



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

Pre-Council Meeting  
6:00 PM  
Oak Room  
Smyrna Community Center

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

Special Called Council Meeting  
Millage Rate  
6:45 PM  
Magnolia Room  
Smyrna Community Center

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4  
 Medical: 98  
 Other: 57  
 Total: 159

**Fire Command Staff to Chick-fil-A:** The Smyrna Fire Department had a great time learning from one of the best businesses, Chick-fil-A Corporate Support Center. They had a great discussion on leadership and teamwork.



**Appointed Chief Fire Officer:** The Commission on Professional Credentialing has awarded Battalion Chief Kenneth Durden and Battalion Chief Eric Farmer the professional designation of Chief Fire Officer. Following an extensive peer review process, this designation recognizes demonstrated excellence in seven measured components: experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement, and technical competence. Meeting these requirements allows Chief Durden and Chief Farmer to bring a higher level of professionalism and service to the City of Smyrna.

**Do Good Hero Winner:** Engineer Jacob Moore was announced as a Do Good Hero winner! He was nominated by Smyrna Fire Department via The National Life Group for his outstanding community service activities that go beyond his public safety duty. As a winner, Engineer Moore will receive a check to be donated to a charity of his choice.



**Smyrna Safe Business:** The Smyrna Safe Business Program met for the second session on Thursday, June 29 at the Emergency Operations Center. Participants learned the fundamentals of contingency planning to help their organization endure crises and disasters.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Recruits:** On Friday, June 30, our recruits underwent Taser Certification and OC (pepper spray) Certification. Each one of them took exposure and encouraged one another to get through this challenging event. Four recruits began the Police Academy on Friday, July 7 and one started the Field Training Process on Wednesday, July 5. We are proud of them and excited to have them!



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 16  
Citations: 175  
Warnings: 48  
Calls for Service: 725



**Touch a Truck:** Several officers participated in the Touch a Truck Event at the Library. We brought the SWAT Vehicle, the K-9 officer, and the recruiting vehicle for the community to view up close.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



**Smyrna Police Department Website:** The Smyrna IT Department successfully launched the new website for the Police Department last week. This achievement was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Web Administrator Enoch Serna along with Community Relations Director Jennifer Bennett, Lieutenant Meredith Holt, and Sargeant Hannah Houze. Together they dedicated three months to redesigning the website and updating its content. You can explore the newly launched website at <https://police.smyrnaga.gov/>.

# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 06/27

Cases: 54  
 Failures to Appear: 22  
 Pre-Trials: 24  
 DUIs Completed: 3

## Court on 06/29

Cases: 64  
 Failures to Appear: 21  
 Pre-Trials: 9  
 DUIs Completed: 2

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Shamily Ortiz**  
 Detention Officer  
 Police Department  
 Hired: 07/10



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Gautschy House:** In support of a study by the Fire Department, Jennie Eldredge recently researched and compiled a list of historic structures in Smyrna. An example is the Gautschy House on Atlanta Road, pictured right in this vintage image (c. 1908). The building currently houses a wedding dress boutique.



**Cemetery Cleaning Workshop:** On July 22, the Museum will hold the next Cemetery Cleaning Workshop at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Email [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov) to volunteer.



## Visitors:

Library: 5,665  
 Museum: 25

**Family STEM Day:** Families with older children enjoyed a morning of building together at Family STEM Day on Friday, June 30. Participants were given pictures of completed KEVA plank projects as inspiration, or they could construct original designs using their imagination.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Science4Every1:** Michael Green The Science Machine wowed 180 participants on Monday, June 26 with his incredible science “magic.” The library partnered with Parks and Recreation on this event to provide a larger venue for this popular program. Several parents told Youth Services that the show was the best Summer Reading event the library has ever hosted. Wow! We’ve already booked Mr. Green for next year.



**Sunday Lecture: Battle of Ruff’s Mill:** On Sunday, July 2, Phil Ivester, the current owner of the Ruff’s Mill property just outside of Smyrna, presented a fascinating lecture about the “Battle of Ruff’s Mill, July 4, 1984” for the Sunday Lecture sponsored by the Friends of Smyrna Library. Mr. Ivester spoke to a full house. The lecture included his original research as well as personal details about the people who were there. A follow-up lecture is scheduled for 2024.

**New Art Exhibits:** The Friends of Smyrna Library Art Exhibit Committee installed two new exhibits for the July/August period. Both exhibits feature glass as the medium for the art. Julie Mazzoni’s mosaic glass works and Margery Kellar’s stained glass are on display in the art gallery. Teresa Barnes’ artistic colored glass which uses glass fusing and slumping is on display in the cases. All the artists are members of the Atlanta Glass Art Guild.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Smyrna Sharks:** The Smyrna Sharks Swim Team qualified 45 participants that will compete in the State Swim Meet in Columbus, Georgia on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. This will be an exciting end of the 2023 swim season for the Sharks.

**Senior Softball League:** Senior Softball began its late summer league on July 10. Twelve teams will compete each Monday and Wednesday through September.

**Fall Softball Leagues:** Registration for Fall Softball Leagues are now open. Tolleson Park is the host site of Co-ed and Men’s softball, and the season will begin on August 7, playing through October. Register today as a team for \$400 or register as a free agent for only \$40. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>

**Smyrna Handmade Market:** Join Parks and Recreation at the Smyrna Handmade Market each Sunday from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM in the Market Village. Vendors provide a wide variety of handmade goods from delicious food items to amazing items for your home. Stop by and see what treasures you can find.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Community Cleanups:** Last Friday, four Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 62 pounds of litter, 22 pounds of which was recyclable material, on the East-West Connector. On June 29, four Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 75 pounds of litter, 40 pounds of which was recyclable material, on South Cobb and Highland Parkway.

**Volunteering with Keep Smyrna Beautiful:** Looking for a way to help? Keep Smyrna Beautiful is always looking for individual volunteers, Adopt-a-Mile groups, and other groups volunteers!

**Online Litter Reporting:** 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/>



**Project Future Summer Camp:** The last week in June, 40 children from Project Future summer camp picked up 6 bags of litter, totaling 90 pounds, on their Benson Poole Road campus and Chuck Camp Park. As part of their curriculum, the campers participate in service projects throughout the summer.

**Adopt-a-Stream:** A new volunteer joined our Adopt-a-Stream program this week! Volunteers in this program chemically monitor their assigned stream once a month to help gather important data on the health of our waterways. To sign up for the next training workshop, visit <https://www.cobbcounty.org/water/events/9943/adopt-stream-chemical-monitoring-workshop>.



# WATER DISTRIBUTION



**Fire Hydrant Project:** Crews are currently raising fire hydrants that the Fire Department has identified. This is part of an inter-department project between the Fire Department and Water Distribution. This project will be taking place throughout the city.

**Water Meter Replacements:** Contractor Reed & Shows replaced outdated meters with new digital meters. This project is now 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 1990. Wards 2 and 6 have been completed. The project is on hold and will resume this month.



**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 40% complete with jetting and cleaning and 30% complete with video inspection in Ward 5. Contractors have begun inspecting Ward 3. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are fully completed. All areas in need of repairs will be done with the cured-in-place pipe method.

**The Highlands Water Main and Service Replacement:** The Highlands water main replacement is in progress and is 75% complete.

**Glendale Circle Water Main and Service Replacement:** Water and Sewer management is currently getting quotes to replace the Glendale Circle water main line. This project will be added City Council meeting agenda on July 17 for approval.

## PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continuing the Roswell Street sidewalk installation
- Began Spring Hill Parkway drainage project
- Repaired asphalt at the Public Works facility
- Fixed line of site issue and trimmed trees on Bank Street
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

141 Inspections  
71 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$4,478,483.00

**Residential/ New Construction (23)**

(23) Townhomes  
- Terrace at Riverview Landing x17  
- High Parc x6

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**  
\$4,156,200.00

**Building Remodel/ Commercial (11)**

(11) Interior Renovation  
- Cortland at the Village x 11 Units

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**  
\$176,000.00

**Building Remodel/ Residential (6)**

(3) Addition  
(1) Interior Renovation  
(2) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**  
\$141,283.00

**Demolition (1)**

(1) Demolition Permit  
- Argo Dr.

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**  
\$5,000.00

**HVAC (10) Electrical (2) Plumbing (4) Signs (4) Tree Removal (4)**

## New Businesses

**Roots Therapy Collective, LLC**

Offices of Mental Health  
Practitioners  
1148 Concord Road  
Ward 3

**TayNailInIt LLC**

Nail Salons  
3240 S Cobb Drive  
Ward 5

**Brown Sterling Homes**

Residential Property  
Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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