



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

License and Variance Board Meeting

10:00 AM

HR Training Room

A. Max Bacon City Hall

ADMINISTRATION

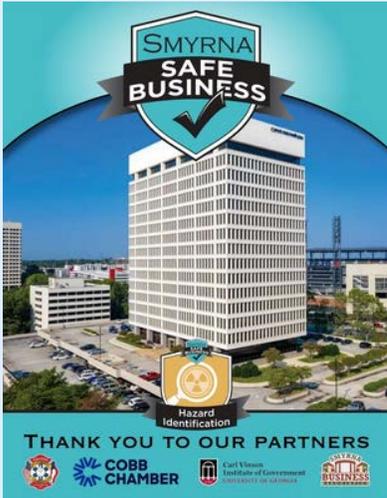


Citizens Academy Graduation: The 2023 Citizens Academy graduates celebrated the completion of the program on Monday night with a reception and recognition at the Mayor and Council meeting. Thank you to all of our departments for making this another successful program!



Smyrna Youth Council: The Smyrna Youth Council wrapped up the 2022-2023 program last week. They celebrated at Top Golf on Wednesday night and finished the program with a "Year in Review" presentation to Mayor and Council on Thursday. Thank you to all of our members for a great year, and good luck to our seniors!

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 76
 Other: 56
 Total: 133

Smyrna Safe Business: The Smyrna Fire Department is excited to launch the Smyrna Safe Business Program on Thursday, May 18, beginning with program session one: Hazard Identification. Smyrna businesses will hear from subject matter experts and develop helpful strategies for business preparedness.



2nd Annual Warrior Alliance Gala: Chief Marcos had the honor of presenting Cobb County Sheriff Craig Owens with the Veterans Impact Award for First Responders at the 2nd Annual Warrior Alliance Gala. The Warrior Alliance veterans and their families achieve a fulfilling civilian life by promoting collaboration between the organizations that can support them during the transition from military service.



Smyrna Fire Department Physical Agility Test: This week, Smyrna Fire Department personnel participated in the annual Physical Agility Test. This is a timed event meant to simulate critical physical tasks that evaluates one's physical capacity, endurance, and strength to perform required critical tasks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Police Week: The Police Department is celebrating National Police Week this week! Thank you to all of our officers that help keep our community safe every single day.



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24
 Citations: 161
 Warnings: 31
 Calls for Service: 702

Southern Police Institute Graduate: Congratulations to Major Harris who graduated from the Southern Police Institute on Friday, May 12 in Kentucky. Major Harris was the class valedictorian and we are very proud of her. Thank you Major Harris for representing the Smyrna Police Department so well.

New Police Officers: The Police Department welcomes two new police officers to the team! Welcome to Aria Marshall (pictured left) and Justin Blaylock (pictured right).



COURT SERVICES



Court on 05/09

Cases: 61
 Failures to Appear: 23
 Pre-Trials: 17
 DUIs Completed: 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
- 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.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Completed the Pat Mell Road sidewalk installation
- Continued the Hayes Drive sidewalk installation
- Completed the Reed House stormwater drainage installation
- Assisted with the fountain installation in the Smyrna Market Village
- Repaired a catch basin box and structure on Forest Mist Drive
- Repaired a broken curb at City Hall, Church Street, and Davis Street
- Replaced sidewalk at Mill Pond Road and Parkview Pass
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list



Work at Smyrna Market Village: Framing the new material for the pergola has begun! The new pump equipment for the fountain should be delivered within the next couple of weeks. Russel Landscape has been installing new flowers in the Smyrna Market Village.



Work in the Council Chambers: Progress is being made in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Acoustic sheet rock arrived on Tuesday and installation began on Wednesday.

ENGINEERING



Radar Speed Sign Installation: A permanent radar speed sign was installed along Concord Road between Love Street and Medlin Street. This radar sign, along with the chevron alignment signs installed in January, are intended to bring awareness to vehicles traveling above the advisory speed limit of 35 mph along the sharp curve. There have been numerous accidents along this stretch that have caused damage to street lights, mailboxes, and residential properties.

Street Sign Improvements: The Engineering Department is tackling street sign updates throughout the City by initially focusing on specific corridors. Traffic Signal Techs have updated a majority of the street signs at non-signalized intersections along South Cobb Drive that have lost reflectivity or do not meet current standards. Next, we will focus on updating the street signs at signalized intersections along South Cobb Drive.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Spring Open House: On Saturday, May 13, Smyrna Museum held a Spring Open House where over 30 new artifacts went on display. Visitors enjoyed live music and refreshments on the back patio. It was a great event with 60 participants stopping by to enjoy the museum on a nice spring afternoon. Many thanks go out to the Smyrna Historical Society for sponsoring the event, Todd DeFeo for his musical entertainment, Smyrna Public Works for the installation help, multiple Smyrna Public Library employees for helping with displays and printing, Smyrna Parks and Recreation for loaning tables, and Smyrna Fire Department for their help with printing the new kid's interactive.



Cemetery Cleaning Workshops: This Saturday starts the Museum's Cemetery Cleaning Workshops for 2023. The workshop will be held from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Volunteers will get a mini tour of Smyrna Memorial Cemetery and learn how to clean cemetery markers. Email jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov to sign up.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Smyrna First United Methodist Library Tour: Kindergarteners from Smyrna First United Methodist visited the library on Tuesday, May 9. The students learned about the Summer Reading Program, listened to a story, and toured the library with Mrs. Rebecca.



Visitors:

Library: 2424

Museum: 13

Tinker Lab: In the monthly Tinker Lab program on Wednesday, May 10, families made mini-wind turbines, then measured the amount of electricity generated by their turbines. Kudos to Keith in Public Works for loaning his multimeter!



Meditation Workshop: On Thursday, May 11, Clinical Psychologist Dr. Jasmine H. Winbush led a beginner's meditation workshop, relating ways to reduce stress in daily life.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Community Center Refresh: The Community Center got a much-needed fresh coat of paint along with a new color scheme. Ideas Painting has been working in the Community Center since April 25 and has done an excellent job making it look great for our patrons to enjoy.



Field Trip: Programs Recreation Coordinator Lewis Lay took an eager group of Wolfe Center members to Callaway Gardens on Monday, May 15. Everyone enjoyed lunch and a day of exploring the gardens.

Summer 2023 Pool Passes: Summertime is fast approaching, and pool season is only a few days 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>.

New Lifeguards at Tolleson Pool: Seven new lifeguards completed their lifeguard certification course at Tolleson Pool. Trained by Athletics/Aquatics Coordinator Jacob Groat, each new guard will help keep visitors of Tolleson Pool safe this summer season.



PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Register Today

RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

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>

Event Garden Ribbon Cutting: Parks and Recreation hosted the Reed House Event Garden Ribbon Cutting on May 11. Director Richard Garland, along with Mayor Norton and several Council members, cut the ribbon to officially open the garden. The beautifully landscaped area is an exceptional addition to the Reed House and is sure to entice guests to host a wide array of events such as weddings, anniversary parties, baby showers, and more. Stop by and schedule your event today or call (678) 631-5545 to speak to Theresa about your special day.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Governor's Circle Award: Keep Smyrna Beautiful recently received a 2022 Governor's Circle Award for its outstanding achievements in community beautification and environmental sustainability. The Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation presented the award in recognition of exemplary performance in litter reduction, waste minimization, and community greening.

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Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Conference: Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful Coordinator Eloise Holland participated in the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Conference in Young Harris from May 9-11 to learn from fellow affiliates and keep up with best practices in litter abatement and environmental education.



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



Community Cleanup: On May 12, five Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up about 88 pounds of litter on Windy Hill Road, including 18 pounds of recyclable material!

KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL T-SHIRTS



Share your love for KSB! When you purchase a shirt, proceeds benefit KSB programs. 4 designs & lots of colors available!

www.bonfire.com/store/keep-smyrna-beautiful-store/



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 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/> to shop the t-shirts.

Volunteer with Keep Smyrna Beautiful: Keep Smyrna Beautiful is always looking for volunteers to help keep Smyrna clean, green, and beautiful! To learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, visit keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/volunteer.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

478 Inspections

94 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,153,492.00

Building Remodel/ Commercial (8)

(6) Interior Renovation
Elevate Twenty Three: 2330 Cobb Pkwy (6 Units)

(2) Exterior Renovation
Smyrna Market Village: W Spring St
Cortland at the Village: 2087 Lake Park Dr

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$203,400.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (10)

(2) Addition
(5) Interior Renovation
(2) Re-roof
(1) Retaining Wall

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$950,092.00

HVAC (8) Plumbing (2) Electrical (1) Tree Removal (5)

New Businesses

ParadiseHaven

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 4

Jordan Epps Properties, LLC

Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers
Home Business
Ward 4

DayBetter Cheesecakes

Retail Bakeries
Home Business
Ward 5

Swick Pressure Washing LLC.

Other Services to Buildings and Dwellings
Home Business
Ward 6

Fantasy Automotive LLC

Auto Broker
1326 Concord Road, STE C
Ward 6

Chesley Brown Companies

Security Guards and Patrol Services
3300 Highlands Parkway, STE 130
Ward 7

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