

CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 31, 2023Smyrna Tree Board Meeting
6:30 PM

Brawner Hall

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 PM HR Training Room A. Max Bacon City Hall

ADMINISTRATION

Holiday Closure Notice: City of Smyrna administrative offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Public safety remains operational.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1

Medical: 96 Other: 42 Total: 136



Fight for Air Climb Atlanta 2023: The Fight for Air Climb Atlanta 2023 was held on May 20 at 1230 Peachtree Tower in Atlanta. The Smyrna Fire Department raised \$7,166.00 for the American Lung Association. The team hiked 38 floors in their turn-out gear (without a self-contained breathing apparatus) in a charity competition. Engineer Jacob Moore came in second overall in the firefighter category with 7 minutes. Firefighter Matt Stewart came in second overall in the firefighter category with donations of \$2,935.00. This was the Smyrna Fire Department's 16th year participating in the event.



Metro Atlanta Firefighters Conference: The Smyrna Fire Department hosted its Advance TIC Ops Class for the Metro Atlanta Firefighters Conference 2023. We had 20 students from different fire departments throughout the state, and also a couple from Tennessee and Florida. The class was hosted at our training ground, The Yard. Thank you to the Training Division, Cadre, and everyone that assisted to make this a successful class!

HUMAN RESOURCES



David HarveyWater & Sewer Maintenance
Worker
Water Distribution
Hired: 05/15



Justin Blaylock
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 05/15



POLICE DEPARTMENT





Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 32 Citations:202 Warnings: 43

Calls for Service: 691

National Police Week: The Police Department celebrated National Police Week last week and so many members of the community supported us. The Godinez family came to the Police Department and made tacos for all the shifts. We are so grateful for the support! Thank you, officers.

PUBLIC WORKS

Holiday Sanitation: Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29, there will be no yard waste or large item pickup next week. The sanitation schedule remains the same.

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

- Continuing the Roswell Street sidewalk installation
- Removing bridges from the North Cooper Lake Park bike trail
- Began a Spring Hill Parkway drainage/roadway project
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list









Progress in the Council Chambers: Progress is being made in Council Chambers at City Hall. The acoustic sheet rock has been hung, and prep work is beginning this week.

Updates at Smyrna Market Village: The pergola and fountain are headed toward completion in the Smyrna Market Village! The pergola should be done within the next week, and the fountain is being prepped for paint and new sealer.





Public Works Day: Staff celebrated Public Works Day on May 22. They had a great turnout with good food, prizes, and a raffle. Thank you to everyone that planned and participated in this event!

COURT SERVICES



Court on 05/16

Cases: 58

Failures to Appear: 26

Pre-Trials: 14 DUIs Completed: 0

Court on 05/18

Cases: 70

Failures to Appear: 13

Pre-Trials: 13 DUIs Completed: 4

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: 2,806

Museum: 16

New Art Exhibits: The Friends of Smyrna Library installed two new art exhibits for May and June. Paintings and other fine art by Paula Landry are on display in the gallery, and pottery and alcohol prints by Maxine Kirkland are on exhibit in the display cases.

Facilities Improvements: The Library's atrium tile and grout were given a deep cleaning on Friday, May 19. The cleaning included the grand staircase and the downstairs public bathrooms. Additionally, the 30-year-old outdoor letterboard boxes at the public entrances were replaced with new bronze boxes. Thank you to Public Works for the excellent job installing the new boxes!









Cemetery Cleaning Workshop: On Saturday, May 20, three volunteers braved the drizzly weather to help clean 19 gravestones at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. The next Cemetery Cleaning Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Email Jennie at jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov if you would like to be a part of this fun volunteer experience.

Hula Dancing: In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mehelanie Douglas of Mehelanie Polynesian Entertainment visited Smyrna Library on Monday, May 15 to teach traditional Hawaiian Hula. She also shared Hawaiian language and history alongside a hands-on experience with traditional Polynesian instruments.

Friends of Smyrna Library Book Sale: The Friends of Smyrna Library held a successful spring book sale May 19-21. They raised over \$2,000 which will be used to fund new shelf-finding aids for the library and other projects through the year.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Tolleson Pool: Tolleson Pool opens this weekend! The 2023 season kicks off on Saturday, May 27, and will remain open through Monday, September 4 (Labor Day). There's still time to get your pool passes have and unlimited access all summer long. Family passes are on sale for \$125 for City residents, and \$150 for non residents. Individual passes are \$50 for residents or \$75 for non residents. Passes are limited, so purchase early!





Summer Camp: Summer camp registration is 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

Field Trip: A group of Wolfe Center members visited the William Root House, one of Marietta's historical locations on Friday, May 19. After enjoying the tour of the Root House, members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Marietta Market, which has nearly 20 eateries with a variety of foods.



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Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market hosted nearly 70 vendors on Sunday, May 21. The large crowd of visitors enjoyed lots of favorite food vendors, like Lulu's Bakery serving delicious bagels. They also enjoyed beautiful crafts from vendors like J Co Collection, who had many special items such as unique handmade Apple Watch bands. Visit the market each week on Sundays through October 22 in the Market Village. Find a unique handmade craft for your home, your favorite treat to enjoy, or the perfect gift. Whatever you're looking for, you are sure to find at the market! See you on Sunday from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Progress from Invasive Plant Removal: Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff was able to check on the trees planted at Rosalyn Lane and Powder Springs Street where volunteers have been working to remove nonnative invasive species. More than a dozen Bald Cypress, Swamp Chestnut Oaks, and Sycamores are all thriving! These native riparian trees will help improve the ecosystem for native wildlife and prevent the spread of invasive plants.







Community Cleanup: On May 18, six Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up an impressive 304 pounds of litter, including 48 pounds of recyclable material, from Riverview Road in Ward 7. With the river so incredibly close, removing that litter from the roadways is especially important!

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Recycling Center Tour: On May 19, three community members learned about recycling and toured the Smyrna Recycling Center during the monthly tour. These tours are open to the public and take place on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM, except on holidays. Save your spot: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054faaaa2fa6fa7-city#/



Report Litter: Have you noticed a spot around town that needs some TLC? You can report litter on Keep Smyrna Beautiful's online form. The feedback we get from the community helps us plan our cleanups! https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/report-litter/

Volunteer with Keep Smyrna Beautiful: Keep Smyrna Beautiful is currently recruiting individual volunteers, Adopta-Mile groups, and other groups. To learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, visit keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/volunteer.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

310 Inspections

105 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,392,365.58

Building Remodel/ Commercial (10) Building Remodel/ Residential (13)

(9) Exterior Renovation

- Cortland at the Village, 5 Bldgs
 (2085 Lake Park Dr)
- Alder Park Apartments, 4 Bldgs
 (8 Cumberland Way)

(1) Retaining Wall– 1800 Wilson Way

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$1,854,665.19

(4) Addition

(4) Interior Renovation

(1) Pool

(3) Re-roof

(1) Retaining Wall

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$537,700.39

HVAC (15) Plumbing (6) Electrical (4) Tree Removal (3) Signs (1)

New Businesses

Destination Express LLC

All Other Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation Home Business Ward 2

Locsfadayze Natural Hair and Bar Salon

Beauty Salons 3209 S Cobb Drive, STE F-3 Ward 3

RDS GBC, LLC

Other Grocery and Related Products Merchant Wholesalers 1600 Roswell Street, STE 9 Ward 3

Wellness Acupuncture Clinic LLC

Acupuncturists' Offices 3499 S Cobb Drive, STE 102 Ward 3

Paper Plane Productions, LLC

Motion Picture and Video Production Home Business Ward 4

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