



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, November 6, 2023

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Smyrna Community Center

Oak Room

Monday, November 6, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Smyrna Community Center

Magnolia Room

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

License Variance Board Meeting

10:00 AM

Smyrna Community Center

Oak Room

Holiday Closure Notice: City of Smyrna administrative offices will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. Public safety remains operational. [Please visit our website for the holiday sanitation schedule.](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Smyrna Youth Council: The Smyrna Youth Council had a fun evening on Wednesday learning about the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation! Smyrna Public Safety Foundation’s Executive Director Denise Czarnik was joined by Chief Zgonc, Deputy Chief Binicewicz, and Deputy Chief Mohrmann to teach the students about the relationship between Smyrna Public Safety Foundation, the Police Department, and the Fire Department. Thank you to everyone who presented!



HUMAN RESOURCES



Jerome Clark
City Marshal - Code
Enforcement Officer
Community Development
Hired: 10/30



Lunick Augustave
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 10/30



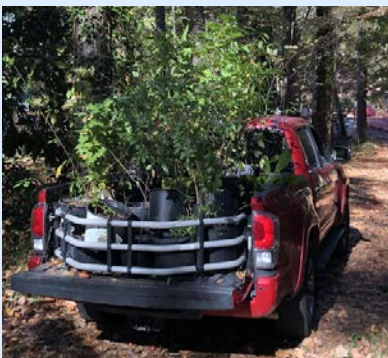
Angel Saldana Fernandez
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 10/30



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Crafts & Drafts Festival: This past weekend sixteen volunteers hosted 770 visitors to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Crafts & Drafts booth to play an environmental quiz game, purchase jonquil bulbs, and learn about how Keep Smyrna Beautiful serves the community. At the festival volunteers also collected 14 bags of recycling totaling 82 pounds of material and sold more than 2,500 jonquil bulbs!



Adopt-a-Tree: This weekend, two Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers rescued 60 trees from a property soon to be developed on Austin Drive. The trees will become part of the Adopt-a-Tree program. [To request a tree, click here.](#)

America Recycles Day at the Eco-Kids Festival: Save the date! Join Keep Smyrna Beautiful on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM to celebrate America Recycles Day at the Eco-Kids Festival. This family-friendly event will include recycling crafts, environmental education, games, and more! No registration is required. The event will take place in downtown Smyrna on the Village Green. Additional details can be found on our website: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/america-recycles-day/>

Jonquil Bulb Sale: There are still jonquil bulbs in stock! The bulbs need to go in the ground soon, so don't miss your chance! You can get a bag 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.

ECO-KIDS FESTIVAL

Family-Friendly Activities to Celebrate America Recycles Day



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

FROM 10AM TO NOON
SMYRNA DOWNTOWN GREEN SPACE
200 VILLAGE GREEN CIR SE



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 23
Citations: 121
Warnings: 31
Calls for Service: 652



Halloween Festivities: The Police Department had fun at several events this past week including Trunk or Treat at Smyrna First United Methodist Church and the halloween costume contest and parade at the Crafts & Drafts Festival. So many wonderful costumes and of course, lots of candy!

Chili Cookout: On Tuesday, the Police Department held a chili cookout. There were an abundance of tasty chili dishes, however, State Certification Manager Andrea Boyes took the top prize.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smyrna Safe Business Program:

The last session of the first-ever Smyrna Safe Business Program was held on Thursday, October 26. Participants put their new safety and resiliency knowledge to the test in the end-of-program tabletop exercise. Congratulations to the 2023 Smyrna Safe Business graduates!



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
Medical: 90
Other: 58
Total: 149

COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/24

Cases: 67
Failures to Appear: 22
Pre-Trials: 10
DUIs Completed: 1

Court on 10/26

Cases: 88
Failures to Appear: 16
Pre-Trials: 17
DUIs Completed: 2

ENGINEERING



Vehicle Detection Repair: The cameras used for vehicle detection were repaired at the intersection of Atlanta Road and West Spring Street for the northbound left turn into Smyrna Market Village. Our Traffic Signal Technicians ran new wire from the cabinet pull box along the mast arm to the new camera. Previously, the left turn arrow did not come on for vehicles waiting in the left turn lane. This issue was resolved after the video and wiring was replaced.

PUBLIC WORKS

Holiday Sanitation Schedule: City of Smyrna administrative offices will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. Sanitation collections will move back one day and there will be no yard waste or large item pickup next week. Next week's sanitation schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday routes will be picked up on Monday
- Wednesday routes will be picked up on Tuesday
- Thursday routes will be picked up on Wednesday
- Friday routes will be picked up on Thursday

Energy Recovery Unit: An energy recovery unit is being installed at City Hall this week. Georgia Power and Capitol City Mechanical are working together to install the new unit which will help with airflow issues at City Hall. Pictured is the old unit on the ground and the new unit being installed.

City Hall Construction Update: Parker Young was selected as the vendor to start the reconstruction work at City Hall. We are now working with Community Development on the next steps and inspections needed to make repairs.

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

- Continuing the King Springs Road sidewalk installation
- Continuing the Concord Road traffic calming project
- Repaired a sinkhole in the roadway at Cobb Circle
- Repaired broken catch basin tops on Belmont Avenue and Prestwick Place
- Repaired a broken drainage structure at King Street and Concord Road
- Continuing the monthly ROW mowing schedule



Jonquil Drive Storm Drain: A storm drain project on Jonquil Drive is now complete, pictured left.

Landscape Replanting: Russell Landscape has completed the landscape replanting around the library and should begin around the community center in the next couple of weeks. They have also completed the winter color in all beds.



WATER DISTRIBUTION

Work Orders: Staff resolved 50 work orders last week. This includes resolving after-hour calls such as leaks, resident issues, preventative maintenance, and sewer backups.

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 in Ward 3 this month. Water testing kits are being sent to qualifying homes.

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 beginning work in Ward 6, and the contractor is currently working in Ward 4. Wards 1,2,4, and 5 are completed.

Water Meter Change Out: The 5-year-long water meter change out project is now completed. All residential meters have been converted to the new Allegro meter (infographic pictured below). The new meters have advanced metering infrastructure capabilities built inside for the city to move forward with the next phase of this project. The second phase of the project will consist of the installation of towers and base stations to capture real-time data of usage for the customers and the utilities office. The new technology will provide the capability to read all meters with the press of a button in the office. This phase is set to begin in January 2024.

The Highlands Water Main and Service Replacement: The Highlands water main replacement is in the 16th 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 pipe installation is 99% complete, and the contractor is expected to be completed by November 7 with the punch list and landscaping.

Glendale Circle Water Main and Service Replacement: The Glendale Circle water main and service replacement is 100% complete with landscaping set to begin this week. The second phase of this project (Burbank Circle) has begun and is 50% complete.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Weekly Visitors

Library: 2,846

Museum: 10

Mt. Zion Cemetery: On Thursday, October 26, a memorial stone was installed at the entrance of Mt. Zion Cemetery to honor the residents of the cemetery who do not have individual markers. The names were researched by Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge by combing through death records and by speaking with people in the Davenport and Rose Garden Hills communities. Earlier this year, a fence-mounted sign was added near the street for easy identification of the cemetery.

Tween Game Night: On Tuesday, October 24, Creativity Club tweens travelled back to a time before cars with "Ticket to Ride," a cooperative game where players claim railroad routes between U.S. cities. They loved the strategy involved but especially enjoyed racking up points and drawing the coveted wild cards!



Spooky Trail Exhibit: One Smyrna Librarian read a library book so frightening that it scared her to death! At the Spooky Festival on Friday, October 27, library staffer Jennifer Moore and Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge passed out candy and Halloween bookmarks and answered questions about Smyrna Library and Smyrna Museum.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Book-O-Ween: Youth Services sponsored their 2nd annual pumpkin decorating contest. Participants collected a small pumpkin from the library and took it home to decorate as their favorite book character. The pumpkins were returned to the library for display and voting. The winner will receive a trophy and bragging rights for one year.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Girls Night Out: Gather the girls and join us for Smyrna's first annual Girls Night Out on November 3 from 5:00-8:00 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, along with Smyrna goodies and gear provided by Parks and Rec! This event is free for the community and does not require registration.

College Football Saturday: Parks and Recreation will host the next College Football Saturday on November 18. Come out and join the party, there is fun for everyone while cheering the home team to victory!



PARKS AND RECREATION

Crafting with Ashley: Once a month Ashley hosts a craft session with the seniors at the Wolfe Center! Last month they made cheesecloth ghosts. This month's craft will be centerpieces for Thanksgiving! Keep an eye out for the exact date of the next crafting event.

Smyrna's Spooky Festival: On Friday, October 27, Parks and Recreation hosted the annual Spooky Festival at Taylor-Brawner Park. There was a haunted trail for kids to trick-or-treat, a carnival with food and games, a haunted house in Brawner Hall, and the original Ghostbusters movie played on the giant inflatable screen! Everyone first journeyed through the trick-or-treat trail for their goodies. More than 400 people visited the haunted house full of fright, and approximately 200 pulled out their chairs and blankets to relax and enjoy the movie. This community event was possible thanks to the help of many city employees willing to spend their Friday evening to help host. A special thank you to the library and museum staff as well as Wolfe Center lifeguards for hosting scenes along the trail! We look forward to seeing everyone at all of the upcoming holiday events this season.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Activities for the Wolfe Adult Recreation Center Members: Parks and Recreation provides a variety of trips and activities for members of the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center! Some upcoming trips and activities are:

- Thursday 11/2: Mah Jongg @ 2:00 PM
- Friday 11/3: Trip to Harrah’s Casino in Murphy, North Carolina
- Saturday 11/4: Trip to the Fulton County Courthouse to participate in a mock trial as jurors
- Sunday 11/5: Trip to the Chastain Park Festival
- Monday 11/6: Drawn’ Together Art Class @ 9:30 AM (\$15)
- Monday 11/6: Chinese Mah Jongg @ 1:00 PM
- Tuesday 11/7: Trip to Ponce City Market with shopping, touring, and lunch
- Wednesday 11/8: Hand and Foot @ 1:00 PM
- Thursday 11/9: A trip to Gibbs Gardens for a tour and lunch in Ballground, Georgia
- Thursday 11/9: Mah Jongg @ 2:00 PM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

62 Inspections
31 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$681,315.00

Commercial (6)

- (1) Accessory Building
 - Parks & Rec Construction Projects
- (1) Sales Trailer
 - Nalley Lexus (2750 Cobb Pkwy)
- (1) New Construction
 - Downtown Improvements (200 Village Green Cir)
- (3) Interior Renovation
 - The Blonde Salon (2700 Cobb Pkwy STE B6)
 - City Hall Water Repairs (2800 King St)

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$215,250.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (9)

- (1) Addition
 - (4) Interior Renovation
 - (4) Roof Replacement/Re-roof
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$342,065.00

Grading (2)

- (2) Retaining Walls
 - Residential
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$124,000.00

- Electrical (2) HVAC (6) Plumbing (2)
Tree Removal (2) Sign (1)**

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