



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Monday, May 8, 2023**

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

### **Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

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

### **Thursday, May 11, 2023**

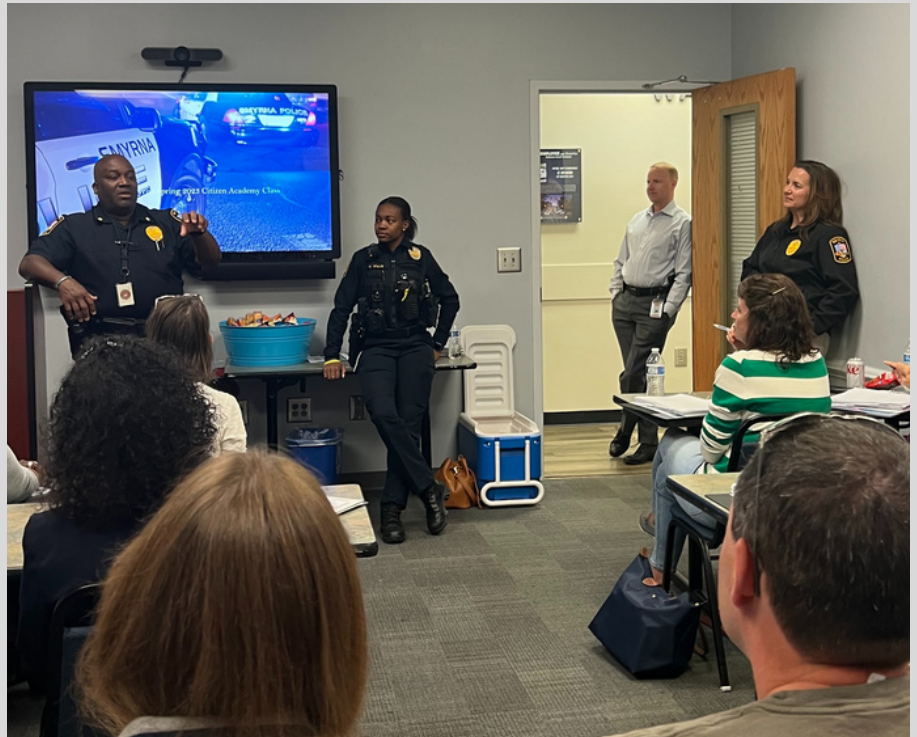
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
4:00 PM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

### **Thursday, May 11, 2023**

Reed House Ribbon Cutting  
6:00 PM  
Reception to Follow  
Reed House

# ADMINISTRATION

**Citizens Academy at the Police Department:** Citizens Academy participants met at the Smyrna Police Department on Tuesday night. They enjoyed talking to Chief Zgonc, Major Defense, Lieutenant Holt, and Officer Willis about the Police Department. After a presentation, they were able to tour the station and ask any questions that they had. Thank you to everyone at the Police Department for making this such a fun session!



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation:** On Friday, April 28, Lieutenant Frank Romano graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Training program at the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy. The program takes 10 weeks to complete and consists of 408 hours of rigorous training that includes classroom-based lectures and practical skill-building sessions. Lieutenant Romano will continue his duty assignment in the Bureau of Fire Prevention with the added responsibility of investigating the cause and origin of fires throughout the city.



## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4  
 Medical: 70  
 Other: 54  
 Total: 128

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Hosting Citizens Academy:** Chief Zgonc, Major Defense, and Lieutenant Holt hosted Citizens Academy at the Police Department on Tuesday night! Participants enjoyed a presentation, a Q&A session, and a tour of the station.

**New Hires:** The Smyrna Police Department welcomes Alison Aponte-Rivera (Evidence Custodian), Matthew Scully (Police Recruit), Ambbria Woods (Communications Officer), and Michael Smith (Police Officer) to the team!

**Upcoming Events:** The Police Department will celebrate National Detention Officer Week May 7-13, and National Police Officer Week May 14-20.

## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 33

Citations: 227

Warnings: 59

Calls for Service: 726

# PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Curb repairs on Woodruff Drive, Drewsbury Court, and Dunn Street
- Sidewalk repairs on Drewsbury Court, King Valley Road, and the Reed House
- Continuing work on the Hayes Drive sidewalk installation
- Continued assistance with the Market Village fountain removal and reinstallation
- Cleared debris from storm water run-offs at Ann Road, Hawthorne Avenue, and Lee Street
- Continued work for the monthly right of way mowing list



**Work at Smyrna Market Village:** Progress is being made at the fountain area in Smyrna Market Village! The demo of the old pergola has begun, and reinforced steel is being welded to make the new pergola more durable than the previous one. The installation of the new plumbing, electrical, and rebar is completed and the new fountain bottom has been poured. The walls of the new fountain are scheduled to be poured this week.

# 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
- Starline Drive

This project is 75% complete.

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

**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.

**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.

**Water Meter Replacements:** Contractor Reed & Shows is replacing outdated meters with new digital meters. This project is 60% complete.

# COURT SERVICES



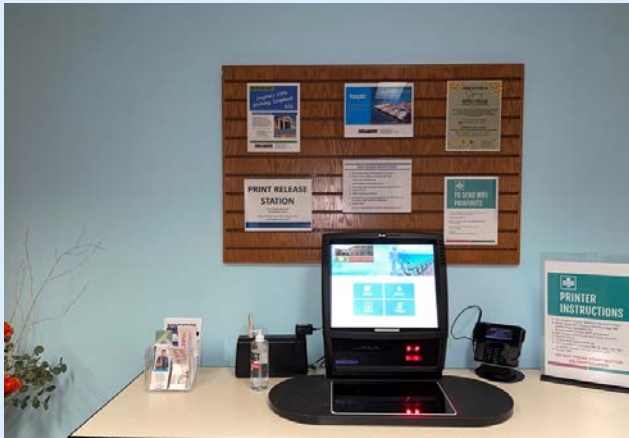
## **Court on 04/25**

Cases: 103  
Failures to Appear: 22  
Pre-Trials: 18  
DUIs Completed: 1

## **Court on 04/27**

Cases: 54  
Failures to Appear: 20  
Pre-Trials: 11  
DUIs Completed: 0

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



## Visitors:

Library: 2,738

Museum: 19

**Building Improvements:** The second floor of the library received fresh paint on several accent walls last week. The teen area and two other walls in Adult Services are now a cool blue color.

**National Library Week:** To celebrate National Library Week, the Friends of Smyrna Library sponsored a puppet show by Piccadilly Puppets on Monday, April 24. A hundred kids and parents enjoyed "Cat & Mouse Tales" from around the world and took home a free craft bag.



**JOIN US FOR A**  
*Spring*  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
AND NEW COLLECTION ITEMS

Join us for an afternoon of tantalizing treats, refreshing drinks, and captivating tunes all brought to you by the Smyrna History Museum and Smyrna Historical Society.

**M** Over 30 new exhibit artifacts  
**TICKET** A raffle giveaway for prizes

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**  
**FROM 2-4 PM @ THE SMYRNA HISTORY MUSEUM**  
2861 Atlanta Rd., Smyrna, GA, 30080  
Sponsored by the Smyrna Historical Society

SMYRNA  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

**Spring Open House:** The Smyrna Museum's Spring Open House is on May 13 from 2:00-4:00 PM! Join us for treats, tunes, and over 30 new artifacts. You don't want to miss it!

**Jonquil Festival:** The Smyrna Museum and the Smyrna Historical Society welcomed visitors at the Jonquil Festival. We shared upcoming events at the Museum including the Spring Open House.



# ENGINEERING



**Traffic Signal Pole Repair:** A traffic signal pole was hit during an accident that occurred on April 27 at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Powder Springs Street. The signal pole sits at the northeast corner of the intersection. Luckily, an additional strain pole was recently set just behind the damaged pole. This provided additional support for the signal infrastructure, and the opportunity to transfer the signal wires and pedestrian signal wires to the new pole. Brooks Berry Haynie assisted in removing the damaged pole. The pedestrian signal that was originally mounted to the traffic signal pole will be relocated so that it sits on its own pole and closer to the sidewalk. The relocation is underway.



**No Parking Signs:** No parking signs were installed on Lake Ridge Drive, beginning near the Highland View subdivision and ending at the cul-de-sac. The new no parking zone is for the northern side of Lake Ridge Drive. There have been issues with vehicles parking on both sides of the road, which limited the road to one-way traffic flow and created issues for emergency response vehicles and large commercial trucks. The roadway is approximately 36 feet wide, which is wide enough to carry two-way traffic while allowing the opportunity for vehicles to park on the south side of the road.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Bike Rodeo:** The bike rodeo is this weekend! 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:** The Smyrna Handmade Market begins its 2023 season Sunday, May 7, hosting 72 food vendors, crafters and artisans during the first week. 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



TOLLESON PARK  
**2023 POOL PASSES ON SALE**  
SMYRNAGA.GOV  
Get One Today!

**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>.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Community Cleanup:** Last Tuesday, we had a small Community Cleanup up on South Cobb Drive and Smyrna Hill Drive. Keep Smyrna Beautiful Volunteer Nora Hanna has come to 5 out of the 7 Community Cleanups we've held this year! Last week she picked up 18 pounds of litter and 6 pounds of recycling.

**Garden Tour:** The Garden Tour is this weekend! You can purchase paper tickets now through Friday at the Smyrna Recycling Center, Vickery Ace Hardware, or [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 still needed! A few spots still need to be filled for the May 6 Garden Tour, especially in the afternoon. [Sign up today!](#) No experience is necessary. Volunteers will get into the remaining gardens for free when they are not volunteering!

As part of the Garden Tour, Keep Smyrna Beautiful is also hosting its annual plant sale at the Taylor-Brawner House. No tickets are needed to attend the plant sale, and all proceeds benefit Keep Smyrna Beautiful programs.



**Jonquil Festival:** Over the weekend, 11 Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers welcomed 576 visitors to our booth at the Jonquil Festival! Visitors tested their environmental knowledge and learned about Keep Smyrna Beautiful programs, including the upcoming Garden Tour, recycling in Smyrna, and volunteer opportunities. Volunteers also collected 16 bags of recyclable material from the event.



# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Smyrna Striders Walking Club:** Smyrna Striders Friday continues! Pictured are the striders at Brawner Hall last Friday. Join in every Friday at 9:00 AM to walk and chat with your co-workers!

**Employee Anniversary:** Congratulations to Jason Evangelista, who just celebrated 20 years with the City! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the citizens of Smyrna.



**Nathan Robinson**  
Sanitation Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 05/01



**Ambbria Woods**  
Communications Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 05/01



**Alison Aponte Rivera**  
Property & Evidence  
Technician  
Police Department  
Hired: 05/01



**Michael Smith**  
Police Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 05/01



**Matthew Scully**  
Police Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 05/01



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

156 Inspections

71 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$3,328,174.03

**Building Remodel/ Commercial (4)**

- (1) Land Disturbance  
-2791 Mathews St SE
- (2) Interior Renovation/Tenant Finish  
-1161 Concord Rd SE Unit 200  
-2510 Cobb Pkwy SE
- (1) Roof Replacement  
1400 Galleria Ln SE Bldg 1300

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$692,000.00

- HVAC (6) Plumbing (4)**
- Electrical (2) Signs (3) Tree Removal (1)**

**Building Remodel/ Residential (19)**

- (8) Addition
- (2) Interior Renovation
- (6) Re-roof
- (1) Pool
- (2) Accessory Structure

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$476,174.03

**Building New/ Residential (12)**

- (12) New Construction  
-6034, 6038, 6042, 6046, 6050, 6030  
Liatris St SE  
-6129, 6133, 6137, 6141, 6145, 6149  
Ogeechee Rd SE

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$2,160,000.00

## New Businesses

**Efren's tree services**

Tree Services  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**Smyrna Infant Village, LLC**

Child Care Services  
1753 Spring Street SE  
Ward 3

**North Cooper Lake LLC**

Lessors of Residential  
Buildings and Dwellings  
Home Business  
Ward 4

**AC Chair LLC**

Sporting Goods  
Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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