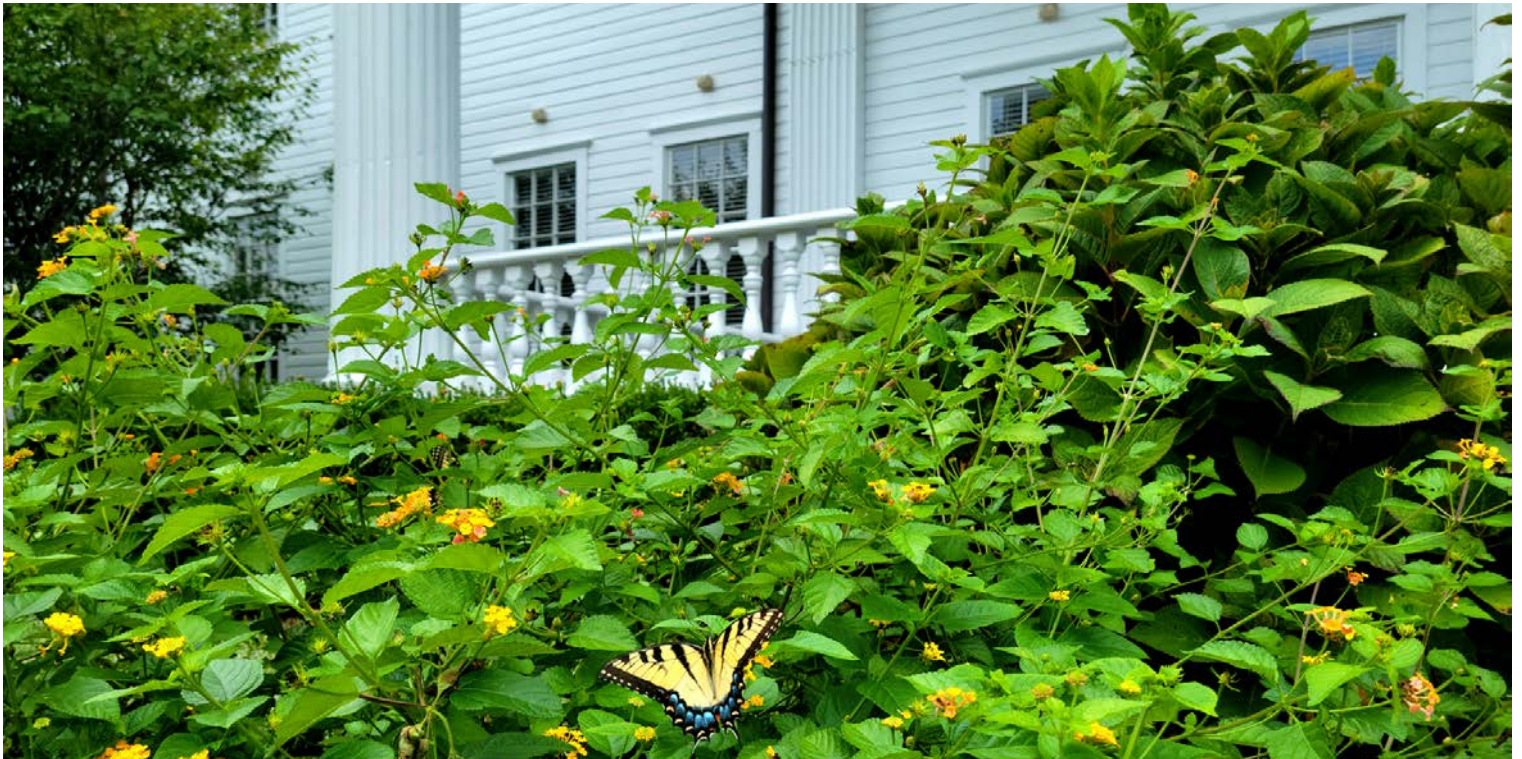




CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, May 1, 2023

Special Called Council Meeting - FY24 Budget Presentation

4:30 PM

Magnolia Room - Smyrna Community Center

Monday, May 1, 2023

Business Recognition Reception

5:30 PM

Oak Room - Smyrna Community Center

Monday, May 1, 2023

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Oak Room - Smyrna Community Center

Monday, May 1, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Magnolia Room - Smyrna Community Center

ADMINISTRATION

Citizens Academy: Citizens Academy participants met with Environmental Services Director Julie Barwig on Tuesday night. Julie gave them a presentation on Environmental Services and Keep Smyrna Beautiful, and then took them over to the Recycling Center for a tour. Thank you Julie for a fun and interactive session!



Youth Council: The Smyrna Youth Council learned how to play pickleball with Parks and Recreation on Wednesday night! An instructor taught them the basics of the game, and they got to put their new skills to work. Thank you to Jeff Crowder for putting together an awesome night!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

United Leadership Program: The United Leadership Program Series was held on Thursday, April 20, and included 60 fire service professionals from across four agencies aiming for excellence (Smyrna Fire Department, Austell Fire Department, Marietta Fire Department, and Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services). The event was hosted by Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, and featured a brief workshop, networking, and a chiefs panel Q&A.



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 6
 Medical: 93
 Other: 57
 Total: 156

A Miami Dolphin's Visit to Station 3: The Miami Dolphins' long snapper Blake Ferguson stopped by Station 3 for a tour and to surprise Smyrna Fire's biggest Dolphins fan, Lieutenant Peisel!



Smyrna Fire Department's Honor Guard at the Atlanta United Game: On Sunday, April 23, Smyrna Fire Department participated in the honor guard detail at the Atlanta United soccer game at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Outreach: This spring, our officers visited several schools and local daycares for Touch a Truck Day and Career Day. Children were able to see different types of police vehicles and ask questions to officers of various ranks and assignments.

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 37

Citations: 311

Warnings: 74

Calls for Service: 802



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:
 Library: 2,738
 Museum: 11

Spring Open House: Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge is working on creating mounts and installing artifacts for the May 13 open house. Youth Services Library Associate Hannah Ross has been helping with preparations. We hope to see you at the open house on Saturday, May 13, from 2:00-4:00 PM.

Don't Worry, Bee Happy: To celebrate Earth Day, Smyrna Library had a visit from Mr. Robert and "Out of the Box Education." Mr. Robert and Lilah Bee talked about the importance of pollinators like the honeybee at their program on Monday, April 17. Patrons learned how bees form their combs and produce honey and how Mr. Robert harvests the honey from their apiary. He brought some live bees that kids could observe at the end of the program.



Poetry Bookmark Craft: In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Adult Services team hosted a crafting table on Friday, April 21. Library visitors were invited to make their own bespoke poetry bookmarks using recycled books; it's Earth Month too!

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Began working on the Reed House drainage project
- Continuing work on the Pat Mell Road sidewalk project
- Continuing work on the Hayes Drive sidewalk project
- Began working on the King Valley sidewalk project
- Repaired asphalt at the Public Works facility, Windy Hill Road, Spring Road, and Woodleaf Park Drive
- Continuing work on the monthly right-of-way mowing list



Updates at City Hall: Work has begun on the new enclosed reception desk at City Hall. The reception area was damaged by the extreme winter weather in December.

New Fountain in Smyrna Market Village: The Streets Department began the fountain demo in preparation for the new fountain in Smyrna Market Village! The new slab for the fountain is scheduled to be poured on May 2.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

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)

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 Inspections: Sewer inspection crews are inspecting sewer infrastructures under roadways that are to be paved this year. Any necessary repairs will be made prior to paving the roadways to ensure the integrity of new roadway is maintained.

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, 4 and 5.

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 are complete. Ward 3 is set to begin on May 1.

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.

PARKS AND 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 two 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 [smyrnaga.gov](https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog)

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>.



Day Trip: A group of Wolfe Center members took a day trip to Barnstormers Grill and Airport. They also enjoyed strawberry picking at Elliott Farm. This was just one of many fun trips that members enjoy with Recreation Coordinator Lewis Lay.

Repainting at Tolleson Park: JTM Management is removing anti-graffiti paint that currently covers the press box and dayroom at Tolleson Park by sandblasting. Once this coat is stripped, the facility will be repainted for a clean and updated look.



ENGINEERING



Traffic Signal Cabinet Repairs: Two traffic signal cabinets were struck during two traffic accidents within one week. The first incident occurred at the intersection of Spring Road and Bell Drive, and the second incident at the intersection of Atlanta Road and Pat Mell Road. Our on-call Signal Technicians responded immediately by rewiring the cabinets to bring the signals out of flash and coordinating with the contractor, Sunbelt Traffic, for emergency replacements of both signal cabinets. Our Traffic Signal Technicians also repaired the damaged pedestrian signal and are replacing the signal pole base that was damaged during the accident at Spring Road and Bell Drive.

No Parking Signs: No parking signs were installed along Jonquil Drive beginning at Corn Road and ending at the cul-de-sac. The no parking zone will prevent vehicles from parking along the curve, which has created safety issues including limited visibility of approaching vehicles and restricting the road to one-way traffic flow.



Windy Hill Road Signage: A series of one-way signs were replaced along Windy Hill Road between Village Parkway and Cobb Parkway. These signs are within the roadway median and are routinely hit by large trucks and errant vehicles.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 04/18

Cases: 77
Failures to Appear: 31
Pre-Trials: 13
DUIs Completed: 1

Court on 04/20

Cases: 50
Failures to Appear: 17
Pre-Trials: 15
DUIs Completed: 2

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recycling Center Tour: The monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycle Center took place last Friday. Six members of the community got an in-depth look at how the center works, learned how to recycle better, and connected with like-minded neighbors. The next monthly tour takes place on Friday, May 19 at 9:00 AM.

Garden Tour: Tickets for the Garden Tour are available! You can purchase paper tickets at the Smyrna Recycling Center, Vickery Ace Hardware, or at the Keep Smyrna Beautiful booth at this weekend's Jonquil Festival. 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.

Garden Tour Volunteers Needed: We still need volunteers for the May 6 Smyrna Garden Tour. No experience is necessary. Main duties will involve greeting visitors and sharing information about the garden, which will be provided. Volunteers will get into the remaining gardens for free when they are not volunteering!



Earth Day: Earth Day was Saturday, April 22. In celebration, six volunteers (and one mini-helper!) removed nonnative, invasive plants on a plot of land in the Cheney Woods neighborhood. Removing them helps reduce the spread of harmful plants, creates an environment that's more hospitable to beneficial wildlife, and beautifies the neighborhood.

Litter Cleanup: On Friday afternoon, we had a visit from seven participants and teachers from a Cobb County School District special education job readiness program. Participants toured the Smyrna Recycling Center and took part in a litter cleanup on Lake Drive, where they picked up three bags of litter, totaling forty-five pounds!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Campus Cleanup: On Sunday, eleven members of the Campbell High School lacrosse team participated in a campus cleanup of Campbell High School. They picked up six bags of litter, totaling ninety pounds!

Group Volunteer Project: Last Thursday, twenty-one employees from the company Hollingsworth picked up litter on East-West Connector. In total, they picked up four bags of litter totaling sixty pounds of litter. Keep Smyrna Beautiful loves group volunteer projects!



Recycling Center Field Trip: On Monday, we had another visit from twelve Smyrna First United Methodist preschool students and teachers, who toured the Smyrna Recycling Center and participated in a paper-making activity to learn about recycling.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

193 Inspections

60 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,596,838.36

Building Remodel/ Commercial (6)

- (1) Land Disturbance
-1195 Hill St SE
- (5) Interior Renovation / Tenant Finish
-4575 S Cobb Dr SE
-3100 S Cobb Dr SE
-3240 S cobb Dr SE
-1675 Roswell St SE Unit B
-1675 Roswell St SE Unit E

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,542,400.00

- HVAC (7) Plumbing (2)**
- Signs (6) Tree Removal (2)**

Building Remodel/ Residential (15)

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

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$401,085.00

Building New/ Residential (6)

- (6) New Construction
-6105, 6109, 6113, 6117, 6121, 6125
Ogeechee Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,080,000.00

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