



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, September 18, 2023

Pre Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Oak Room

Smyrna Community Center

Monday, September 18, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Magnolia Room

Smyrna Community Center

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Youth Council Orientation: The 2023-2024 Smyrna Youth Council met for the first time on Wednesday night! They started their meeting with orientation and learning about the program, then went out on the new greenspace to play yard games and get to know each other.

¡EVENTO GRATIS! FREE EVENT

Yo Soy SMYRNA GEORGIA

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Hispanic Heritage CELEBRATION

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

sábado SATURDAY

23 SEP 2023

Downtown Smyrna

Live music, performances, local vendors, food, kids' entertainment and more!

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Hispanic Heritage Celebration: Come out to downtown Smyrna for the third annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on September 23! The event will feature live music and performances, local vendors, food, kids' entertainment and more. Admission is free.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Battle of the Badges: Over the weekend we held the first annual Battle of the Badges. The police department and fire department played each other in a softball game to raise funds for the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation.

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 39
 Citations: 286
 Warnings: 74
 Calls for Service: 921

HUMAN RESOURCES



Darrion Bell
 PT Athletics Staff
 Parks and Recreation
 Hired: 09/05



Dwight McCaskill
 Sanitation Worker
 Public Works
 Hired: 09/11

Welcome to Smyrna!

FIRE DEPARTMENT



9/11 Stair Climb: On September 9, the Smyrna Fire Department and various other fire departments participated in the Memorial Stair Climb at Truist Park hosted by the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund-Georgia Chapter. The event honors the 343 New York City firefighters who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Honoring 9/11 at Smyrna Fire Department: On September 11, Smyrna Fire Department members held a moment of silence and a moment of prayer and ran in honor of those who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001.

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 3
 Medical: 99
 Other: 54
 Total: 156

Community Engagement Open House: Visit Station 1 for a Community Engagement Open House on Saturday, September 16, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Come out to try on turn-out gear, take a station tour, learn tips for making your home safe, and so much more!



COURT SERVICES



Court on 09/05

Cases: 65
 Failures to Appear: 20
 Pre-Trials: 11
 DUIs Completed: 1

Trials on 09/07

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

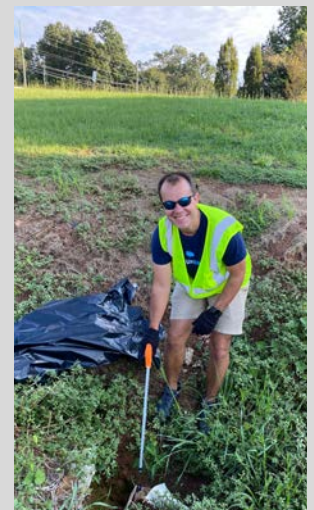
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Document Shredding Event: On Saturday, a dozen Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers served 395 cars at our fall Document Shredding event. In all, Keep Smyrna Beautiful collected 14,220 pounds of documents that were shredded onsite and will be recycled!

Community Cleanup: On Monday, four Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 92 pounds of litter, including 25 pounds of recyclable material, at a Community Cleanup on South Cobb Drive. That material won't end up in the nearest stream, polluting the water and harming aquatic life.

Environmental Education: Keep Smyrna Beautiful partners with Smyrna schools by offering annual School Grants for environmental education and beautification projects. The fall deadline is November 3, 2023. [More information is available here.](#)



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!](#)

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.](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION



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.

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.

Parents Night Out: On Friday, October 6, let someone else handle the child care for the evening. Your children will enjoy a Halloween PJ party and movie, fun treats, and crafts at Parents Night Out! Dinner will be provided for participants. The event runs from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The cost is \$30, and the event is for children 4-12 years old. All children must be fully potty-trained in order to participate.



Lunch on the Lawn: Tired of repeating the same lunch break and want to mix things up? Lunch on the Lawn 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! The featured food vendor for September 27 is Latin Stove Empanadas and Salads.

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! 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.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Visitors

Library: 3,221

Museum: 11

Kid-Con Draws Big Crowd: On Saturday, September 9, Smyrna Library hosted its second Kid-Con, a literature and pop culture festival for families with young children. Kids dressed as their favorite book characters, enjoyed crafts, games, and stories, met costumed characters, and took home free books courtesy of the Friends of Smyrna Library. The event drew 802 people, which was more than double the attendance from the first event. The library wants to thank Public Works for their assistance in planning, hosting, and executing this successful event. Kid-Con will be back in spring 2025!

Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge enjoyed participating in Kid-Con and teaching at the historical fiction table. Jennie dressed in period 19th-century costume, pictured bottom left.

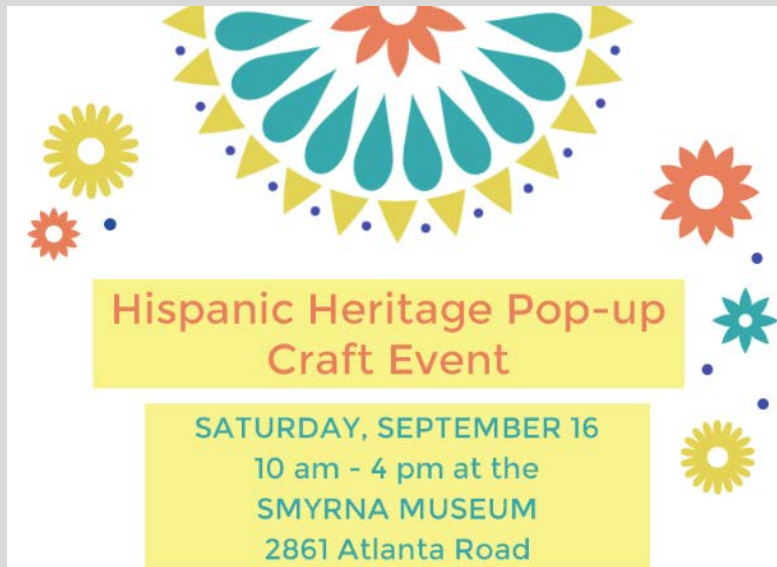
New Oral History Transcript: Another oral history transcript has been completed and posted to the library's [Oral History Project website](#). Ruth Mackay Barnett was born in 1924 and moved to Smyrna at 4 years old. The interview was conducted by Mike Terry at Delmar Gardens on May 18, 2016. The interview is full of memories of old Smyrna.



Friends Fund New “Shelf Spark” Dividers:

The Friends of Smyrna Library underwrote the purchase of several sets of graphic shelf dividers for the adult and children’s collections. The dividers are used to guide readers through the stacks whether they are looking for a specific book or just browsing. The bright colorful graphics give the shelves an extra spark.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Hispanic Heritage Pop-Up Craft: On Saturday, September 16, the Museum will hold a Hispanic Heritage Kid’s Pop-up craft event from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. It is free for kids to participate and make a music-related craft. This event is suitable for ages three and up.

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Emergency Project: Water Distribution assisted the Streets Department on an emergency project by securing a water main from busting. Pictured are Water Distribution Director Bo Jones digging out debris, Water Foreman Jason Winters, and Assistant Director of Water Distribution Steven Watts applying supports to the water main while balancing on the storm drain.

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 currently jetting and cleaning the Queensgate subdivision and should be completed within 30 days. Ward 5 is expected to be completed in March of 2024. Contractors have begun inspecting Ward 3 starting with the Hawthorne Avenue and Reed Street area. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are fully completed.

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.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

The Highlands Water Main and Service Replacement: The Highlands water main replacement is in the 14th week thus far with the completion of the Prestwick Drive side of the project. The last section of the project is currently underway on Strathmoor Road SE. This project consists of roughly one mile of water main replacement along with 81 service connections. The project is 90% completed.

Glendale Circle Water Main and Service Replacement: The Glendale Circle water main and service replacement is 90% complete. This project will improve outdated water quality in the area. KM Davis is performing the work.

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 are completed. Staff will begin work in Ward 7 soon.

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

162 Inspections
62 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,271,308.45

Building Remodel/Residential (19)

- (4) Additions
- (5) Interior Renovations
- (8) New Construction
- (1) Roof Replacement
- (1) Solar Panels

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,187,344.45

Pool (1)

- (1) In-ground Pool
- Residential

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$44,964.00

Grading (1)

- (1) Retaining Wall
- Residential

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$15,000.00

Demolition (2)

- (2) Full Demolition
- Residential

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$24,000.00

HVAC (8)

Electrical (4)

Plumbing (3)

Sign (1)

Tree Removal (1)

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