



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, August 7, 2023

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

Monday, August 7, 2023

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

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

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

ADMINISTRATION



State of the City Address: Mayor Derek Norton gave this year's State of the City Address on July 26 where he shared the many exciting things happening in Smyrna. The event was at maximum capacity. You can still view the address by [clicking here](#).

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

151st Birthday Celebration: Smyrna is turning 151 years old! Join us on October 7 for a birthday celebration concert featuring Goo Goo Dolls, The Wallflowers, and 10,000 Maniacs on Atlanta Road. Concert table sale dates are to be announced. You won't want to miss it!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

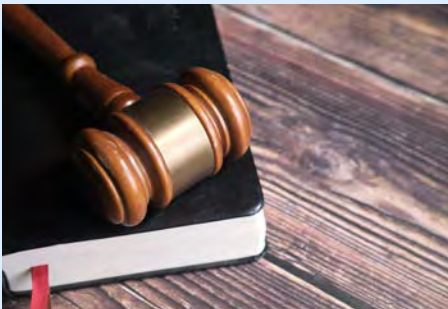


Supervisor Appreciation: The Smyrna Police Department's C-shift honored their supervisors with awards for providing excellent leadership and guidance. Congratulations Lieutenant Owens and Sergeant Tovar for leaving a positive lasting impression on your officers.

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 25
Citations: 225
Warnings: 48
Calls for Service: 846

COURT SERVICES



Court on 07/25

Cases: 70
Failures to Appear: 21
Pre-Trials: 19
DUIs Completed: 3

Court on 07/27

Cases: 63
Failures to Appear: 17
Pre-Trials: 16
DUIs Completed: 2

HUMAN RESOURCES



Jeffery Adam Dodd
Chief Building Official
Community Development
Hired: 07/31



Jeff Time
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 07/31



FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



The Partnership of Atlanta is Atlanta's oldest privately held marketing and brand communications agency since 1979.

With two locations, Atlanta and Naples, Florida, we will help you make the most of your brand to make an impact on your consumers that stands the test of time. Please visit our website, www.thepartnership.com, for more information about how we can help you!

Smyrna Safe Business Spotlight: This week we are spotlighting one of our Smyrna Safe Business participants, The Partnership of Atlanta, a marketing and brand communications agency.



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 0
 Medical: 109
 Other: 71
 Total: 180



Smyrna Future Firefighter Program: The Smyrna Fire Department has initiated the new Future Firefighter Program. This program aids in developing a pipeline for future firefighters, and helps get interested people career ready. The Future Firefighter Program allows for Smyrna Fire Department to recruit with a purpose. For more information or to express interest, [please visit our website](http://www.smyrnafire.com) or email joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov.

ENGINEERING



School Zone Flashing Beacons: The Engineering Department has been focused on ensuring that the school zone flashing beacons are up to date with the correct materials and schedules in preparation for the new school year. There are a total of 17 school zone flashing beacons in the city. We are also in the process of updating the signs within each of the school zones.

Traffic Sign Updates: Our Traffic Signal Technicians are working on traffic sign updates along the corridors of Atlanta Road, Pat Mell Road, and McCauley Road.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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.](#)

Garden Tour: 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!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities: Keep Smyrna Beautiful is always looking for help to keep our city clean, green, and beautiful! [Click here to learn more.](#)

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



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



KSB SCHOOL GRANTS

\$1,000 to schools in the City of Smyrna
Schools can apply annually.

Grants support beautification and environmental education.
School gardens, outdoor learning spaces, and more

Fall application period opens August 1, 2023
Fall applications due by November 3, 2023.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



KSB offers educational activities and presentations on recycling, litter, watersheds, and more!



Environmental Education: School is in session, and so are our School Partnership programs! Smyrna area schools can now apply for Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants for up to \$1,000 to support environmental education, school gardens, and beautification projects. Educators can apply for Teacher Continuing Education Scholarships in environmental topics. Schools can request tours of the Smyrna Recycling Center or in-school presentations by Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff on litter, recycling, watersheds, papermaking, and more! Details about school partnership programs can be found at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships/>



Pollinator Watering Station DIY Workshop

Thursday, August 17th, 6pm-7pm
\$15 registration fee
Supplies and refreshments provided



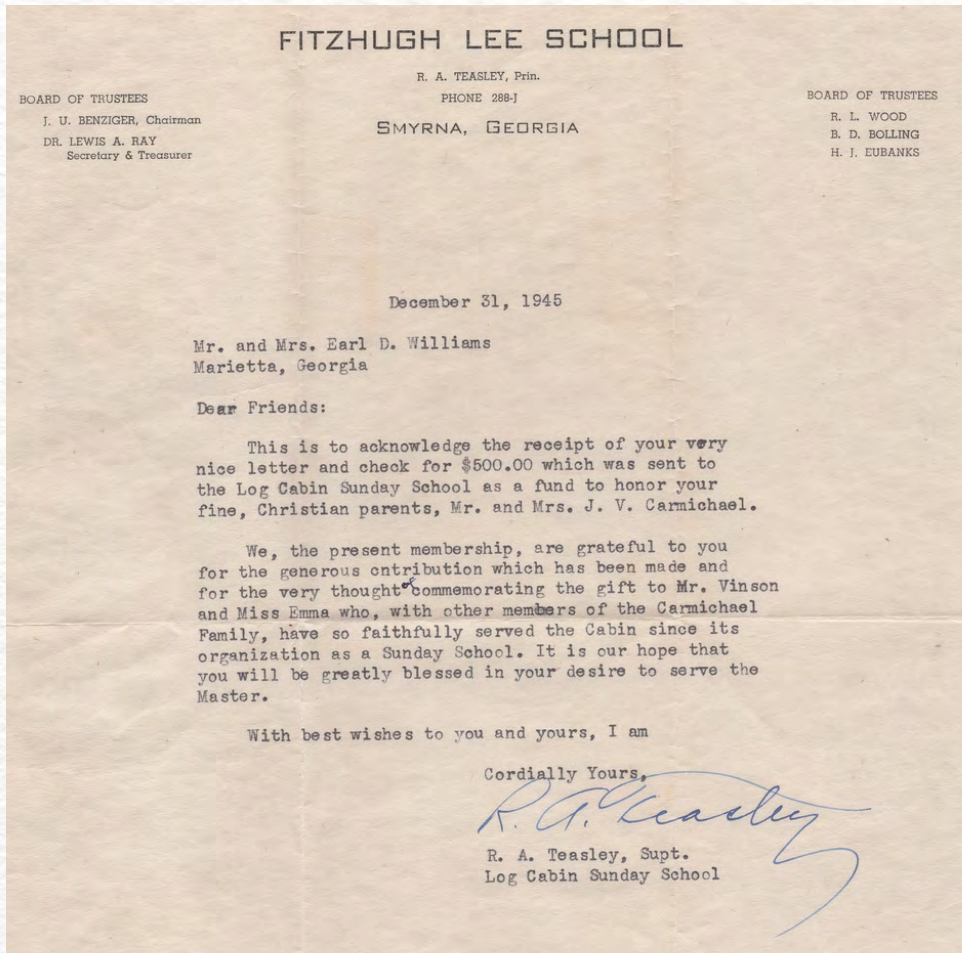
Pollinator Watering Station DIY Workshop: Join us on Thursday, August 17 from 6:00-7:00 PM to support local pollinators while creating a beautiful garden treasure. [Details and registration can be found here.](#)

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:
 Library: 3,027
 Museum: 84

Library Patrons Fundraise for Youth Services: On Thursday, July 27, two special library patrons dropped off proceeds from a neighborhood lemonade stand. This is the second year in a row the girls have raised funds for the Youth Services program at the Smyrna Library. Sisters Amelia (left) and Collier (right) raised \$50.80 this year.



Thank You Letter: Cataloguing this past week brought to light a letter with ties to Smyrna area schools, past and present. In 1945, Roy. A. Teasley, Principal of Fitzhugh Lee School, wrote a letter of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Williams. The Williams had donated \$500 to the Log Cabin Sunday School in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Vinson Carmicheal who owned a general store in the Oakdale area of Smyrna. This \$500 donation would be equivalent to \$8475 in today's dollars. Fitzhugh Lee School was demolished in 2016 but of course Teasley Elementary named after Roy A. Teasley still exists and welcomed back students this week.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Bethel Cemetery: Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge and Library Director Mary Moore met with Community Development Director Rusty Martin and Keep Smyrna Beautiful Coordinator Eloise Holland on Tuesday, July 25 at the historic Bethel Cemetery in Ward 1. The discussion centered on organizing a volunteer effort to help the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Marietta Church clean up the cemetery. Keep Smyrna Beautiful will provide resources such as buckets, grabbers, gloves, and bags. Jennie Eldredge will organize and direct the volunteers on the day of the cleanup. Mary Moore will use her newsletter to advertise the event and recruit volunteers. Keep Smyrna Beautiful will provide additional volunteer recruitment. Tentatively, the cleanup event will be Saturday, September 30. The grave pictured right is an example of one of the older stones in the historic cemetery.



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.

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.



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.

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

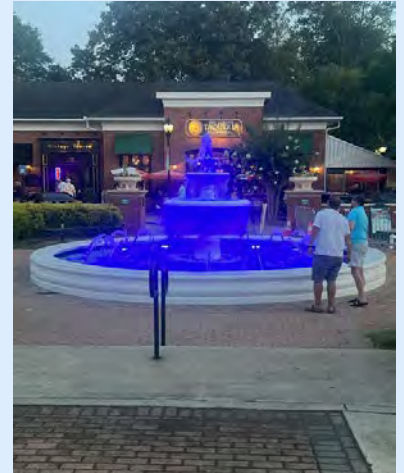
Water Meter Replacements: Contractor Reed & Shows replaced outdated meters with new digital meters. There were roughly 450 meters converted to 4G for the advanced metering infrastructure project.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continued the King Springs Road sidewalk installation
- Continued the Spring Hill Parkway drainage project
- Began work on Chuck Camp Park storage building
- Repaired potholes on Sherwood Drive, King Springs Road, and Windy Hill Road
- Continued the monthly right of way mowing list



Council Chambers: Progress is being made in the Council Chambers. The tray for the new lighting is almost complete. Sanding will begin next week.

Market Village Fountain: The new fountain in the Market Village has been completed and is operational.



Soil Cement Stabilization Project: The soil cement stabilization project at the Public Works facility was completed last Friday.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Exciting Trip: A group of Wolfe Center members took an exciting trip to Huntsville, Alabama. Taking in the sites that help make up the city, the seniors enjoyed the NASE Space Museum, Botanical Gardens, State Park Planetarium, Burritt Mountain Music Show, and several other amazing places.

Parks Maintenance: Parks Maintenance crews have been working hard to make sure all of the city's parks are ready for the community to enjoy! Recently they have been working on the following:

- Topdressing the baseball fields at Brinkley Park
- Working with Public Works staff to pour a concrete pad for the new storage building at Chuck Camp Park
- Repaired an irrigation issue at the Reed House event lawn



Tolleson Pool: Tolleson Pool saw the end of this season's weekday swim on July 28. The start of the school year means the pool is now open on weekends only. Come out each Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM and cool off with family and friends through Labor Day on September 4. For those that enjoy the adventure of diving, the diving boards have been repaired and are ready for the fearless jumpers.



Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market hosted nearly 70 vendors Sunday, July 30. Vendors bring a variety of items such as fresh fruits and vegetables, delicious homemade cookies, and treats for your furry family members. Stop by each Sunday from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM in the Market Village and discover what your favorite handmade treasure is.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fall Sports: Fall Registration for various leagues is open and play will begin soon. Adult softball begins on August 7, while adult basketball participants will take their shots beginning on August 10. For those that are excited for adult pickleball, [register now](#) and start playing on August 31.

Facilities: The Community Center and historic facilities including Brawner Hall, Reed House, and Taylor-Brawner House and Park are all busy with events and activities this week hosting more than twenty-five various parties and meetings. If you have a special event coming up, call your favorite facility to schedule a tour and reserve your space. Facilities may be reserved up to a year in advance.



SMYRNA PARKS & REC
PICKLEBALL LEAGUE
 AUGUST - OCTOBER

FREE AGENT \$60

TEAM PRICE \$360

THURSDAY NIGHTS
 PLAYED AT TOLLESON PARK

Scan to Register!
 smyrnaga.gov

RECREATE Smyrna
 Parks & Recreation

THE STOUT BROTHERS
 LOCAL BEER MARKET

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

161 Inspections

84 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,488,819.88

Building Remodel/Commercial (2)

- (2) Interior Renovation
- Fisher Orthodontics (2452 Spring Rd)
- Delmar Gardens of Smyrna (404 King Spring Village Pkwy)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,296,526.00

- HVAC (11)**
- Electrical (3)**
- Plumbing (5)**
- Tree Removal (7)**
- Grading (2)**
- Demolition (2)**

Building Remodel/ Residential (11)

- (1) Interior Renovation
- (10) Roof Replacement/Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$152,793.88

New Businesses (1)

Terminus Management

- Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers
- Home Business
- Ward 5

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