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STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, May 15, 2023

Pre-Council Meeting 6:30 PM Oak Room Smyrna Community Center

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Mayor and Council Meeting 7:00 PM Magnolia Room Smyrna Community Center

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Traffic Calming Committee 6:30 PM Fire Station 2

ADMINISTRATION



Citizens Academy with Smyrna Fire Department: Citizens Academy participants met with the Smyrna Fire Department on Tuesday night for their final session of the program. They enjoyed a presentation and tour of Station 1 before heading over to the training yard for a demonstration. Thank you Smyrna Fire for such a fun evening!

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4

Medical: 88 Other: 47 Total: 139

The Smyrna Unified Planning Committee: On Friday, April 28, the Smyrna Unified Planning Committee hosted an after-action report for a water main break off of South Cobb Drive. Representatives from multiple departments reviewed the incident to establish the lessons learned and ways to improve responses to similar situations in the future.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 30 Citations: 144 Warnings: 23

Calls for Service: 674

Community Outreach: Major Defense spent some time this week at Norton Park Elementary School talking to kids about a career in law enforcement. He is pictured left with several Norton Park staff members.

National Correctional Officers Week: This week is National Correctional Officers Week and we are celebrating our staff with catered lunches and dinners. Thank you to our amazing detention staff!



PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Assisted in the demolition of the Smyrna Market Village fountain
- Continued work on sidewalk projects on Pat Mell Road and Hayes Drive
- Repaired curb on Dunn Street and Bank Street
- Repaired sidewalk on Drewsbury Court, Davis Street, Parkview Pass, and Mill Pond Road
- Continued work on 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 is now complete, and framing for the new structure is in progress. The bottom and the walls of the new fountain have now been poured.





COURT SERVICES



Court on 05/02

Cases: 59 Failures to Appear: 23 Pre-Trials: 15 DUIs Completed: 0

Court on 05/04

Failures to Appear: 15 Pre-Trials: 13 DUIs Completed: 2

Cases: 80

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.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:

Library: 2,649 Museum: 9

Spring Open House: The Smyrna Museum's Spring Open House is this Saturday, 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!

Facility Maintenance: Building Maintenance did a deep clean of the carpet throughout the library including the meeting rooms and offices on Saturday, May 6. The carpet refresh improved the appearance of the whole facility.

Coronation Tea and Talk: The library's Adult Services team hosted a lecture on Friday, May 5, about the British Coronation ceremony and its history, presented by Kennesaw State University professor Dr. Amy Dunagin. The lecture was preceded by a Tea, decorated majestically by Technical Services Librarian Ruth Hayden. Attendees wore fascinators or borrowed hats from retired librarian Colleen Harris. The Marietta Daily Journal covered the event with a large article and photographs on page one of the May 6 and 7 issue.





Ten-Year Veterans: Library Director Mary Moore (left) celebrated her 10th anniversary in her position in February, and Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Power (right) celebrated her 10th anniversary on May 6.

Community Outreach: Adult Services Librarian Swapna Kaimal and Adult Services staffer Jennifer Moore hosted a Smyrna Library booth at the Smyrna Handmade Market on May 7. They sold copies of the sesquicentennial book and Friends of Smyrna Library book bags. The market was a great outreach opportunity for the library to raise awareness about library services and the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge for all ages.



ENGINEERING

Vehicle Detection Repair: The inductive loop was repaired for the southbound left turn at Atlanta Road and Creatwood Trail. This loop is used to detect vehicles to activate the left turn arrow. Our Traffic Signal Technicians troubleshooted the issue and respliced the fiber in the pull box to restore continuity from the pull box to the signal cabinet.

Speed Studies: A radar sign was installed on Village Parkway to collect traffic data for vehicles traveling northbound towards the Lake Park Drive intersection. Engineering staff has received safety concerns due to speeding along both Lake Park Drive and Village Parkway. Accident data has also been collected as a part of our evaluation.







Pedestrian Signal Repair: Repairs are underway for the pedestrian signal that was struck during a traffic accident at South Cobb Drive and Powder Springs Street. The original signal was pole-mounted and will now be mounted on a signal post. Our Traffic Signal Technicians ran new wire from the traffic signal pole and poured the concrete foundation in preparation for the new signal post installation.

HUMAN RESOURCES

City Challenge: Pictured left to right, Dat Luu, Victoria Brown, Kelly Moon, and Robert Early participated in a 5k for the City Challenge!



PARKS AND RECREATION

Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market kicked off its 2023 season with more than 60 vendors on Sunday, May 7. Visitors enjoyed shopping for their favorite handmade crafts, unique items for their homes, and of course delicious homemade food items. Stop by each Sunday through October 22 and find your favorite handmade item.

Event Garden Ribbon Cutting: Join Parks and Recreation for the Reed House Event Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, May 11 from 6:00-7:30 PM. There will be music by Violinist Alice Hong.



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



Bike Rodeo: Parks and Recreation along with the Smyrna Fire Department hosted a fun-filled Bike Rodeo, Saturday, May 6. More than 40 participants took advantage of a sunny morning to enjoy the event. There were bike safety checks, tires were pumped properly, and every biker received a free helmet and other free giveaways before jumping on the tracks and trails at North Cooper Lake Park.

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

Summer 2023 Pool Passes: Summertime is fast approaching, and pool season is only a couple of weeks away! Don't delay in grabbing your 2023 Tolleson Pool pass. 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

Garden Tour: Last weekend, Keep Smyrna Beautiful held its annual Smyrna Garden Tour and Plant Sale fundraiser. We are pleased to report that our 50+ volunteers, plus dozens of musical guests and artists, made it an amazing success! We sold more than 300 tickets, and an average of 290 guests visited each of the five homes on the tour! The proceeds from sponsorships, ticket sales, and plant sales will go to support <u>Keep Smyrna Beautiful's</u> programs including litter cleanups, environmental education, waste reduction events, and more. A portion will also be set aside for the Environmental Education Scholarships to be awarded to Smyrna high school students. We're already looking forward to next year's event!















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Recycling Center Tours: Monthly tours of the Smyrna Recycling Center are every third Friday of the month from 9:00-10:00 AM. The next monthly tour will take place on Friday, May 19. Registration is available here https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054faaaa2fa6fa7-city

Keep Smyrna Beautiful T-Shirts: Looking for a way to support Keep Smyrna Beautiful and show your Smyrna pride? Keep Smyrna Beautiful now has a series of designs (including a Garden Tour t-shirt!) available for purchase on Bonfire.com. Shirts are made to order in different sizes and colors and any profits go to support Keep Smyrna Beautiful programs. Visit https://www.bonfire.com/store/keep-smyrna-beautiful-store/







Scholarship Recipients: We're pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Environmental Education Scholarships! Campbell High School seniors Alexandria Sellers (left) and Emery Dembski (right) are the 2023 recipients. The purpose of the \$1,500 scholarships is to support students who are planning to pursue a degree in an environmentally related field. Congratulations, Alexandria and Emery!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

257 Inspections

114 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,074,357.23

Building Remodel/ Commercial (2)

- (1) Interior Renovation / Tenant Finish
- -4200 Highlands Pkwy Unt A
- (1) Accessory Building
- -5040 Highlands Pkwy SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$203,864.00

HVAC (4)

Plumbing (5)

Electrical (7)

Signs (3)

Tree Removal (2)

Building Remodel/ Residential (11)

- (2) Addition
- (1) Interior Renovation
- (6) Re-roof
- (1) Pool
- (1) Retaining/Detention Wall

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$245,938.23

Building New/ Residential (7)

(7) New Construction -3025, 3021, 3017, 3013, 3005 Ferrington Way SE

-1195 Hill St SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,624,555.00

New Businesses

Evergreen Properties of GA LLC

Residential Property Managers Home Business Ward 1

CACHIM LLC

Residential Property Managers Home Business Ward 2

Angela Reaves LLC

Beauty Salons 3240 South Cobb Drive, STE 850, Room 216 Ward 5

Bodied Bae Aesthetics Lifestyle and Day Spa LLC

Other Personal Care Services 3060 Highlands Parkway, Unit G Ward 7

CTC Funding and Mortgage

Mortgage and Nonmortgage Loan Brokers Home Business Ward 7

NoGigiddy LLC

Temporary Help Services Home Business Ward 7

Trilogy Global Healthcare, LLC

Offices of Physicians 300 Technology Court, STE 400 Ward 7

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