14)

- (7) Addition
- (2) Interior Renovation
- (5) Re-roof

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$639,663.36

Building New/ Residential (1)

- (1) New Construction
-984 Pebblebrook Rd SE

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$385,000.00

Electrical (2) HVAC (4) Plumbing (2) Signs (2) Tree Removal (3)

New Businesses

Cecilia's Table Personal Chef

Personal Chef Services
Home Business
Ward 3

Lone Bloom

Interior Design Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 4

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