



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

Committee to Honor Fanny Williams  
6:00 PM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

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

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

The State of the City Address  
with Mayor Derek Norton  
5:30 PM  
Large Gym  
Smyrna Community Center

**Thursday, July 27, 2023**

Rescheduled Special Called Meeting/Tax  
Digest-Millage Rate Adoption  
10:00 AM  
Oak Room  
Smyrna Community Center

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1  
 Medical: 85  
 Other: 64  
 Total: 150

**Smyrna Safe Business Spotlight:** This week we would like to spotlight one of our Smyrna Safe Business participants, Christy Hiatt.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Christy Hiatt




“I have been a Realtor with Keller Williams since 2010 and a Smyrna resident for 24 years. I have extensive experience helping clients looking to buy a home, sell a house or invest in real estate no matter how challenging the market conditions. With a close eye on the growth and improvements in Smyrna, I enjoy sharing the Smyrna value to new residents and supporting other local businesses.”



**Leadership Cobb Program:** Fire Chief Brian Marcos is co-chairing the 2024 Leadership Cobb Program. Congratulations to Parks and Recreation Director Richard Garland for being selected into the program.

**Accreditation Update:** Kelly Bastis, serving as our Accreditation Manager, continues to aid in the accreditation process by attending Georgia Consortium meetings most recently hosted by Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services. Knowledge obtained via these consortiums are shared with the Smyrna Fire Department team as we begin our journey towards accreditation as recognized by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.



# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 07/11

Cases: 90  
 Failures to Appear: 19  
 Pre-Trials: 23  
 DUIs Completed: 1

## Bench Trials on 07/13

Cases: 14  
 Failures to Appear: 0  
 Trials: 3  
 Pre-Trials: 2

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 32  
Citations: 135  
Warnings: 35  
Calls for Service: 689

**Summer Camp:** Campers from Parks and Recreation came to tour the Police Department. They saw several of our vehicles including the SWAT truck, a marked patrol car, and the Crime Scene van. In addition, they received a tour of the department to include property and evidence.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**JULY 2023**

# CEMETERY CLEANUP

Enjoy a morning outdoors with history and our special volunteer opportunity!

Learn how to clean cemetery markers at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery in downtown Smyrna.

Instruction by Jennie Eldredge, Museum Manager  
email [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov) to volunteer

**Saturday  
July 22  
9 AM - 12 PM**

**Cemetery Cleaning Workshop:** Please join us for our Cemetery Cleaning Workshop on Saturday, July 22 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Please contact Jennie Eldredge at [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov) to sign up.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**1977 Campbell Panthers:** Back to school is right around the corner and that means a return to high school football! Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge came across this commemorative program from 1977 while recently cataloging artifacts. Such game programs are a great time capsule as they held the names and pictures of student-athletes, coaches, and cheerleaders as well as local businesses that sponsored school athletics.



**Reading Minutes:** The Summer Reading Challenge is wrapping up and Smyrna kids have logged over 124,000 minutes of reading so far this summer! Readers have until July 31 to log minutes to qualify for prizes and be entered into the grand drawing.



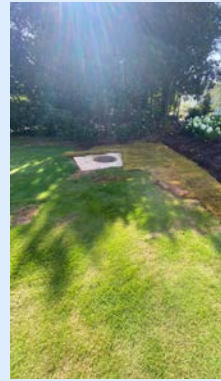
**Touch-A-Truck:** The Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Smyrna Education Foundation, and Cobb County Animal Services personified the library's Summer Reading theme, "All Together Now," at the library's Touch-A-Truck event on Monday, July 10. Participants got to view the SWAT vehicle, bucket truck, backhoe loader, rescue vehicles, and more. The Smyrna Education Foundation gave out free popsicles. What a fabulous day!

**Visitors:**  
 Library: 3,287  
 Museum: 18

**Escape the Library:** Youth Services sponsored an escape room at the Library from July 14-17 for families and groups of children. Participants solved puzzles to uncover clues which led to the final prize: the grumpy librarian's secret stash of candy! Winners posed for pictures with a banner declaring their victorious escape. Pictured right are library staffers testing the room by solving puzzles for the first time. Pictured left to right are Lawrence Cabrera, Clara Chauveau, and Alex Rawls.



# PARKS AND RECREATION



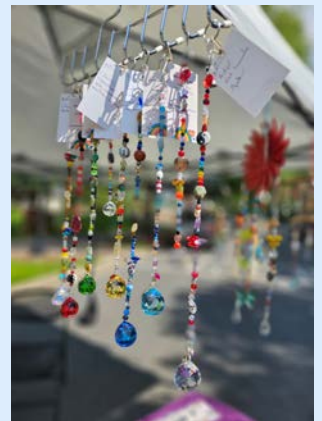
**Parks Maintenance:** Despite the heat and rain, Parks Maintenance staff has been working on several projects:

- Expanding the Chuck Camp Park maintenance building
- Installing new sod at the Reed House
- Installing sod and warning track slate at Bartlett Field in preparation for the Little League State Tournament
- Setting up and breaking down tables and chairs for the July concert



**Summer Camp:** Campers have been busy with fun trips and activities! The week of July 10-14 they visited the Cobb Art Museum, Smyrna Police Department, College Football Hall of Fame, and Fernbank Science Center. The goal was to give campers the opportunity to experience a variety of professions including arts, law enforcement, athletics, and science.

**Smyrna Handmade Market:** The Smyrna Handmade Market hosted 68 vendors Sunday, July 16. A variety of amazing items such as handcrafted jewelry, suncatchers, and art pieces were on display for purchase. Delicious homemade items were grabbed up by shoppers including croissants and baklava. Our four-legged visitors were able to pick out their favorite treat as well. Stop by each Sunday from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM in the Market Village and discover your favorite handmade treasure!



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



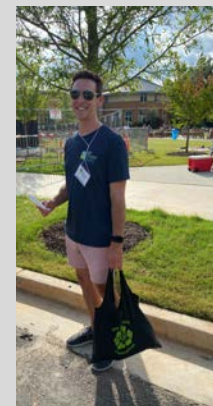
**Adopt-a-Mile:** On Saturday, July 15 Adopt-a-Mile groups cleaned up litter across the city! The results so far show an incredible effort from over 80 volunteers with over 800 pounds of litter cleaned up from Smyrna roadways.



**Storm Drain Marking:** On Friday morning, four volunteers marked 49 storm drains along Concord Road, McLinden Avenue, Hollis Street, and Eleanor Way. The markers provide education to the public that the drains go directly to the creeks.

**Education and Outreach:** Last Friday, Julie Barwig visited the Smyrna Optimist Club to speak about the Smyrna Community Garden and other gardens in the city.

**Litter Free Event:** At the summer concert on July 15, Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff and volunteers passed out trash bags and collected recycling. A total of 282 bags were handed out to attendees to mitigate litter during and after the event. A total of 56 pounds of recyclable materials was gathered at the event.



**Mid-Year Recycling Center Update**  
As of June 30, 2023

**632,658 lbs. of material processed**  
*5.2% increase from this time last year*

**14,095 patrons**

**490 tour attendees**  
*134% increase from this time last year*

**Recycling Center:** As of June 30, the Recycling Center has processed 632,658 pounds of material!

# ENGINEERING



**SR 280 Resurfacing:** The resurfacing of South Cobb Drive and SR 280 is complete. The resurfacing limits were from Austell Road to the Fulton County line. Subcontractors are currently working to restripe the roadway and replace the traffic loops that were damaged during the resurfacing. The Engineering Department is working closely with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and their subcontractors to ensure all of the traffic loops are replaced accordingly. GDOT anticipates this work to be completed by the end of July. The traffic signal timings will resume to previous schedules once the loops are replaced.

**Red Light Cameras:** Red light cameras (RLCs) are installed at the intersection of Spring Road and Cumberland Boulevard. The warning live period began on Friday, July 14, and will last for 30 days. Citations may be issued after the warning live period ends. Engineering staff worked closely with the contractor, Verra Mobility, on the placement of the RLCs and warning signs as well as the phasing connections from the traffic signal cabinet to the pull box. Coordination with Cobb County was also required to update the signal timings to meet Georgia Department of Transportation's clearance standards.

**Permanent Radar Sign:** A permanent dynamic speed radar sign (DSRS) was placed on Old Concord Road near the Logans Walk subdivision. Two additional radar signs are anticipated along Old Concord Road near the Smyrna Grove subdivision and the Westfield Trace subdivision. Traffic data collected on Old Concord Road near Westfield Trace showed significant speeding with 85th percentile speeds between 45-46 MPH. This DSRS is intended to reduce speed in the area.

**Pedestrian Improvements:** Updates are complete for pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Atlanta Road and Windy Hill Road. The updates included two signs that warn right-turning vehicles to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. These signs were installed at the NE and SW corners of the intersection. Previous improvements include a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) for crosswalks at the northern and southern legs of the intersection. The LPI gives pedestrians a 5-second head start to enter the crosswalk before traffic receives a green signal.



# PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continued on Spring Hill Parkway drainage project
- Completed drainage project on Doeskin Lane
- Completed landscaping on Doeskin Court
- Assisted with the July concert set up
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list

**Progress in the Council Chambers:** The Council Chambers have been painted and the wood laminate is being rehung.



**New Fountain:** The installation of the fountain in Smyrna Market Village has been completed. After the electrical work is completed, the fountain should be operational by the first of next week.

**Soil Cement Stabilization Project:** A Public Works contractor has started with the soil cement stabilization project to meet state compliance for erosion runoff issues.





# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

165 Inspections  
79 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$1,193,924.68

**Building Remodel/Commercial (18)**

(17) Interior Renovation  
-IMEG Consultants (1055 Lake Park Dr, Ste 325)  
-Cortland at the Village x7 Units (2085 Lake Park Dr)  
-Beckett Park Apartments x8 Units (810 Windy Hill Rd)  
-Stonebrook Apartments x1 Unit (790 Windy Hill Rd)

(1) Other  
-Elevate Twenty Three (2330 Cobb Pkwy SE)

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$294,906.52

**Building Remodel/ Residential (10)**

(5) Interior Renovations  
  
(5) Roof Replacement/Re-roof

**Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$191,039.00

- HVAC (10)**
- Electrical (2)**
- Plumbing (4)**
- Signs (4)**
- Tree Removal (4)**
- Demolition (1)**
- Pool (2)**
- Grading (3)**

## New Businesses

**Body Beauty Wax Salon LLC**

Other Personal Care Services  
2384 Cobb Parkway  
Ward 1

**FastTrac Telecom Group Inc**

All Other Telecommunications  
1721 McCoba Drive, STE A  
Ward 2

**Treelogy LLC**

Residential Property Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 5

**BluePrint Nails**

Nail Salons  
3240 S Cobb Drive, STE 850,  
Room 131  
Ward 5

**Melisa's Airbnbs**

Residential Property Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 5

**Timothy Cox HYM LLC**

Home & Yard Maintenance  
Home Business  
Ward 5

**DrArchivist, LLC**

Research & Consulting  
Home Business  
Ward 7

**Engineered Solutions of Georgia, Inc.**

Engineering Services  
4500 Highlands Parkway  
Ward 7

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