



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, June 12, 2023

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

Monday, June 12, 2023

Wards 1, 2 & 3 Joint Town Hall
6:30 PM
Smyrna Community Center
Magnolia Room

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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

Thursday, June 15, 2023

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Smyrna Fire Department Finalizing New Apparatus Purchase: On June 5, Battalion Chief Durden, Lieutenant Whatley, Engineer Tucker, and Support Services Coordinator Pace headed to Appleton, WI to go over the final details with Pierce for Smyrna Fire Department's newest apparatus. It is expected to be received in early 2024. Pictured above is a similar rendition to the one that the Fire Department will obtain.

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 97
 Other: 61
 Total: 160

Fire Recruits Live Burn: It was a special day for Fire Recruits 23-01 last week as they participated in their first live-fire burn with Lieutenant O'Bryan!



The Smyrna Fire Department logo is on the left, featuring an American flag and the text 'SMYRNA A Tradition of Excellence' and 'I.S.O. CLASS 2 FIRE RESCUE EMA'. To the right, the text reads 'We want to Hear From You!' and 'Community Stakeholder Survey'. A large QR code is positioned below the text. At the bottom left, instructions for using a QR code are provided: 'HOW TO USE A QR CODE: OPEN THE CAMERA ON YOUR PHONE, POINT IT AT THE CODE, THEN TAP THE LINK THAT APPEARS.'

Help Smyrna Fire Department with this Survey: Smyrna Fire wants to hear from you! Please help us by completing a [brief survey](#) which will allow our organization to measure public perceptions about the services we offer and the quality of their delivery. Survey results will be incorporated into our community risk assessment and strategic plan to be completed later this year. The survey is open to anyone who visits, works, or lives in the City of Smyrna and is available through June 23! One of our major goals as a department is to attain agency accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence and the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). To learn more, please visit our website www.smyrnacityfire.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Firearms Training Simulator: Last week the Police Department had our new Firearms Training Simulator installed. We were awarded this piece of equipment through a grant worth around \$39,000! We trained several instructors on the new equipment and got IT involved as well. We are looking forward to using this equipment to train officers and the community through a variety of scenarios.

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 38
 Citations: 331
 Warnings: 80
 Calls for Service: 858

COURT SERVICES



Court on 05/30

Cases: 100
 Failures to Appear: 30
 Pre-Trials: 22
 DUIs Completed: 4

Court on 06/01

Cases: 66
 Failures to Appear: 23
 Pre-Trials: 19
 DUIs Completed: 3

HUMAN RESOURCES



Anna Caldwell

Records Assistant/Property & Evidence
 Police Department
 Hired: 06/05



PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continuing the Roswell Street sidewalk installation
- Repaired asphalt on Woodruff Drive, Stephens Street, Bank Street, and Pat Mell Road
- Resolved a line of site issue on Twin Oaks Drive
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list



Progress in the Council Chambers: All sanding has been completed and the first coat of primer has been applied in the Council Chambers.

Progress in Smyrna Market Village: The pergola in Smyrna Market Village has been completed and the first coat of paint on the new fountain has been applied.

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.

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

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 in June. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are fully completed. This citywide project is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

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.

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.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:
 Library: 2,520
 Museum: 34

Celebrating Juneteenth at Smyrna Museum: Join the Smyrna History Museum for the next 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.

Fun with Science: The Library hosted a TaleWise science event on Friday, June 2 for families with school-aged children. Participants watched and participated in experiments that demonstrated several laws of physics and learned how we can take care of our world together.



Audiobook Narrator Tells All: On Sunday, June 4, the Friends of Smyrna Library sponsored a fascinating lecture about the production of audiobooks and the industry's future as it relates to AI. The speaker, Janet Metzger, was a professional audiobook narrator who has narrated over 150 audiobooks.

New Acquisitions: Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge regularly catalogs artifacts in the museum collection. Smyrna Museum recently received a donation of three scrapbooks from the Jonquil Garden Club. Above is an image of a page on the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Garden Tour of 2016.



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Library Staffers Pursue Master's Degrees: Youth Services Library Associate Hannah Ross (left) and Adult Services Library Aide Faith Willis (right) were both accepted into the Valdosta State Master of Library and Information Science program. Both staffers will matriculate this fall, attending the school's online courses. We are so proud of our graduate students!

ENGINEERING

Flashing Yellow Arrow Activation: The intersection of South Cobb Drive and Windy Hill Road is updated with flashing yellow arrows on all approaches. This signal update is a part of the Windy Hill Boulevard project. All of the old signal heads have been removed and the new signal heads are now active.



Pedestrian Safety Improvements: Yield to pedestrian/R10-15 signs were installed at the southwest corner of Atlanta Road and Windy Hill Road. The crosswalk along the southern leg of the intersection is set back, which blocks the visibility of pedestrians crossing Atlanta Road. These signs are intended to warn drivers making the right turn from Windy Hill Road onto Atlanta Road to watch for pedestrians who may be entering the crosswalk. Improvements are underway for the crosswalk at the northern leg of the intersection which has similar visibility issues for right-turning vehicles.

Quiet Zone Establishment at Nickajack Road: Smyrna has been partnering with Cobb County for more than a few years to construct a quiet zone where Nickajack Road crosses the Norfolk Southern Railroad (NSR). After much anticipation, we are happy to report that the quiet zone has gone into effect as of June 6. The next and final task is to cease blowing the horn. According to NSR, it will take from a few days to a couple of weeks before the horns totally cease as the train operators adjust to this new quiet zone. The operators will continue to sound the horn for unsafe situations and emergencies.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Tennis Court Resurfacing: Match Point Tennis resurfaced the Tolleson Park tennis courts this week, giving them an updated look and smooth playing surface for tennis and pickleball players. Beginning on Monday, June 12, Rose Garden Park tennis courts will also be resurfaced and lined.



Gymnastics Camp: Gymnastics Camp began on Monday, June 5, at the Community Center. Offered by Smyrna Gymnastics, 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 10-14, taking the week of July 4 off, and has only a few spots available for children ages 5–10 years old. Register today at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>


Concert in The Garden: Join Parks and Recreation for a concert in the garden on Friday, June 23, 2023, 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.


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.

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



Recycling Center Tour: On June 2, two adults and six children toured the Smyrna Recycling Tour and participated in a papermaking activity to learn about recycling. To book a private tour of the center, contact Julie Barwig at jbarwig@smyrnaga.gov.

Community Cleanup: Last week, five Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 57 pounds of litter, including eight pounds of recyclable material, on South Cobb Drive during a Community Cleanup.



KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL T-SHIRTS



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 (including youth sizes!) and colors and any profits go to support Keep Smyrna Beautiful programs. Visit <https://www.bonfire.com/store/keep-smyrna-beautiful-store/>

Summer Concert: Keep Smyrna Beautiful Volunteers will be at this weekend's summer concert to hand out litter bags and collect recycling to keep it a litter-free event! Don't forget to properly dispose of your trash as you enjoy the music!

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.



Volunteers needed!

Join us to keep Smyrna clean, green, and beautiful.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

197 Inspections

90 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$3,832,378.87

Building Remodel/ Commercial (7)

(2) Interior Renovation
 – Whitefield Academy x2 (1 Whitefield Dr)

(5) Exterior Renovation
 – Cortland at the Village x2 (2085 Lake Park Dr)
 – Alder Park Apartments x3 (8 Cumberland Way)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,724,927.31

Grading (1)

(1) Residential Land Disturbance
 – The Chadwick (3302 Atlanta Rd)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$459,000.00

Building New/ Residential (7)

(1) Single-family detached
 – Adams Dr

(6) Single-family townhomes
 – Terrace at Riverview Landing x6

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,295,000.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (8)

(2) Accessory Structure
 (5) Interior Renovation
 (1) Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$353,451.56

HVAC (11) Plumbing (4) Electrical (6) Tree Removal (2) Signs (11)

New Businesses

Fast Cash Loans of GA, Inc.

Consumer Lending
 3205 S Cobb Drive
 Ward 3

QUICKMART 3002 LLC

Gasoline Stations with
 Convenience Stores
 3002 Atlanta Road
 Ward 6

Smyrna-F, LLC

Automobile Dealers
 3860 S Cobb Drive
 Ward 6

Jamaican Great

Residential Property Managers
 Home Business
 Ward 7

OH & J2 Construction and Consulting, LLC

Residential Remodelers
 Home Business
 Ward 7

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