



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Joint Ward Meeting - Wards 1, 2, & 3
6:30 PM
Council Chambers
A. Max Bacon City Hall

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

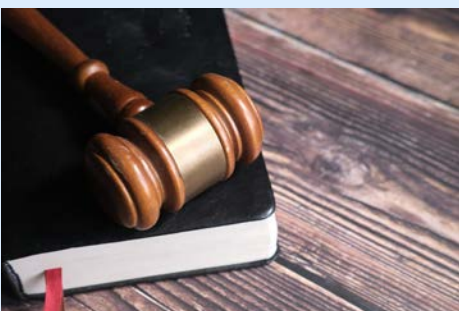
Smyrna Tree Board Meeting
6:30 PM
Brawner Hall

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor for the Day: St. Benedict's held their fundraising gala earlier this year, and one of the silent auction items up for bid was "Mayor for the Day". The top bidder was Mr. Alex Rhue on behalf of his son, Benjamin. Benjamin's special day included lunch with the Mayor, tours of City Hall and the Mayor's Office, special experiences with Smyrna Fire and Police Departments, and topped off by serving as "Honorary Mayor" at the City Council meeting on Monday night.



COURT SERVICES



Court on 08/15
 Cases: 57
 Failures to Appear: 9
 Pre-Trials: 23
 DUIs Completed: 6

Court on 08/17
 Cases: 79
 Failures to Appear: 10
 Pre-Trials: 17
 DUIs Completed: 1

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 40
Citations: 262
Warnings: 62
Calls for Service: 852

HUMAN RESOURCES



Gregory Destine
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 08/21



Cameron Ealey
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 08/21



Dante Gagliardi
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 08/21



Vincent Gozzola
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 08/21



Joseph Hamilton
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 08/21



Jackson Haney
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 08/21

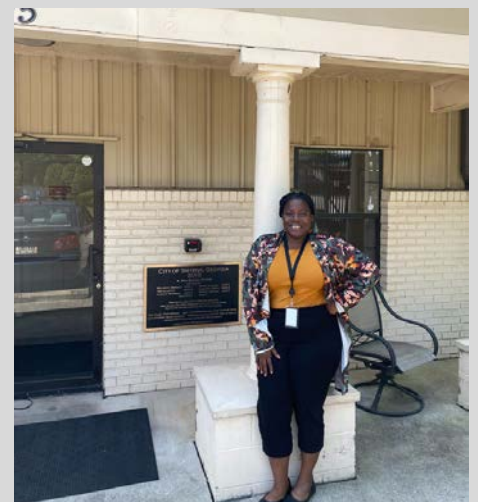


Triston Runyon
Firefighter
Fire Department
Hired: 08/21



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Welcome Danielle Stanley: On Tuesday, Danielle Stanley had her first day as the new part-time Environmental Services Program Assistant. Danielle will be supporting Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteer coordination, the Smyrna Community Garden, the Adopt-a-Tree program, and other Environmental Services programs.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Recycling Center Tour: On Friday, 13 community members toured the Smyrna Recycling Center as part of the regularly scheduled monthly tour. The younger participants played a recycling sorting game and took home pollinator craft kits.

Paper Recycling: In the past week, eight Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers spent more than 17 hours sorting a large inventory of paper to ensure that it can be properly recycled. So far, two bales of office paper have been created from the material that was recently dropped off!

Shredded Paper Needed: If you have strip-cut paper shreds, the Smyrna Recycling Center would love to take them off your hands! They need shredded paper to be able to bale their current supply of office paper. Cross-cut shredded paper, which looks like confetti, will not be accepted.

A Week of Pollinators: Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful spent the week honoring pollinators in the following ways:

- They handed out 60 educational pollinator life cycle craft kits for kids. The kits were available at the Smyrna Public Library and the Smyrna Community Center.
- They held a Pollinator Watering Station DIY Workshop. Ten community members gathered in the Sensory Garden to create their own garden art pieces that also provide pollinators with a safe place to stop and take a drink.
- They distributed information and counting sheets for the Great SE Pollinator Census, which took place on August 18 and 19.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 108
 Other: 44
 Total: 153



New Traditions: The Smyrna Fire Department has started a new tradition in the Training Division. A sword with the saying "Excellence Through Training" will be housed in the Division Chief's office, including the names of all the chiefs who have served in that office since 2012. Pictured above are current/former Training Chiefs: Chief Tommy Bates (2022-2023), Chief Dustin Davey (2012-2019), Chief Kenneth Durden (2023), Chief Eric Mohrmann (2021-2022), and Chief Eric Farmer (2019-2021).



Mayor for the Day: On August 21, the Smyrna Fire Department welcomed Benjamin and his family for a visit. Benjamin was named "Mayor for the Day" and got to tour and engage with personnel at many of the City of Smyrna facilities.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continuing the King Springs Road sidewalk project
- Continuing the Chuck Camp Park building pad
- Installed concrete footing for three North Cooper Lake Park restrooms
- Repaired a road cave on Brentwood Drive
- Repaired potholes on Shawnee Trail, Oak Drive, Lake Park Drive, and Windy Hill Road
- Began the Concord Road median project (pictured right)
- Continued the monthly right-of-way mowing list



Council Chambers: The construction in the Council Chambers is now complete. The first Council Meeting since November 2022 was held in the Council Chambers on Monday night.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors:

Library: 3,296

Tinker Lab: Elementary-aged kids and their parents built solar bugs at the library's August 16 Tinker Lab program. The project involved solar energy and simple circuits. Tinker Lab is unique in that the parents are just as hands-on as the child in building the STEM project and must problem-solve on the fly. Tinker Lab supports the library's commitment to lifelong learning.

Used Book Sale: The Friends are sponsoring a Children's Used Book Sale the weekend of August 26 and 27. The sale is in the library's downstairs meeting room, and prices range from \$.50 to \$2. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of more Wonderbooks for the Youth Services collection.

Local History Projects: The Friends of Smyrna Library recently launched new projects to improve the library's local history resources. On Wednesday, August 16, several volunteers began an indexing project for the Smyrna Herald and Smyrna Neighbor. The library holds numerous bound volumes from the 1960s-1990s, but the content is not digitized nor indexed which limits usage of the materials. The volunteers are analyzing each volume for major articles related to local history and creating a keyword index.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Valve Maintenance: Staff is conducting valve maintenance in Wards 5 and 6. They have installed pressure meters on fire hydrants throughout the city. These devices will allow staff to monitor water pressure remotely to detect possible water issues. Pictured right are Joseph Bland and Durrell Ross installing a pressure meter to a fire hydrant.

Water Meter Change Out: KM Davis is currently changing out the remaining outdated water meters in the city. Water Distribution has roughly 450 meters to convert to 4G as part of the advanced meter infrastructure project.



Glendale Circle Water Main and Service Replacement: The Glendale Circle water main and service replacement is in progress. This project will improve outdated water infrastructure in the area. KM Davis will be performing the work.

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

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 underway.

PARKS AND RECREATION



FAMILY FUN GLOW NIGHT
PAINT & SIP

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 6:00PM - 8:00PM
LOCATION: TULIP ROOM AT COMMUNITY CENTER
\$30 PER PERSON
AGES 3+
REFRESHMENTS AND SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED

REGISTER TODAY WITH THE QR CODE OR AT SMYRNAGA.GOV

RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

Family Fun Glow Night Paint and Sip: Parks and Recreation invites your entire family to the 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.

Girls Night Out Paint and Sip: Girls Night Out Paint and Sip registration is now open! Join Parks and Recreation on Friday, September 1 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 today at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.

Fall Cookie Decorating Class: Join us for a fall-themed cookie decorating class on Saturday, September 16 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center! This cookie decorating class is for children ages 5-12 and they will be given an introductory lesson on cookie decorating and spend the morning decorating fall-themed cookies. The cost is \$30 per child. Parents must be present to assist their children. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>.



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

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FALL THEMED
KID'S COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

Sept. 16th 11am-1pm
Smyrna Community Center
\$30 per child
Ages 5-12

Learn decorating techniques and bring home your delicious masterpieces!

Register at smyrnaga.gov or scan the QR code

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Park Updates: YNZ completed painting foul poles at Tolleson Park and Brinkley Park. The work is wrapped up just in time for fall baseball and softball season.

Chuck Camp Park: Public Works staff is working diligently to finish pouring the remainder of the concrete pad now that the storage building at Chuck Camp Park has been installed. Work should be wrapped up soon and the large screen TVs can be safely stored.

Fall Break Camp: Join Parks and Recreation for an Arts and Crafts Fall Break Camp! This year campers will dive into new creative mediums and explore the world of color! Each day campers will bring home a new masterpiece. If your campers attended last year, don't worry! This year's curriculum will be brand new and not a repeat of last year. Camp will take place on September 25-29 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. It costs \$100 per camper with a \$15 sibling discount. [Registration is now open for children ages 5-12 years old.](#)

Volunteer at Smyrna's Spooky Festival: Looking for ways to be more involved? Smyrna Parks and Recreation is looking for staff members to help with the Spooky Festival on October 27!

Opportunity #1: We are looking for individuals to hand out candy to participants as they walk the trail. You would be stationed next to one of our pre-created scenes. Dressing up for the event is strongly encouraged! We ask that those who help hand out candy also assist with the breakdown of the event. If you or a staff member of yours would like to partake in this opportunity, please let Ashley (aputnam@smyrnaga.gov) know by September 22. Staff should plan to be on-site from 5:00-10:00 PM.

Opportunity #2: This would be an excellent opportunity for your department to give back to the community. We are looking for departments to create scenes along the trail! A few examples might be zombies, witches, ghosts, your group themed as specific characters from a movie, etc. It could be simple, or it could be elaborate! Have fun creating your group's scene, props, and costumes! Set-up will begin at Taylor-Brawner Park on the morning of October 27, all scenes must be set up by 3:00 PM. If your department has a scene at the event, we will provide you with the candy to hand out to the participants as well. If your department would like to create a scene along the trail, please let Ashley (aputnam@smyrnaga.gov) know what your scene theme is and how many staff members will be present by September 1 so we can properly plan for a successful event. Currently, we are looking for at least 3 additional scenes.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

128 Inspections

49 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$724,860.00

Building Remodel/Commercial (10)

- (9) Interior Renovations
 - Beckett Park Apartments x8 Units (810 Windy Hill Rd)
 - Jersey Mike's (3240 S Cobb Dr, STE 1350)
 - (1) White Box
 - 860 Concord Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$135,360.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (11)

- (1) Accessory Structure
- (4) Addition
- (4) Interior Renovation
- (1) Roof Replacement/Re-roof
- (1) Solar Panels/Generators

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$543,500.00

**HVAC (11) Electrical (4) Plumbing (3) Grading (2) Sign (1)
Tree Removal (6)**

New Businesses

Jeralds Mobile Detailing

Detailing Services
Home Business
Ward 1

Peace At Mind Body And Beauty Co

All Other Personal Services
1529 Spring Road, STE B
Ward 2

**RoztheGoat, LLC
Other General Government Support**

Home Business
Ward 2

Young Linguists Academy LLC

Child Care Services
1717 Spring Street
Ward 2

Smyrna-F, LLC.

Employee Café
3860 S Cobb Drive
Ward 4

Water Wonders, LLC

Sports and Recreation
Instruction
Home Business
Ward 4

CAPITOL HOME CARE SERVICES OF GEORGIA LLC

Home Health Care Services
Home Business
Ward 7

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