

CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

License and Variance Board Meeting 10:00 AM Oak Room Smyrna Community Center

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Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 PM Dogwood Room Smyrna Community Center

ADMINISTRATION



Hispanic Heritage Celebration: Come out to downtown Smyrna this weekend 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.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 09/14

Cases: 79

Failures to Appear: 19

Pre-Trials: 12

DUIs Completed: 0

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 31 Citations: 203 Warnings: 57

Calls for Service: 755

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Open House: On September 16, the Smyrna Fire Department hosted our 2nd Community Engagement Open House at Station 1. Despite the rainy day, we had a full house of community members who were able to check out the ladder truck and rescue, see hose training, meet our Bike Team, learn about CPR and fire safety, meet Denise from the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation, and interact with our firefighters and Chief Marcos.





Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 2

Medical: 104 Other: 59 Total: 165

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- King Springs Road sidewalk project
- Concord Road traffic calming project
- Storm water system inspections and maintenance
- Continuing the monthly right-of-way mowing list







ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Community Cleanup: Last Wednesday, 21 volunteers from Comcast picked up 8 bags of litter, totaling 120 pounds, during an independent community cleanup on Cobb Parkway.

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: On Friday, three community members toured the Smyrna Recycling Center during the free monthly tour. Tours educate patrons on how to recycle and what happens to materials after they leave the center. The next tour is on Friday, October 20 at 9:00 AM. 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.

JONQUIL BULB SALE



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recycling and Paper Making Demonstration: On Monday, Keep
Smyrna Beautiful staff visited the
Mt. Harmony Baptist Wee School,
where they presented a recycling
and papermaking demonstration to
60 children and 7 teachers.





HUMAN RESOURCES



PARKS AND RECREATION





Playground Refresh: Playgrounds throughout the city are having new mulch installed by Mountain High Mulch over the next couple of weeks. The certified kid-safe playground surfacing helps keep children safe and comfortable while they enjoy the playground.

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.



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.



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.

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 precreated 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: 3,116 Museum: 37

Tinker Lab: On Wednesday, September 13, kids and adults worked together to create hydraulic claw machines in the library's Tinker Lab. This STEM series is a monthly opportunity for an elementary-aged kid and a parent/grandparent to test their problem-solving skills. The activity is just as hands-on for the adults as the children, fostering lifelong learning in our community.





Macrame is Back in Vogue: On Friday, September 15, Adult Services hosted another workshop in their popular adult crafting series. A regular library customer, Jenny Sarto, taught herself macrame during the pandemic and wanted to share her new-found skill with others. This beginner's workshop filled up immediately and had a waitlist. Ms. Sarto promised to teach a follow-up session in the spring.

Hispanic Heritage Pop-Up Kids Craft Event: Last Saturday, the Smyrna Museum celebrated the start of Hispanic Heritage Month with a Pop-Up Kid's Craft Event. There were 22 participants who came out in the rain to learn about Hispanic music and Hispanic American heroes.



WATER DISTRIBUTION



A Busy Week for Water Distribution: Water Distribution has been busy working on various tasks this week including:

- Resolving 53 work orders from leaks, sewer backups, and other customer issues
- Replacing a water service on McCauley Road SE due to a broken water line

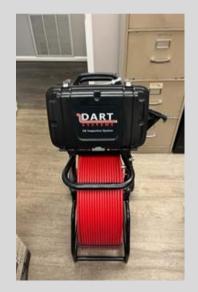
Valve Maintenance: Staff has been busy locating and raising valves in Ward 5 and Ward 6 this week.

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. The contractor is in Ward 3 on Love Street and Dutton Street cleaning and inspecting sewer lines. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are fully completed.

Push Camera Repairs: Staff recently replaced the broken push camera used to video sewer lines in the city.

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. Homes in Wards 2 and 4 are completed. Work will begin on the remaining Wards soon. Water testing kits are being sent to qualifying homes.

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. There are roughly 300 meters left to convert.





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. Pictured left are various staff members locating and raising a water valve that was paved over.

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

121 Inspections

48 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,674,213.25

Building Remodel/Commercial (5)

- (1) Accessory Building
- Food Hall (1625 Roswell St)
- (1) Interior Renovation
- I.P. Diagnostics (2475 Cobb Pkwy)
- (1) New Construction
- Terrace at Riverview x1 Unit (1750 Hyssop Blvd)
- (1) Roof Replacement/Re-roof
- Dickson (764 Concord Rd)
- (1) Other
- EV Charging Station Permits (500 Lake Ridge Dr SE)

Estimated Cost of

Construction: \$337,650.00

Building Remodel/Residential (21)

- (2) Additions
- (7) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
- (1) Solar Panel
- (11) New Construction
- Brooks at Riverview Landing x11

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,336,563.25

HVAC (5)

Electrical (2)

Plumbing (3)

Sign (5)

Tree Removal (1)

New Businesses

Smyrna Cookies LLC

Snack and Nonalcoholic Beverage Bars 2750 Atlanta Road, STE 102 Ward 3

Strott Land Design, LLC

Landscape Architectural Services Home Business Ward 3

Spectrum Learning Partners

Used Merchandise Retailers 3315 South Cobb Drive, STE 800 Ward 3

Angela Roberts

Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers Home Business Ward 4

Elite Health Solutions, LLC

Offices and Clinics of Health Practitioners 2284 Old Concord Road, STE E Ward 5

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