



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Special Called City Council Meeting
Millage Rate
10:00 AM
Oak Room
Smyrna Community Center

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Special Called City Council Meeting
Millage Rate Vote
6:30 PM
HR Training Room
A. Max Bacon City Hall

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting
6:45 PM
HR Training Room
A. Max Bacon City Hall

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Youth Council: Applications are now open for the 2023-2024 Smyrna Youth Council program! Staff attended Campbell High School's Meet and Greet with a few members from last year's Youth Council on Thursday, July 27 to advertise the program. Do you know of a high school student that is interested in local government and being a leader in the community? Tell them to apply to be a member of the Youth Council! Applications can be found at smyrnaga.gov.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 07/18

Cases: 70
Failures to Appear: 3
Pre-Trials: 16
DUIs Completed: 5

Court on 07/20

Cases: 118
Failures to Appear: 15
Pre-Trials: 20
DUIs Completed: 4

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Monthly Quick Tips and Fun Facts from the IT Department

Tips

- Regularly clean temporary files, cache, and cookies to free up disk space and enhance performance
- Be wary of phishing emails or messages asking for personal information

Facts

- The term "spam" for unwanted emails comes from a Monty Python skit
- The average computer mouse is touched over 10,000 times per day
- The first-ever computer mouse was made of wood

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 31
Citations: 299
Warnings: 75
Calls for Service: 791



Kidz Week: Kidz Week 2023 was a success! Kidz Week is a week-long program for 8-14-year-old kids. The program gave participants an opportunity to explore our Police Department and Fire Department. In addition to learning about Police and Fire, the kids also learned about various safety skills. The week ended with a cookout at Tolleson Park. They enjoyed face painting and an assortment of water activities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 3
 Medical: 119
 Other: 56
 Total: 178

Do Good Hero Award Update: A few weeks ago Engineer Jacob Moore was named a winner of the Do Good Hero Award for his community service that goes above and beyond his public service duty. On July 24, in the presence of Fox 5 Atlanta News, he was presented with his plaque and his award of \$500 to go to a charity of his choice. Engineer Moore chose to have the donation go to a family in need via the Life Church Smyrna.



HUMAN RESOURCES



Andrew Davies
 Sanitation Worker
 Public Works
 Hired: 07/24



John Rodriguez
 Parks Maintenance
 Technician I
 Parks and Recreation
 Hired: 07/24



Brittney Hadden
 Police Officer
 Police Department
 Hired: 07/24



Capone Grant
 Sanitation Worker
 Public Works
 Hired: 07/25



ENGINEERING

Smyrna Hill Road Centerline Striping: Approximately 1,700 feet of centerline roadway striping was installed on Smyrna Hill Drive from South Sherwood Road to South Cobb Drive. The striping was installed to address numerous concerns of near head-on collisions from citizens. We anticipate traffic volumes to increase as new developments progress in the area.



Village Parkway and Lake Park Drive Intersection Improvements: The intersection of Village Parkway and Lake Park Drive is an intersection listed for improvements for the city's Traffic Calming Committee. There were a total of 40 accidents reported at this intersection over the past two years as of April 2023. The Engineering Department began installing traffic signs along the northbound and southbound directions of Village Parkway including Signal Ahead, slow, and yield signs. Additional advance warning signs are underway along with pavement markings and advance intersection lane control signs.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continued the Spring Hill Parkway drainage project
- Completed drainage projects on Doeskin Lane and Wills Street
- Continued the King Springs Road sidewalk installation
- Repaired sidewalk at Berryhill Circle
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

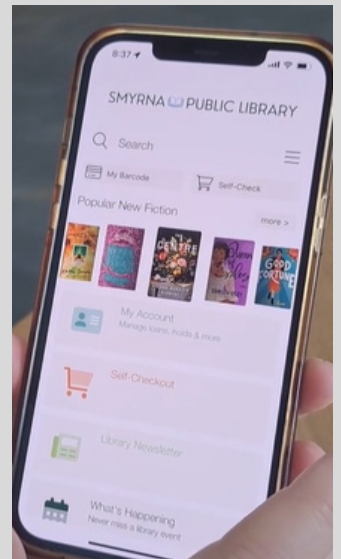


Summer Reading Finale!

Visitors:
 Library: 3,213
 Museum: 19

Summer Reading Finale: Smyrna Library wrapped up Summer Reading with Ken Scott's summer magic show, an interactive magic and storytelling program that featured Croco the puppet. The Friends of Smyrna Library sponsored this event and gave out free books after the show. A big thank you goes to Community Center staff for allowing us to use the Magnolia Room.

Library App: Smyrna Library's mobile app is now live! Director Mary Moore and Technical Services Librarian Ruth Hayden worked with library software provider TLC to develop an app for our library customers. The free app works with both Apple and Android devices. It provides easy access to the online catalog, links to the calendar and online resources, and has the ability to manage checkouts and holds. The most unique feature is the ability to check out your own books if you are inside Smyrna Library. A promotional video may be viewed [here](#).



Reading Minutes: Smyrna Library kids have logged over 143,000 minutes of reading so far this summer! The deadline to log minutes has been extended to Sunday, August 6 to qualify for prizes and the grand prize drawing.

Cemetery Cleaning Workshop: On Saturday, July 22 four volunteers braved the humidity to help clean cemetery stones at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Almost 30 stones were cleaned by this fabulous crew. Look for the next Cemetery Cleaning Workshop sometime in September when the weather is a little cooler.



WATER DISTRIBUTION

Fire Hydrant Project: Crews are currently raising fire hydrants throughout the city. This is in effort to make them more accessible and easier to operate. Pictured right are Durrell Ross and David Harvey taking a fire hydrant apart and rebuilding it.



The Highlands Water Main and Service Replacement: The Highlands water main replacement is in progress and is 80% 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 August 7 for approval.

Valve Maintenance: Staff is performing valve maintenance in Wards 5 and 6.



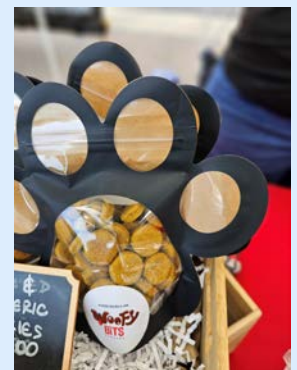
Closed-Circuit TV Pipe Inspection: Sewer infrastructure is being graded with closed-circuit TV equipment. This technology allows staff to view lines in real time, determine pipe conditions, and make corrections when necessary. Staff is 40% complete with jetting and cleaning and 30% complete with video 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.

Water Meter Replacements: Contractor Reed & Shows replaced outdated meters with new digital meters. There were roughly 450 meters converted to 4G for the advanced metering infrastructure project.

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. Homes in Wards 2 and 4 built before 1986 have been completed. Work in Wards 5 and 6 is scheduled to begin soon.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Smyrna Handmade Market: Visit the Smyrna Handmade Market each Sunday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM in the Smyrna Market Village. Come and see items such as handcrafted plant holders, fresh flowers, fresh breads, and organic treats from popular vendors. Everyone can find something special when visiting the market; even four-legged visitors have their pick of favorite treats as well. Stop by and discover what your favorite handmade treasure is!



PARKS AND RECREATION



Under THE SEA
Kid's Cookie Decorating Class

Learn decorating techniques and bring home your delicious masterpieces!

Saturday, Aug 12th 11AM - 1PM
Smyrna Community Center in the Tulip Room
\$30 per child ages 5-12
Registration Now Open!

Register at smynaga.gov or scan the QR code

RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation



Paint & Sip Girls Night Out

Join us for this "A Night in the City" themed paint and sip. Refreshments and painting supplies will be provided!

Date
Friday, Sept 1st 6pm-8pm

Location
Tulip Room at the Smyrna Community Center

Cost
\$45/person

REGISTER NOW

smynaga.gov

RECREATE Smyrna
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Cookie Decorating Class: The Under the Sea Cookie Decorating class is almost here and there is still space available! Register your child ages 5-12 for the excitement of decorating "Under the Sea" themed cookies and participating in an introductory lesson in cookie decorating taught by Sweet Bites by Mimi. Decorators will learn decorating techniques and bring home their masterpieces for snacking later. Parents are required to attend. Children cannot be left unattended during the class. Class is Saturday, August 12 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Register here.](#)

Girls Night Out Paint and Sip: Girls Night Out Paint and Sip registration is now open! On Friday, September 1 join Parks and Recreation for "A Night in The City" themed Paint and Sip. Painting supplies are provided for each participant as well as refreshments to enjoy. The cost is \$45 for two hours of fun. [Register here.](#)

Family Fun Glow Night: Parks and Recreation welcomes your entire family to Family Fun Glow Night Paint and Sip! Join us on Friday, September 15 from 6:00-8:00 PM for an evening filled with family paint time. Refreshments and supplies will be provided to help make this an exciting night for the entire family. Register today at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>. The cost is \$30 per person.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recycling Center: Last Friday, 12 community members took the monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center to learn about recycling in Smyrna. The kids in the group were able to take part in a hands-on paper-making activity that simulates how paper is recycled!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

COBB COUNTY RIVERS ALIVE



September 23, 2023

Clean local waterways through Cobb County's annual Rivers Alive Cleanup!
 9am-12pm
 Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area
 Registration required



Rivers Alive: Rivers Alive, our largest water initiative, is an annual litter cleanup along the tributaries that run into the Chattahoochee River, which supplies drinking water for millions in the metro Atlanta area. Registration opens on July 28. [Click here to register.](#)

2024 Garden Tour: Keep Smyrna Beautiful's May Garden Tour was a huge success with more than 300 ticketholders visiting 5 extraordinary Smyrna gardens. If you're interested in being on the Garden Tour next year, [fill out our online form to let us know more about your garden!](#)

Community Garden Workday: Gardeners came out for a workday on Monday, July 24. They cleared out weeds around the garden.

Adopt-a-Mile: On Saturday, five members from NRD Atlanta Chiefs Petty Officer Mess Adopt-a-Mile group picked up 105 pounds of litter on their adopted mile on Windy Hill Road. So far this month, more than 100 volunteers have picked up over 1,125 pounds of litter as part of July's Adopt-a-Mile.



Community Cleanup: On Tuesday, four Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 62 pounds of litter, including 8 pounds of recyclable material, on South Cobb Drive near South Cobb Industrial Boulevard during a Community Cleanup.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

250 Inspections

113 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$3,010,272.50

Building Remodel/Commercial (12)

- (12) Interior Renovation
- Planet Fitness (3315 S Cobb Dr)
- Kroger (3240 S Cobb Dr)
- Dixie Ave Storage Building (2299 Dixie Ave SE)
- Cortland at the Village x 9 Unit (2057 Lake Park Dr)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,056,704.50

Building Remodel/ Residential (18)

- (8) New Construction
- Terrace at Riverview x6
- Mathew St x2
- (3) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
- (4) Interior Renovation
- (2) Additions

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,848,568.00

HVAC (6) Electrical (2) Plumbing (3) Signs (3) Tree Removal (5) Pool (2)

New Businesses

Atlanta Beauty Depot 2

Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies, and Perfume Retailers
2388 Cobb Parkway
Ward 1

Cloud Harbor Vape & Gaming

Tobacco, Electronic Cigarette, and Other Smoking Supplies Retailers
600 Floyd Drive, STE A
Ward 5

Alyas Group, LLC

Janitorial Services
Home Business
Ward 7

Alyas Property Management Group

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 7

Complete Grant Solutions LLC

Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 7

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