



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Traffic Calming Committee Meeting
4:00 PM
Smyrna Community Center
Oak Room

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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

Friday, November 17, 2023

Urban Design Commission
12:00 PM
Smyrna Community Center
Magnolia Room

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna ARTery: A digital design by local artist Wendy Meyer was installed last week at the utility box on the corner of Atlanta Road and Powder Springs Street. This is the third of four boxes to kick off the Smyrna ARTery. The fourth box is being painted at Campbell Road and will be completed in a few weeks.

Hispanic Heritage Youth Art Contest: The winners of the first Hispanic Heritage Youth Art Contest were recognized at Monday night's City Council meeting. Gabriel Gasca, Isabella Gasca, and Zion Darius showed off their winning artwork and posed with their families and Mayor Norton for a photo. Congrats to the winners and thanks to all who participated!



PUBLIC WORKS

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 sinkholes in the roadway on Creatwood Trail, Venetta Way, Green Forest Drive, and Old Concord Road
- Continued monthly right-of-way mowing list

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Amana Academy: On Monday, 45 students and 2 teachers from Amana Academy visited the Smyrna Recycling Center for a tour of the facility, to learn about recycling, and to take part in a hands-on chemical water monitoring activity that mirrors the water quality tests done by Adopt-a-Stream volunteers. A second group from Amana is scheduled to come later in the week.



Lunch & Learn: Keep Smyrna Beautiful will be joining Cobb Water and Keep Cobb Beautiful for a Recycling Lunch & Learn about recycling options in Cobb County on Friday, November 17. This event has both virtual and in-person options! Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunch-learn-tickets-50487319933?aff=oddtcreator>

America Recycles Day at the Eco-Kids Festival: 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/>

We're also looking for volunteers for the event. Find more information here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAA-AA2FA6FA7-45214983-2023#/>

ECO-KIDS FESTIVAL

Family-Friendly Activities to Celebrate America Recycles Day



A woman in a light blue shirt is interacting with three young girls at a table. They are looking at a 'Litter Timeline' poster and some recycling materials. The table has a sign that says 'Litter Timeline' and some recycling materials like a can and a box.



KEEP SMYRNA Beautiful
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



How did Smyrna become the Jonquil City?

The Taylor family (of the Taylor-Brawner House) introduced jonquils to the area. Stephen and Louisa Taylor's son Henry shipped a bag of the bulbs from his home in Spokane, Washington...and the rest is history!

Grab a bag today!



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 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.

Monthly Recycling Center Tour: Our monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center will also take place on Friday, November 17 at 9:00 AM. These monthly tours take place the third Friday of every month and are free to join! Registration information can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAAA-A2FA6FA7-city#/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 21
 Citations: 98
 Warnings: 27
 Calls for Service: 667



Happy Retirement to K9 Officer Max: K9 Officer Max joined us in 2018, trained hard, and won over the hearts of many people in our city. Max is kind, energetic, and sometimes bigger than life! Max and his handler Officer Trail assisted on numerous calls including a federal meth bust of 44 pounds, a bust of 22 pounds of marijuana at a local post office, multiple suspect locates, and many small drug busts. Thank you for your service K9 Officer Max. Now it's time to play fetch and relax with Lieutenant Stephens and his family.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

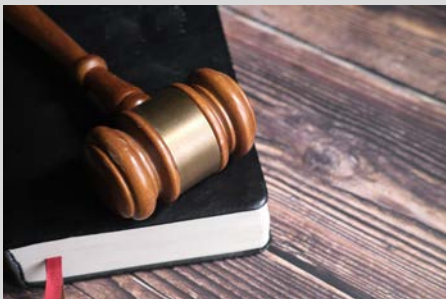


Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 4
 Medical: 110
 Other: 71
 Total: 185

Warrior Alliance: On October 31, The Warrior Alliance delivered thank you letters to the Smyrna Fire Department, written by The Home Depot supply chain team.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/31

Cases: 76
 Failures to Appear: 35
 Pre-Trials: 19
 DUIs Completed: 3

Court on 11/02

Cases: 80
 Failures to Appear: 26
 Pre-Trials: 21
 DUIs Completed: 1

ENGINEERING



New No Parking Zone: A new no parking zone was established along River View Road and Nichols Drive for vehicles over 5 tons. The no parking zone stretches along both sides of River View Road from Purple Coneflower Avenue to Nichols Drive, and along both sides of Nichols Drive from River View Road to Armstrong Place. The signs were implemented due to concerns of large trucks occupying the parallel spaces that are meant for guest parking for adjacent residential properties and businesses.

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Work Orders: Staff resolved several work orders last week including:

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 2
- Water service leaks: 3
- Customer Issues: 4

Water and Sewer staff take great pride in being responsible for the installation, repairs, and maintenance of 150 miles of sewer pipes, and 250 miles of water main pipes. We are currently providing services to 15,237 customers in the City of Smyrna. We guarantee above and beyond service, and safe clean water supply to each customer every day.

Water Main and Service Replacement Projects: Water mains and services are being replaced in several locations around the city.

- Highlands Drive: 90% Complete
- Glendale Circle: Complete
- Burbank Circle: 90% Complete

Water Service Inventory Verification: Water service inventory verification is underway. Homes in Wards 2, 4, and 6 are completed. Work in Ward 3 will begin this month.

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. Inspections in Wards 1, 2, 4, and 5 are completed. Inspections in Ward 6 are underway by Smyrna staff, and inspections in Ward 3 are underway by a contractor.

Upgraded Equipment: The Water and Sewer Division purchased an upgraded sewer lateral camera system through the CIP budget. Staff can now identify issues in the system without having to dig into the ground. This new equipment will allow staff to better serve Smyrna residents.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,281
Museum: 7

Celebrating Native American Heritage Month: Smyrna Library took full advantage of the new library patio and greenspace on Monday, October 30 when hosting Jim Sawgrass who discussed the history and culture of the Muscogee Creek people. Mr. Sawgrass spread out scores of artifacts and demonstrated the use of his spears and arrows.

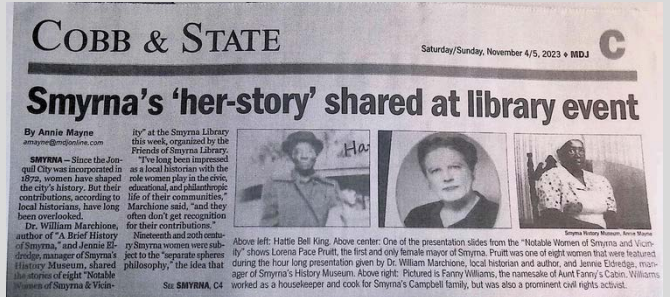


Local Heroes in Focus: Last week was especially busy with several adult programs. On Monday, October 30, Dr. William Marchione and Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge profiled eight local women of Smyrna's past in a lecture entitled "Notable Women of Smyrna: Part 1." The lecture was covered in the Marietta Daily Journal November 4 and 5 weekend edition. Part 2 will feature eight more women in March 2024.

On Sunday, November 5, the library screened "The Lieutenant and the Cobb County Boys," a documentary featuring oral interviews of Cobb County World War II veterans. The oral histories were collected over 20 years ago by Pat Burns, a local historian, and she was to answer questions after the film. A companion photography exhibit about these veterans is on exhibit in the upstairs gallery and display cases through December 30. The photos are part of Smyrna Museum's permanent collection, and Jennie Eldredge installed the exhibit on October 31.



World War II Veterans Exhibit



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



More Halloween Fun in the Library: On Tuesday, October 31, readers were invited to trick-or-treat throughout the library visiting every service desk as well as Technical Services, pictured above left. The next day, the winners of the Book-O-Ween Pumpkin Decorating Contest were announced. The winners are "We Quit!" by Jack H. (6yo) and Tara (parent), "Greg" by Maia C. (10yo) and Christy and JP (parents), and "Winnie the Pooh" by Amelia T. (6yo) and Emily and Adam (parents).

NaNoWriMo: November is National Novel Writing Month, and the Adult Services team hosted three local authors on the evening of November 2 to share information about pursuing traditional publication. The authors discussed their personal experiences with agents, publishers, and writing groups. The authors were Kristine Anderson of Smyrna and D.A. D'Aurelio and Kim Zachman of East Cobb, pictured above right.

Native American Heritage Craft Pop-Up: Join the Smyrna Museum on November 11 for a Native American Heritage Craft Pop-Up! In honor of Native American Heritage Month, kids will learn about the Creek and Cherokee cultures of north Georgia and make a free craft. This event is suitable for children ages three and up.

Museum Address: 2861 Atlanta Road Smyrna, GA 30080



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.

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 Maintenance: Parks Maintenance staff has been busy with various tasks:

- Fertilizing fields at Tolleson Park and Brinkley Park
- Transporting infield mix from Chuck Camp Park to North Cooper Lake Park in preparation for trail maintenance
- Resolving plumbing issues at River Line Park and Brinkley Park
- Dismantling the batting cage at Ward Park (done by YNZ) and removing fencing
- Loading and hauling tables and chairs to Fox Creek Golf Course for the Mayor's Golf Tournament

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

99 Inspections

48 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,263,170.81

Commercial (2)

(1) Interior Renovation

- Lexington Park (2950 S Cobb Dr)

(1) Sales Trailer

- Rowan Walk (2320 Campbell Rd)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$35,500.00

Grading (2)

(1) Modular Block

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$37,000.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (16)

(1) Roof Replacement/Re-roof

(2) Interior Renovation

(4) Additions

(9) New Construction

- Brooks at Riverview Landing
- Trae Court

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,190,670.81

Electrical (1) HVAC (10)

Plumbing (3) Tree Removal (2)

Sign (3)

New Businesses

Acme Junk Removal, LLC

Other Waste Collection
1330 Concord Road, STE 202
Ward 2

Premium Prestige Flooring Services LLC

Flooring Merchant Wholesalers
1640 Roswell Street, STE L
Ward 2

carolclarkstudio LLC

Bridal Alterations
Home Business
Ward 3

Mind Electric Books

All Other General Merchandise Retailers
Home Business
Ward 4

Assured Movement

Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services
Home Business
Ward 5

Bolivar Coffee LLC

Snack and Nonalcoholic Beverage Bars
4480 S Cobb Drive, STE W
Ward 6

Holistics Ltd Co

All Other Outpatient Care Centers
3632 Highlands Parkway
Ward 7

Storm Damage Pros LLC

Roofing Contractors
2385 Ventura Road
Ward 7

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