



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

Public Information Meeting Regarding  
Smyrna First Baptist Campus  
7:45 PM  
Smyrna Community Center  
Large Gym

**Holiday Closure Notice:** City of Smyrna administrative offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. Public safety remains operational.

# COMMUNITY RELATIONS



**Downtown Greenspace Ribbon Cutting:** It was an exciting weekend in Smyrna! On Saturday evening, Mayor Norton cut the ribbon at the new downtown greenspace before the first summer concert. A huge crowd came out to celebrate the ribbon cutting and to enjoy music by Electric Avenue. Pictured from left to right are Ward 7 Councilmember Kathy Young, Ward 2 Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Ward 1 Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Ward 3 Councilmember Travis Lindley, Downtown Redesign Details Task Force Member Sean Murphy, Mayor Derek Norton, Downtown Redesign Details Task Force Member Chuck Young, City Administrator Joe Bennett, Mary Bennett, Jack Norton, and Samantha Norton.

# COURT SERVICES



### Court on 06/06

Cases: 83  
 Failures to Appear: 29  
 Pre-Trials: 20  
 DUIs Completed: 1

### Court on 06/08 (Trials)

Cases: 4  
 Failures to Appear: 1

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



### Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4  
 Medical: 85  
 Other: 39  
 Total: 128



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 27  
 Citations: 260  
 Warnings: 62  
 Calls for Service: 798



**RAD Women's Self-Defense:** The Police Department would like to thank our Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Women's Self-Defense Instructors Javonda Ware, Lisa Lee, Sarah Cramer, and Andrea Boyes for all of their hard work and for making RAD one of our most sought-after community engagement classes.



**Grant Award:** The Smyrna Police Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$235,000 to be used for the Fusus program, which is open and unified real-time intelligence. This will greatly assist our police and community in solving crime.

# PUBLIC WORKS



**Active Shooter Training:** Public Works participated in the citywide active shooter training this week, pictured left.

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

- Continuing the Roswell Street sidewalk installation
- Recycled concrete at the Public Works Facility
- Assisted with the downtown greenspace cleanup and landscaping
- Repaired potholes on Windy Hill Road, Spring Road, Mohawk Place, and Vinings North Trail
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list

**Market Village Fountain:** The shell and the pool have been painted at the new fountain in the Market Village, pictured right.



**Council Chambers:** The first coat of primer has been applied in the Council Chambers. The paint color will be proposed at the June 15 Committee of the Whole meeting.

# WATER DISTRIBUTION



**Sewer Main Lining:** The Water and Sewer Division had an 18-inch sewer main lined behind houses on Queensgate Drive. This sewer line flows to Cobb County to discharge into their sewer main to the treatment plant. Contractors and staff cleaned the line and lined it with little to no disruption in services. Pictured left is staff with an outfall machine that cleans the line.

**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. The water main replacement on Starline Drive is now complete. The Highlands portion of the project is still in progress. This project is 75% complete.

**New Equipment:** Water Distribution obtained two new vans that will replace two outdated trucks. These new vehicles are being used by meter techs and utility locators and are a great asset to the City of Smyrna.



**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 35% complete with jetting and cleaning and 20% complete with video inspection in Ward 5. Crews will begin inspecting Ward 3 this month. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are fully completed. This citywide project is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

**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 1990. Wards 2 and 6 have been completed. The project is on hold and will resume later this month.

**Water Meter Replacements:** Contractor Reed & Shows is replacing outdated meters with new digital meters. This project is 70% complete.

**Sewer Inspections:** Crews will complete inspections this week of 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.

**Water Main Break on South Cobb Drive:** Repairs were completed last week on the South Cobb Drive water main which burst in April at over 30 feet deep. Crews tied in King Springs Road and South Cobb Drive. All temporary measures have been removed and the new water main has been put into service at a satiable depth.





# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**Visitors:**  
 Library: 3,133  
 Museum: 11

**Library Magic:** Smyrna Library hosted a maximum capacity crowd for magician and ventriloquist Keith Karnock on Monday, June 5. Mr. Karnock entertained kiddos and parents with his Magical Acts of Kindness show as part of the Library’s Summer Reading Program. This year’s theme All Together Now focuses on kindness, friendship, and unity.

**Paper Quilt:** The Adult Services team hosted a drop-in crafting morning for adults, teens, and tweens on Friday, June 9. Participants designed their own paper quilts using traditional quilt patterns or their imagination as inspiration. Two library staffers used their breaks to join in the fun: Faith Willis, Adult Services (left), and Alex Rawls, Technical Services (right).



**Teens Read, Kids Read:** Read All Together Now is a buddy reading program where a child can read to a teen volunteer, or the teen can read to the child. Teens earn volunteer service hours and kids practice their reading skills. The program is hosted each Wednesday morning through July 19.

**Celebrating Juneteenth at Smyrna Museum:** Join the Smyrna Museum this Saturday for a kid’s pop-up craft event celebrating Juneteenth! Learn about Juneteenth and the history of the U.S. Colored Troops who fought for freedom during the Civil War. Kids will make a related craft to take home. The craft is suitable for children ages three and up. This is a free event.

**Cemetery Cleaning Workshop:** The Smyrna Museum will be hosting another Cemetery Cleaning Workshop on Saturday, June 24 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Enjoy an early summer morning with this special volunteer opportunity! Email Jennie Eldredge at [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov) to volunteer.



# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Samuel Jones**  
Sanitation Worker  
Public Works  
Hired: 6/12



**Veronica Saldana**  
Administrative Assistant  
Community Development  
Hired: 6/12



**Lance Boyd**  
Police Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 6/12



# ENGINEERING



**Park Road Speed Humps:** Speed humps were installed on Park Road (near Jonquil Park) as a result of a speed study conducted in January that showed 85th percentile speeds between 37–39 MPH. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH. A total of three speed humps were installed between Spring Road and Falling Water Drive as a traffic calming measure.

**Leading Pedestrian Interval:** A leading pedestrian interval (LPI) was installed at the intersection of Atlanta Road and Windy Hill Road for both the northern and southern crosswalks across Atlanta Road. An LPI is intended to give pedestrians a head start to enter the crosswalk before vehicular traffic receives a green signal. This improvement was implemented after the Engineering Department received concerns about the lack of visibility of pedestrians when vehicles make right turns at the intersection. The LPI is programmed to display the walk signal 5 seconds before right-turning traffic receives a green signal.



**Video Detection Updates:** The cameras used for vehicle detection were replaced at the intersection of Atlanta Road and West Spring Street for traffic traveling northbound across the train tracks and for eastbound left turns into Smyrna Market Village. Both of these approaches were displaying a constant call, which activates a green signal regardless of whether a car is present. This may negatively impact signal operations by increasing delay and disrupting coordination with adjacent signals.



# PARKS AND RECREATION



**Smyrna Handmade Market:** The Smyrna Handmade Market hosted twenty-four vendors on Sunday, June 11. Despite the threat of bad weather, a large crowd of shoppers made their way out to find their favorite goods. Join Parks and Recreation each Sunday from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM in the Smyrna Market Village for a variety of handmade favorites.

**Summer Camp:** Summer camp is in full swing and campers are enjoying fun days of games, adventures, and pool time. There are only a few spots left for various weeks of Summer Camp 2023, so [register now](#) if your child is hoping for endless excitement this summer. This year camp will run through 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 per week, with a \$25 City resident discount. Early care and aftercare are available through separate purchase of \$40 each or \$70 if purchased together.



**Gymnastics Camp:** Gymnastics Camp offered by Smyrna Gymnastics is off to an awesome start! The camp is an exciting summer program where campers work to master and learn new skills with an entire week of gymnastics. Each Friday at 1:00 PM, gymnasts showcase their new-found skills to parents and visitors. Gymnastics Camp runs through the week of July 10, taking the week of July 4 off. There are only a few spots available for children ages 5–10 years old. [Register today!](#)



# PARKS AND RECREATION



**Summer Concert:** The June 10 concert was an exciting evening for the City, offering a beautiful evening of music and dancing for concertgoers. Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff set up 109 tables and 654 chairs. The next concert will be on July 15 and there are still a few tables [available for purchase](#).

**Wolfe Center:** The Wolfe Center had a busy month in May, overseeing 622 visits and hosting 90 fitness classes including yoga, balance/functional movement, Tai Chi, mobility improvement, weights and more, Zumba, and meditation. Therapy pool staff oversaw 1008 visits and hosted 90 water walks, 90 lap swims, and 23 classes.



**WolfePac Field Trip:** Recreation Coordinator Lewis Lay along with a group of Wolfe Center members visited Rome, Georgia on Saturday, June 10. The WolfePac toured the Martha Berry Home Museum, the Rome Visitors Center Caboose, and the Rome History Center. It was another fantastic trip for the WolfePac!

**Movie Night in the Park:** Join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, June 24 for the ultimate movie night showing of *Top Gun: Maverick*! Register your family now and “fly” on out to Taylor-Brawner Park for a movie, popcorn, and treats for all registered guests. Bring your blankets and chairs, along with any additional snacks, and enjoy a night under the stars. The movie begins at 8:00 PM and costs \$10 per family (register the head of household only please). Don't miss out! [Registration is required in advance](#). No onsite registration is permitted.

**Concert in The Garden:** Parks and Recreation will be hosting a concert in the garden on Friday, June 23, at the Reed House Event Garden! There will be music by Edgewood String Quartet playing selections from nature. The venue opens at 6:00 PM and the concert begins at 7:30 PM. There will be a cash bar with beer, wine, and mixed drinks. Tickets are \$40 for one or \$75 for two. Seating is limited.

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION

## MOVIE IN THE PARK

★ ★ ★ ★ THIS SUMMER ★ ★ ★ ★



JUNE 24
8:00PM
\$10 PER FAMILY

★ TOP GUN MAVERICK ★

TAYLOR - BRAWNER PARK

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT SMYRNAGA.GOV



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Community Cleanup:** Last Thursday, five Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 106 pounds of litter, including 42 pounds of recyclable material, on Benson Poole Road.



**Summer Concert:** On Saturday, seven Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers helped keep the summer concert a litter-free event by handing out litter bags to concertgoers and collecting recycling. In all, volunteers handed out 288 bags and collected 68 pounds of recycling.

**Volunteer with Keep Smyrna Beautiful:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful is currently recruiting individual volunteers, Adopt-a-Mile groups, and other groups. To learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, visit [keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/volunteer](http://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/volunteer).

**New Adopt-a-Mile Group:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff oriented a new Adopt-a-Mile group this week. Taproot Hydroponics will be cleaning up the northbound mile on South Cobb Drive between Powder Springs Street and Pat Mell Road. Welcome, Taproot Hydroponics!



**Volunteer with us**  
KSB has opportunities for individuals, groups, businesses, and families!

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

136 Inspections

66 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$3,915,336.22

**Building Remodel/ Commercial (19)**

- (5) Interior Renovation
  - 2055 Lake Park Dr
  - 2057 Lake Park Dr
  - 8014 Cumberland Glen Ln
  - 4480 S Cobb Dr, Ste W
  - 7000 Highlands Pkwy, Ste 160

(13) Other Renovation

- 2950 S Cobb Dr
- 8 Cumberland Way x12

(1) White Box

- 1565 Roswell St

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$1,702,892.58

**Building New/ Residential (9)**

- (9) Townhomes
  - High Parc x4
  - Terrace at Riverview Landing x5

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$1,630,800.00

**Building Remodel/ Residential (15)**

- (6) Addition
- (6) Interior Renovation
- (3) Re-roof

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$581,643.64

**HVAC (21) Plumbing (2) Electrical (2) Tree Removal (1) Signs (2)**

## New Businesses

**Modern Beaute Hair Salon**

Beauty Salons  
2365 Spring Road, STE 304  
Ward 1

**Honey Babies**

All Other Miscellaneous Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**JDC Drywall Co. Inc.**

All Other Specialty Trade Contractors  
Home Business  
Ward 4

**Good Dog Veterinary Company - Smyrna, LLC**

Veterinary Services  
1302 Concord Road  
Ward 6

**Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc.**

Environment, Conservation and Wildlife Organizations  
6020 Riverview Road, Building 7000, STE 100  
Ward 7

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