



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

License and Variance Board Meeting

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

A. Max Bacon City Hall

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM

HR Training Room

A. Max Bacon City Hall

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 29
 Citations: 204
 Warnings: 48
 Calls for Service: 795

Cobb County Law Enforcement Association Award:

Congratulations to Lieutenant McEntire for his Cobb County Law Enforcement Association Award. Lieutenant McEntire is the jail administrator and has worked tirelessly for the past few years keeping the jail running through COVID and staffing shortages. Lieutenant McEntire has focused his efforts on rebuilding our staff in the jail, and he provides much-needed support to a young workforce. Thank you Lieutenant McEntire for seamlessly handling many obstacles and keeping a positive outlook at our jail.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Christopher Hoilman
 Detention Officer
 Police Department
 Hired: 09/05



Shackiell Thompson
 Police Officer
 Police Department
 Hired: 09/05



David Jones
 Police Officer
 Police Department
 Hired: 09/06



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DOCUMENT SHREDDING



Shred & recycle documents for free!



Saturday, September 9, 2023
9:00 a.m. to Noon
Aline Wolfe Rec. Center, 884 Church St.

Document Shredding: The Document Shredding event is this Saturday, September 9, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM! This event takes place at the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center, and you do not have to be a Smyrna resident to participate. This event is free, but donations are accepted! [Click here to learn more.](#)

Strip-Cut Paper Needed: The Smyrna Recycling Center still needs strip-cut paper to bale their current supply of office paper. (Cross-cut shredded paper, which looks like confetti, will not be accepted.)

Monthly Tours: The Smyrna Recycling Center offers free monthly tours on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. The next tour is on September 15. [Register here!](#)

Rivers Alive: Rivers Alive is an annual litter cleanup along the tributaries that run into the Chattahoochee River and takes place on September 23 this year. [Volunteers can register here.](#)

Environmental Education: Keep Smyrna Beautiful partners with Smyrna-area schools through environmental education! Activities include tours of the Smyrna Recycling Center, papermaking, water pollution demonstrations using an Enviroscape, litter education, and more! [More information is available by clicking here.](#) If you know a Smyrna school that would like to participate, email Julie Barwig at jbarwig@smyrnaga.gov.

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



Save the date!

SALE BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST

\$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs
Yellow & mixed varieties available



Jonquil Bulb Sale: It's almost time for the Jonquil Bulb Sale! We expect a shipment of Jonquil bulbs by the first of October. We'll be selling bags of 40 bulbs for \$20 to spread the joy of Jonquils in the Jonquil City. [Click here if you want to be emailed as soon as they arrive.](#)

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Smyrna Safe Business: Last week, the Smyrna Safe Business Program met for their fourth session to discuss workplace violence. Special thanks to Smyrna Police Department's Lieutenant Ed Cason for leading the group in a great conversation on how they can keep their businesses safe.

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 83
 Other: 67
 Total: 152

Battle of the Badges: Grab your lawn chairs and join us for the first annual Battle of the Badges charity softball game! Watch the Smyrna Police Department and Smyrna Fire Department compete on Saturday, September 9, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. There will be music, food, t-shirts, and more!

Grab your Lawn Chairs and Join us for the First Annual

Food T-shirts
 Music Touch a truck

BATTLE OF THE BADGES

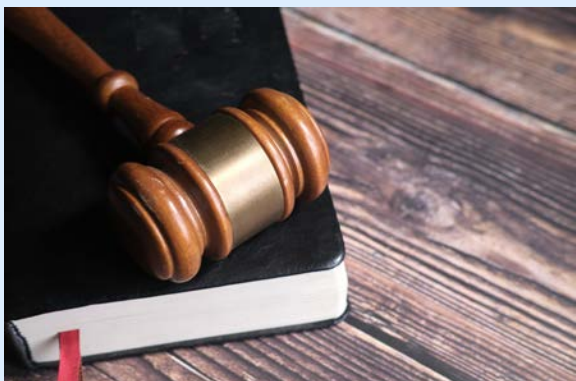
Charity Softball Game

SMYRNA vs **SMYRNA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

PD

Saturday, Sept. 9th
 Tolleson Park
 10 am - 4 pm

COURT SERVICES



Court on 08/29

Cases: 79
 Failures to Appear: 18
 Pre-Trials: 21
 DUIs Completed: 2

PARKS AND RECREATION

Renovated Outdoor Space: The lawn area that surrounds the Community Center gazebo was renovated in a collaborative effort by various departments. Water Distribution tore out the old, worn, benches and ran a water line from the hydrant to the site. Parks Maintenance staff installed new irrigation and filled the holes in from the benches. Quinn Turf graded and installed the new Zoysia sod, and Russell Landscape spread new pine straw. The work has created a more lush and inviting space for wedding parties to enjoy their important moments with family and friends.



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! The cost is \$30 per person.

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 here!

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.

Lunch on the Lawn: Tired of repeating the same lunch break and want to mix things up? Lunch on the Lawn starts September 13 and will be held every other Wednesday, weather dependent, on the new green space in front of the Smyrna Community Center. Enjoy yard games, music, and a featured food vendor at each event. Come on out and take a break from the workday at this free event and enjoy the new greenspace! September's featured food vendors are Good Good Italian Ice on September 13, and Latin Stove Empanadas and Salads on September 27!

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Friends of Smyrna Library: The Friends of Smyrna Library underwrote the purchase of \$1,500 in new Wonderbooks for the Youth Services collection. These special books combine a picture book and audiobook into one product. The user does not need any special equipment to enjoy the book. This new collection has been so popular that the Friends have dedicated another \$1,500 of their proceeds from the August book sale to purchase more Wonderbooks. The August sale was very successful, generating \$2,300 in just two days. The next used book sale will be in October.



Summer Reading Success: Smyrna Library won the second runner-up prize in the national Beanstack competition for summer reading. Competing libraries were judged on overall participation, total minutes/books logged, and community engagement. The library will receive a \$250 prize which will be used on Youth Services programming. Thank you to all our fabulous patrons for being such great readers!

Visitors
 Library: 3121
 Museum: 31



Kid-Con: Kid-Con is on Saturday, September 9! Kid-Con is a literature and pop culture festival for families with young children. The event will be in the Big Gym from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Kids are encouraged to dress as their favorite book character to be entered into a costume contest. The event is free and includes crafts, games, stories, free stuff, and appearances by costumed characters. The event is sponsored by Smyrna Library, Smyrna Parks and Recreation, and the Friends of Smyrna Library.

Progress at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery: Ashley Shares is finishing up her work at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Last Saturday, she used scaffolding and other large equipment to repair some larger monuments. If you see some of her equipment such as clamps to hold the stones together, please leave them alone so the repairs can dry and harden properly.



WATER DISTRIBUTION

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.

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.

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: 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.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS

Flooding in the City: On the evening of Monday, August 28, the City received approximately 4.2 inches of rain in a period of an hour and a half. The next evening, Tuesday, August 29, an additional 4.75 inches was recorded over three hours. These storm events individually were roughly equivalent to a "100-year storm." Statistically, a 100-year storm event has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year. As a result of these extreme storms on consecutive days, many neighborhoods and streets in the City near creeks and in low-lying areas experienced devastating flooding. Some homes and personal property in these areas sustained significant damage. During and in days after these rain events, the Public Works Department responded to over 120 flooding and drainage-related issues from Smyrna residents. City infrastructure continues to be assessed for damage while debris that had washed into storm drains and pipes is cleared. Public Works staff is working to follow up with all residents affected to address concerns, answer questions, and determine if there are ways the City can implement measures to mitigate future flooding.



PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continued the King Springs Road sidewalk project
- Continued the Concord Road traffic calming project
- Assisted with storm water drainage during the heavy rainfall events early last week

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

90 Inspections

42 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$675,034.00

Building Remodel/Commercial (9)

- (8) Interior Renovations
 - Cortland at the Village x7 Units (2059 Lake Park Dr SE)
 - All Care Smyrna (4480 S Cobb Dr, STE E)
- (1) New Construction
 - Atlanta Star Plumbing (2979 Jonquil Dr)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$572,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (3)

- (1) Addition
- (1) Interior Renovation
- (1) Roof Replacement/re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$103,034.00

HVAC (12)

Electrical (1)

Plumbing (5)

Sign (1)

Tree Removal (2)

New Businesses

Healthcare Dollar, LLC

All Other Insurance
Related Activities
Home Business
Ward 3

Valvoline LLC

Automotive Oil Change
and Lubrication Shops
3261 S Cobb Drive
Ward 3

Asclepian Innovations, LLC

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 4

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