



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Oak Room

Smyrna Community Center

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Magnolia Room

Smyrna Community Center

# ADMINISTRATION



**Hispanic Heritage Celebration:** The 3rd annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration was held this past Saturday in the new Village Green Park. Attendees enjoyed Hispanic and Latino vendors, kids' entertainment, food, music, and more. Performances included Salsambo, a salsa dance lesson; Los de Ida y Vuelta, a flamenco performance; and Willie Ziavino & C.O.T. Band ending the night with live music.



**Smyrna Youth Council:** The Smyrna Youth Council had their second meeting on Wednesday evening. Ward 7 Councilmember Kathy Young spoke to the students, they elected their 2023-2024 officers, and brainstormed projects for the year.

# COURT SERVICES



## Court on 09/19

Cases: 80  
 Failures to Appear: 15  
 Pre-Trials: 28  
 DUIs Completed: 7

## Court on 09/21

Cases: 76  
 Failures to Appear: 22  
 Pre-Trials: 8  
 DUIs Completed: 2

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24  
 Citations: 188  
 Warnings: 57  
 Calls for Service: 682

**Hispanic Heritage Celebration:** The Smyrna Police Department was honored to participate in the Hispanic Heritage Celebration.



# HUMAN RESOURCES

**Employee Anniversaries:** Last week, the following employees celebrated anniversaries with the city:

- Michael Atkinson – 20 years
- Petar Topuzov – 20 years
- Victor Garrett – 15 years

Thank you all for your hard work to service the people of Smyrna!



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Recycling Center Field Trip:** Last Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop 21707 visited the Smyrna Recycling Center to tour the facilities and take part in a hands-on paper recycling activity.

**Bulky Trash Amnesty Day:** Save the date! On Saturday, October 21, Smyrna residents can dispose of large items at Smyrna Public Works (2190 Atlanta Road SE) for free as part of Bulky Trash Amnesty Day. This event runs from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. ID or other proof of residency is required. No construction debris, lawnmowers, propane tanks, household hazardous waste, or items containing Freon. <https://www.smyrnaga.gov/departments/departments/keep-smyrna-beautiful-environmental-services/ksb-events>

**Rivers Alive:** On Saturday, almost 50 Cobb County Rivers Alive volunteers picked up over 2,100 pounds of litter from the trails, stream beds, and waterways of the Chattahoochee River. This litter will no longer pollute our local waterways or harm wildlife! Keep Smyrna Beautiful partners with the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area and the Cobb County Water System to offer this annual event.



## JONQUIL BULB SALE



**Available Now!**

\$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs  
Grab a bag at the Smyrna Recycling Center



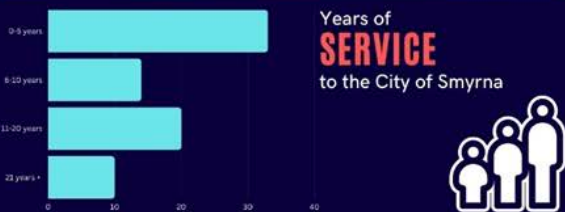
**Jonquil Bulb Sale:** The jonquil bulbs are here! We are selling bags of 40 bulbs for \$20 to spread the joy of jonquils in the Jonquil City! They can be purchased at the Smyrna Recycling Center during open hours, at the Smyrna Handmade Market on October 8 and 22, and at the Keep Smyrna Beautiful booth at the Crafts and Drafts Festival on October 28 and 29 while supplies last.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## SMYRNA FIRE EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



Ninety-two percent (92%) of fire department personnel provided feedback through the employee survey.



### TOP 3 FOCUS AREAS



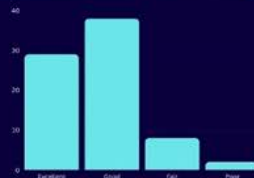
1. Firefighter Health and Safety (40%)
2. Staffing (20%)
3. Apparatus (17%)



**PRIDE** "I am proud to tell other people that I work for the Smyrna Fire Department"

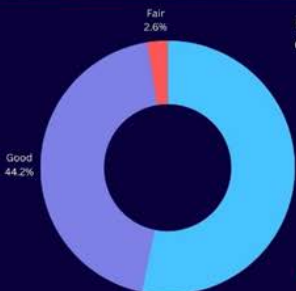
### MORALE

among Smyrna Fire Department personnel is...



### COMMUNICATION

How would you rate communication within the Smyrna Fire Department?



How would you describe your work environment?



### WORK ENVIRONMENT

### Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4  
 Medical: 100  
 Other: 66  
 Total: 70

**You Don't Know What You Don't Know:** A few months ago, the Smyrna Fire Department began working to develop a Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover (CRA/SOC) document. The CRA/SOC is developed to help classify risk, establish performance benchmarks, identify gaps in performance, and align internal and external communication with risk and response.

As a part of this process, a survey of internal stakeholders was completed. Input from our internal stakeholders is a critical component in planning for the future of fire and emergency service delivery by our organization. All fire department personnel were encouraged to provide their opinions on the services we offer by completing a short survey. The data gathered through this process was then incorporated into our CRA/SOC. While we wait for the completion of the comprehensive analysis, we wanted to take a moment to share some of the highlights from our internal survey below:

- 92% of fire department personnel provided feedback through the employee survey
- The following is a list of focus areas that respondents believe should be a priority moving forward:
  - Firefighter Health and Safety (40%)
  - Staffing (20%)
  - Apparatus (17%)
- 79% of respondents strongly agreed with the statement: "I am proud to tell other people that I work for the Smyrna Fire Department"
- Morale ratings were as follows: 29 high, 38 good, 8 fair, and 2 poor
- Over half of the responses rated internal communication as good or excellent
- 53% rated their work environment as excellent

# ENGINEERING

**Roadway Striping Projects:** Thermoplastic stop bars were added at each of the all-way stops within the Carrington Park subdivision. This roadway striping improvement was requested by some of the residents to help address drivers running the stop signs. Another roadway striping project is in progress along King Springs Road to tie-in to the recent sidewalk improvements. The roadway striping includes new crosswalks and stop bars at Dunn Street, Cliffwood Drive, and Hayes Drive. Additionally, a mid-block crossing is being installed near the intersection of King Springs Road and Dunn Street which will include a rectangular rapid-flashing beacon (RRFB). The roadway striping is being completed by RP Paving and the RRFB assembly will be installed in-house by our Traffic Signal Technicians. These improvements are intended to promote pedestrian safety and accessibility to Tolleson Park.



**Pedestrian Signal Repair:** Our Traffic Signal Technicians are making repairs to a pedestrian signal that was struck during a traffic accident at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and River View Road. This traffic accident occurred on 9/26.

**Speed Studies:** A permanent radar sign was installed on Old Concord Road to alert vehicles traveling southbound towards Church Road. A traffic study completed in April showed a 5 MPH decrease in the 85th percentile speeds after the installation of the radar sign with the vehicle speeds flashing. The amount of vehicles traveling over 45 MPH also decreased significantly from 10% to 1.1%. Temporary radar signs will be installed next week when Cobb County Schools reopen to collect traffic data on San Fernando Drive, Burbank Circle, Wisteria Lane, and Shawnee Trail per requests from citizens.



# PUBLIC WORKS

**Jonquil Drive Storm Drain Rehab:** The Jonquil Drive storm drain rehab is well underway with the new 78-inch pipe installed across Jonquil Drive. The contractor will now start reconstructing the roadway. They have roughly 5 weeks of work remaining.



**Landscaping at City Hall:** Russell Landscape has started the landscape replanting around city hall and should be completed by the end of the week.

**Winter Flowers:** Russell Landscape will be starting on the winter color in all flower beds on October 1. The spring and summer color has been removed.



**Repairs at City Hall:** Parker Young has completed all of the remediation work at City Hall. We are now working with GIRMA on the next steps for remodeling.

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

- King Springs Road sidewalk project
- Concord Road traffic calming project
- Stormwater system blockages throughout the city
- Continuing the monthly right-of-way mowing list

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Employee Anniversaries:** Parks and Recreation staff celebrated two employee anniversaries this week. Congratulations to Parks Maintenance Coordinator Bert Turnell for 28 years of service with the city, and to Community Center Attendant Eric Carlson on 5 years of service with the city. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication!



**College Football Saturday:** Join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, September 30 for the first of three College Football Saturday events in the Market Village. The party starts at 3:00 PM with games, music, prizes, and axe throwing. Admission is free. Bring your favorite chair and enjoy the game on the big screen!

**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 greenspace 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!

**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:** Join Parks and Recreation Friday, October 27 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Taylor-Brawner Park for Smyrna's Spooky Festival. Those who dare to join in the fun of the spooky evening will enjoy a haunted trail, carnival vendors, lots of candy, the original Ghostbusters movie, and a haunted house. The event is free, however, the haunted house will have a charge of \$5 per person. The Ghostbusters movie will begin at 7:00 PM. [Register today!](#)



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Monday Lectures:** The library is hosting several Monday evening lectures this fall in addition to the normal Sunday Lecture series. Local historian and author Dr. William Marchione began a two-part lecture about the suburbanization of the City of Smyrna. Part one was Monday, September 18, and the conclusion was Monday, September 25. Dr. Marchione discussed the transition of Smyrna from a small agrarian town into the bustling suburb city of today. The next Monday Lecture will be at the end of October, and it will profile notable women in Smyrna's history.

**Creativity Club:** On Tuesday, September 19, the Creativity Club tweens imagined their way into the fantasy world of dungeons and dragons. For several tweens, it was their first experience with role-play gaming. Players created characters, worked collaboratively, and battled their way toward their final enemy, Fedris the Beholder!



**Hispanic Heritage:** In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the library hosted an adult crafting workshop about the traditional decorative art, Papel Picado, on Friday, September 22. Volunteer Ana Hogan led the workshop. A native of Mexico, Ms. Hogan had always purchased her paper decorations and had never thought of making them for herself. She said that learning to make these decorations in preparation for this workshop was both fun and enriching. Thank you, Ana!

**Cemetery Cleaning Workshop:** This Saturday, September 30, will be the final opportunity to join a Cemetery Cleaning Workshop at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery this year. The workshop will be held from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, and if interested, please email Jennie Eldredge at [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov).

**Smyrna Optimist Club:** On Friday, September 22, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge had the privilege of speaking before the Smyrna Optimist Club. She informed the club of the major projects and events that have happened at the Museum in the 3 years since she last presented at the Optimist's Friday breakfast.

**FALL 2023**

# CEMETERY CLEANUP

Enjoy the fall weather during our special history volunteer opportunity!

Learn how to clean cemetery markers at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery in downtown Smyrna.

Instruction and mini tours by  
Jennie Eldredge, Museum Manager  
email [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov)  
to volunteer

**Saturday  
September 30  
9 AM - 12 PM**

# WATER DISTRIBUTION



**Another Busy Week for Water Distribution:** Water Distribution resolved 91 work orders last week from leaks, sewer backups, preventative maintenance and other resident issues.

**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 the Queensgate subdivision inspecting sewer lines. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are fully completed.

**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, 4, and 6 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 95% complete. This project will improve outdated water quality in the area. KM Davis is performing the work.

**The Highlands Water Main and Service Replacement:** The Highlands water main replacement is in the 15th week thus far with the completion of the Prestwick Drive side of the project. The last section of the project is currently underway on Strathmore Road. This project consists of roughly one mile of water main replacement along with 81 service connections. The project is 95% completed.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

153 Inspections

58 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$7,116,045.00

**Building Remodel/Commercial (3)**

- (1) Interior Renovation  
-2251 Lake Park Dr
- (2) New Construction  
- 4201 Cooper Lake Rd SE (Parks & Rec Construction Projects)  
- 2750 Cobb Pkwy SE (Nalley Lexus)

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$5,579,365.00

**Grading (3)**

- (2) Land Disturbance  
- 2251 Lake Park Dr  
- 825 Austin Dr
- (1) Retaining Wall  
- Residential

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$83,000.00

**Building Remodel/Residential (17)**

- (1) Accessory Structure
- (1) Solar Panels
- (3) Roof Replacements
- (3) Interior Renovations
- (4) Additions
- (5) New Construction  
-Terrace at Riverview Landing x5

**Estimated Cost of Construction:** \$1,453,680.00

**HVAC (6)**

**Electrical (3)**

**Plumbing (2)**

**Sign (2)**

**Tree Removal (3)**

## New Businesses

**Evolutions Beauty Bar LLC**

Beauty Salons  
2365 Spring Road, STE 403  
Ward 1

**What Would Mom Make**

All Other General  
Merchandise Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 3

**Kabir Wolly**

Residential Property  
Managers  
Home Business  
Ward 5

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