



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, October 9, 2023

Planning and Zoning Meeting
Canceled

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board Meeting
6:30 PM
Smyrna Community Center
Jonquil Room

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

ADMINISTRATION



Artist: Leafmore Studios - Becca McCoy
Location: Atlanta Road and Church Street (near Publix Jonquil sign)



Artist: Shea O'Connor
Location: Atlanta Road and Fleming Street

Utility Box Art Projects: The first two utility box art projects along Atlanta Road have been completed! Artist Shea O'Connor finished painting the utility box at the Fleming Street intersection this past Saturday. Artist Becca McCoy of Leafmore Studios created a digital design that was installed as a vinyl wrap on Tuesday on the box near the Publix Jonquil sign. These projects are part of the Smyrna ARTery, which introduces public art opportunities along Atlanta Road from Brawner Hall to the Belmont Shopping Center. Artists were recommended by the Arts & Culture Task Force through an RFQ process. Special thanks to the Engineering staff for overseeing installation.



New Art Exhibit: Check out the newest art exhibit by the Smyrna Arts Council installed in the Community Center. The current exhibit features 9 local artists: Richard Brodowski, Justin Groom, Kandus Johnson, Shelly Leitheiser, Becca McCoy, Juliette McKinley, Money, Ashley Schick, and Jason, Patricia & Glenn Walesh. The exhibit can be viewed during the Community Center's open hours. Thanks to Community Center staff for their assistance with the installation.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/3

Cases: 147
 Failures to Appear: 31
 Resets: 33
 Pre-Trials: 10
 DUIs Completed: 1

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 27
 Citations: 205
 Warnings: 58
 Calls for Service: 734



HUMAN RESOURCES



Theodore Butler
 Water & Sewer
 Maintenance Worker
 Water Distribution
 Hired 10/2/23

Welcome to Smyrna!

SMYRNA GEORGIA

SAVE THE DATE

Benefit Festival

Details

October 11th | 11a - 1p | Community Center

Vendors

Affac, Colonial Life, ONEDIGITAL, FinScope, Guardian, iTHINK FINANCIAL, LGE Community Credit Union, Liberty Mutual, Oakbridge, PNC, THE STOUT BROTHERS, Bad Daddy's, Smyrna Public Library, ENGAGEMENT HEALTH GROUP, ALLIED, 1 Source, BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY Georgia Properties

Enter to Win You will get to connect with all our vendors, have some great food, & be eligible to win some amazing prizes!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Community Cleanup: Volunteers from Aerzen Rental Solutions picked up 10 bags of trash (about 150 pounds!) of litter around Highland Pkwy and S. Cobb Drive last week as part of an independent Community Cleanup.

Adopt-a-Trail: On Saturday, young volunteers from Yongsa Martial Arts picked up 6 bags of litter from the first mile of the Silver Comet Trail as part of Keep Smyrna Beautiful's Adopt-a-Trail program.

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.

Litter Free Birthday Celebration: Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers will be out at this weekend's Smyrna birthday celebration, handing out trash bags and collecting recycling to keep it a Litter-Free Event. A big thanks to our volunteers, including the library's Ruth Hayden, who prepared more than 600 bags in anticipation of the event!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

BULKY TRASH AMNESTY DAY



Dispose of large trash items for free!
 October 21, 2023, 8:00 am-1:00 pm
 Smyrna Public Works, 2190 Atlanta Rd.
 Proof of Smyrna residency required.



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 to 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>

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 96
 Other: 63
 Total: 160

Cobb County Public Safety Appreciation Awards: On October 2, members of the Smyrna Fire Department attending the Cobb County Public Safety Awards hosted by the Cobb Chamber and held at the Roxy.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Smyrna Safe Business Program: On October 5, the Smyrna Safe Business Program will hold its fifth class, going over first aid, CPR, and AED use in the workplace.

Positive Feedback from the American Legion

Chief Bates:

Thank you very much for providing Firefighters Holmes and Dixon from your staff to conduct training at our Post this past Saturday, 30 September.

Both gentlemen were very professional and represented the Smyrna Fire Department well.

Their presentation was easily understandable, thorough, and detailed. All questions from the attendees were carefully answered.

At the conclusion of the training everyone thought the class was excellent. It prepared our members and Officers to better handle any emergencies which might arise. The Post has 2 AED units located inside and it is extremely important that we know how to use them properly.

Thank you again for providing the training to us. Your service to the community is greatly appreciated. Best wishes,

*Wade S. Lnenicka
American Legion Department of Georgia
5th District Commander
Commander Post 160
160 Legion Drive
Smyrna, GA 30080*

PUBLIC WORKS

The Streets Department has been working on the following projects:

- Continuing the King Springs Rd sidewalk installation
- Continuing the Concord Rd traffic calming project
- Assisting with North Cooper Lake Park bathroom install
- Removal of hazardous dwelling on Jonquil Drive at Corn Road
- Continuing the monthly ROW mowing schedule

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Weekly Work Orders: Water and Sewer crews resolved 46 work orders last week. This involves regular leaks, resident issues, preventative maintenance, and sewer backups. Staff installed an automatic flusher to help with water quality.



Lead Service Inventory: Contractors are 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. Crews will move to Ward 7 to finish 39 remaining homes, then to Wards 3 and 5. Qualifying homes will receive test kits for verification.

Water Meter Change Out:

KM Davis is changing out the remaining outdated water meters. The city had 450 meters to convert to 4G as part of the advanced metering infrastructure project. There are roughly 200 meters left to convert.

Glendale Circle Water Main and Service Replacement: The Glendale Circle water main and service replacement is 98% complete. This project will improve outdated water quality in the area. KM Davis is performing the work.

Closed-Circuit Television Pipe Inspection: Sewer infrastructure is being graded with closed-circuit television (CCTV) equipment. Staff is in Ward 5 using CCTV and cleaning pipes, which is expected to be completed by March of 2024. The contractor is finished in the Queensgate subdivision inspecting sewer lines. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are fully completed.

The Highlands Water Main and Service Replacement: The Highlands water main replacement is in the 16th week 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 and is 98% completed.

ENGINEERING



Traffic Signal Update: The traffic signal at the intersection of Spring Road and Jonquil Drive was updated to include protected left turn arrows for the eastbound and westbound approaches on Spring Road. The left turn phase is programmed for protected-permissive operation. A study was completed by Croy Engineering in response to a citizen concern regarding queuing in the eastbound and westbound left turn lanes. The study analyzed traffic volumes, crash history, and the level of service of the traffic signal. We are working with Cobb County to update the traffic signal timing in their Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS) program and anticipate the turn signal to be fully operational by the end of the week.

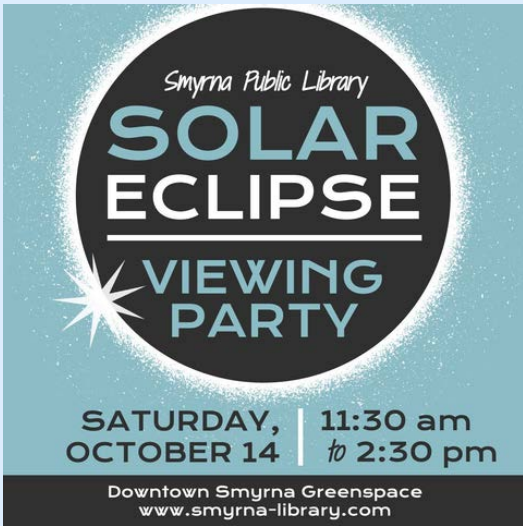
Reed Road Traffic Calming: Reed Road was updated to include white edge line striping for approximately 0.8 miles from King Valley Road to North Cooper Lake Road. Reed Road is approximately 22 feet wide and the white edge line is intended to reduce traffic speeds by visually narrowing the traffic lanes. This project was recommended by the Traffic Calming Committee after a speed study showed 85th percentile speeds ranging between 44-47 mph (the posted speed limit is 35 mph).

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Library Awarded Archival Grant: Recently, the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council awarded grants to Georgia nonprofits to develop and/or implement projects to identify, preserve, and provide access to historical records. Smyrna Library will use the awarded funds to purchase archival binders and organizational supplies for its photographs, negatives, and slides depicting Smyrna events and governmental activities.

Weekly Visitors

Library: 6538
Museum: 25



Eclipses in America: The library hosted NASA Ambassador Chris Thompson on Sunday, October 1 to talk about the two upcoming eclipses visible in the United States. An annular eclipse will be 50% viewable in our area on Saturday, October 14 and the library will host a viewing party on the Village Green. A second eclipse will be Monday, April 8, 2024, and the library will host another viewing party that day as well.

Hispanic Heritage Art/Poetry Exhibit: The library is enjoying an extra special art exhibit this month. The winners of the first Hispanic Heritage Art Contest are currently on display in the downstairs reading room. Be sure to take a look during your next visit.



Cemetery Cleaning Workshop: The Smyrna Museum had 3 participants in our Cemetery Cleaning Workshop at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, September 30. Fifteen gravestones were cleaned by our hardworking volunteers.

Museum Closing: The museum will be closed on Saturday, October 7 during the 151st Birthday Celebration

PARKS AND RECREATION



College Football Saturday: Parks and Recreation hosted a large crowd at College Football Saturday in the Market Village, Saturday, September 30. There were games, prizes, and our own Jeff Crowder hit a bullseye at the axe throwing trailer in his first attempt. Our next College Football Saturday is November 18th. Come out and join the party. There is fun for everyone, even our four legged friends, to cheer the home team to victory!

Parents Night Out: Parents Night Out is back and we are embracing the spooky season! On October 6, enjoy an evening to yourself while your kids hang out at our Halloween PJ Party. We will be doing fun Halloween activities and enjoying treats! Parents Night Out will take place at the Smyrna Community Center 5:30 to 8:30 PM. This event is for children ages 4 to 12 and costs \$30 per child. Please note that children must be fully potty trained. You can [register here](#). For any questions please reach out to Ashley Putnam at aputnam@smyrnaga.gov or 678-631-5392.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

OCTOBER 6TH | SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER | 5:30PM - 8:30PM

PARKS AND RECREATION



RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

SMYRNA'S SPOOKY FESTIVAL

Get ready for a spooky evening! Enjoy a haunted trail, carnival vendors, the original Ghostbusters movie, and haunted house!

Friday, October 27th
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Taylor-Brawner Park

This is a free event, the haunted house will be \$5.00 a person, card only on site. Preregister online or with the QR code and skip the line! The movie will begin at 7:00PM.

Register for the Haunted House Today!

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Smyrna's Spooky Festival: Join Parks and Recreation Friday, October 27 from 6:00 to 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!](#)



RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

HALLOWEEN KID'S COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

LEARN DECORATING TECHNIQUES AND BRING HOME YOUR DELICIOUS MASTERPIECES!

SATURDAY, OCT. 28TH
10AM - 12PM
SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER
\$30 PER CHILD AGES 5-12
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

REGISTER AT SMYRNAGA.GOV OR SCAN THE QR CODE



RECREATE Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Smyrna Market Village
November 3rd 5pm-8pm

Businesses will be open late and providing giveaways and discounts to the ladies! The first 50 women, over the age of 21, to register will receive a Smyrna swag bag, including: coupons and giveaways from Smyrna businesses, Smyrna goodies and gear provided by Parks and Rec

Register Today!

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Girls Night Out: Gather the girls and join us for Smyrna's First Annual Girls Night Out on November 3rd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Smyrna Market Village! Businesses will be open late and providing giveaways and discounts to the ladies! The first 50 women over the age of 21 to register will receive a Smyrna swag bag, including coupons and giveaways from Smyrna businesses, Smyrna goodies and gear provided by Parks and Rec! This event is free for the community and does not require a registration.

Halloween Youth Cookie Decorating Class: Have a spooky good time and join us for a Halloween Themed Youth Cookie Decorating Class! Come decorate cookies inspired by the spooky season! October's cookie decorating class is youth only, where your child will be given an introductory lesson in cookie decorating. This class will take place on Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The cost is \$30 per child. Please register only your children 5 to 12 years old. Parents must be present to assist their child. [Register here.](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

55 Inspections

24 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$417,089.90

Building Remodel/Residential (17)

(2) Additions

(7) Interior Renovations

(8) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$417,089.90

Demolition (1) Electrical (4) HVAC (5) Plumbing (3) Tree Removal (3) Sign (5)

New Businesses

SDC Investment Group, LLC

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 3

K Mac's Turf Consulting

Landscape Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 3

Iglesia de Dios Pentecostes

Buenas Nuevas

Religious Organizations
2380 Ventura Rd SE
Ward 5

Kenny's Great Pies

Office Administrative Services
& Warehouse
4600 Highlands Pkwy STE A-B
Ward 7

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