



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, November 20, 2023

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Smyrna Community Center

Oak Room

Monday, November 20, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Smyrna Community Center

Magnolia Room

Holiday Closure Notice: City administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24. Public safety remains operational.

ADMINISTRATION



smyrna youth council
canned goods drive

November 28
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
During the "Home for the Holidays" event.

Join us in downtown Smyrna for our holiday canned goods drive for the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation! All donations will go to this year's Shop with a Hero families.

HELP US REACH OUR GOALS OF:

- 160 cans of green beans
- 160 cans of corn
- 80 family sized mac and cheese boxes
- 80 boxes of stuffing




Smyrna Youth Council Canned Goods Drive:

Come out to the Home for the Holidays event in downtown Smyrna on November 28 from 5:00 PM-8:30 PM and donate to the Smyrna Youth Council's canned goods drive! This drive will help provide holiday meals to Smyrna Public Safety Foundation's Shop With a Hero families. Items needed are:

- Cans of green beans
- Cans of corn
- Family sized mac and cheese boxes
- Boxes of stuffing

HUMAN RESOURCES



Tamecca Berry
Records Assistant
Police Department
Hired: 11/13

Welcome to Smyrna!

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continuing the Concord Road traffic calming project
- Beginning on the new batting cages at Ward Park
- Repaired asphalt on Creatwood Trail
- Cleared debris from the creek on Stonecreek Road
- Continued monthly right-of-way mowing list

ENGINEERING

New Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera:

Our Traffic Signal Technicians coordinated with the IT Department to install a new CCTV camera at the intersection of Atlanta Road and West Spring Street/Spring Street. Smyrna now has 15 active CCTV cameras installed throughout the city: 7 along South Cobb Drive, 6 along Atlanta Road, and 2 along Spring Road. The Engineering Department routinely uses these cameras to monitor traffic operations. However, they are also used by the Smyrna Police Department during city events.



Street Name Sign Updates: The Engineering Department is working to replace the overhead street name signs at the traffic signals along South Cobb Drive/SR 280. The first update was made at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Pat Mell Road where four signs were replaced. This is a staged project with upcoming improvements at the intersections of SR 280 and Concord Road/Benson Poole Road, SR 280 and Powder Springs Street, and SR 280 and Cooper Lake Road. All of these signs will be mounted to the span wires at the traffic signal. The Smyrna Police Department was essential in providing traffic control to ensure that our overhead work was done safely and efficiently.



Red Light Running Photo Enforcement System (RLRPES) Update: Construction is complete for the RLRPES at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and East-West Connector/Cumberland Boulevard. The red light running cameras are installed to capture traffic on South Cobb Drive in the northbound and southbound directions. The warning live period began on November 9, and the citation live period is scheduled to begin on December 9. The Engineering Department worked closely with the contractor (Verra Mobility), the Smyrna Police Department, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Cobb County Department of Transportation for the planning and implementation of this RLRPES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 27
 Citations: 152
 Warnings: 33
 Calls for Service: 712

Leadership Panel: Chief Zgonc participated in a leadership panel with HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) to discuss trends and areas of concern in law enforcement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Future Firefighter Program Completion: The Smyrna Fire Department completed the first-ever Future Firefighter Program. This 5-week program introduces participants to mental and physical demands, provides interview preparation, and educates participants on the Smyrna Fire Department culture: recruiting with a purpose.

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 113
 Other: 44
 Total: 158



Qualified Company Officer Class: Smyrna Fire command staff led a two-day workshop on the pillars of leadership for the officers in the department. The class focused on leading, developing, and achieving results. We also had the pleasure of delivering a DISC assessment to every participant.



WATER DISTRIBUTION



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

- Water Main Breaks: 1
- Sewer Backups: 2
- Water Service Leaks: 5
- Customer Issues: 19

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.

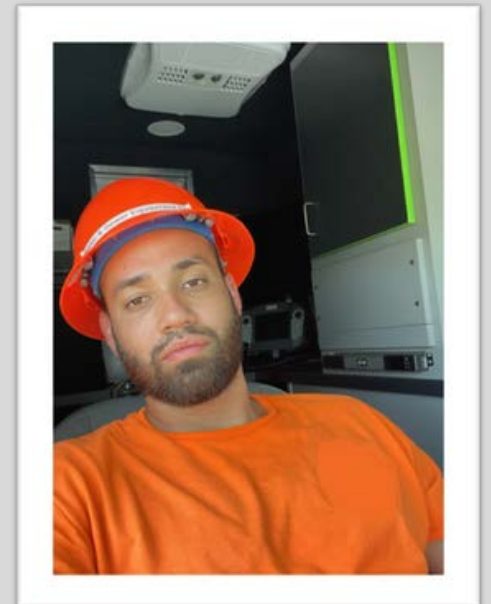
Water Main and Service Replacement Projects: Water mains and services are being replaced in several locations around the city.

- Highlands Drive: Complete with contractor working on landscaping restoration
- Glendale Circle: Complete
- Burbank Circle: Complete with contractor working on landscaping restoration
- Springwood Drive: In progress by contractor

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.

Specialized Training Class: Sewer Camera Crew Operator Freddy Villamarin (pictured right) will be attending a specialized training class through Nassco. This will allow him to learn the functions and capabilities of the camera system. By attending this class, he will learn how to rate and identify sewer line issues.

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.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,028

Museum: 27

Native American Heritage Craft Pop-Up: The Smyrna Museum held a children's Native American Heritage Craft Pop-Up event on Saturday, November 11. Twenty participants made scratch paper gorgets and corn husk dolls to learn about Native American crafts and traditions.

Server Upgrade: Technical Services Librarian Ruth Hayden and IT Director Dat Luu initiated server upgrades for the library during the Veterans Day closing. The Windows Server 2019 upgrade is a change to virtual servers so IT can easily upgrade the operating system in place or create new virtual servers to migrate to when necessary. Thank you, Ruth and Dat, for a smooth and successful transition over the weekend.

Technical Services Conference: Technical Services Librarian Ruth Hayden presented two programs at the annual TCU conference for librarians and libraries using the TLC platform and products. Her presentation on November 8 entitled "Exploring the Pac and Its Depth of Features," covered ways Smyrna Library uses the online catalog to promote collections and engage users. Her presentation on November 9 entitled "TLC•GO!: Increasing Patron Outreach and Usage at Smyrna Public Library" discussed Smyrna Library's experience implementing the new library app and the public reaction to the launch. Both presentations were packed with clear and useful content for other libraries to implement in their environment.



Connecting with STEM: In the final Tinker Lab of 2023 on November 8, families worked with Little Bits, Snap Circuits, and LightStax to experiment with simple circuits.

PARKS AND RECREATION



KIDS CHRISTMAS
COOKIE DECORATING CLASS
 DECEMBER 9TH, 11AM - 1PM
 SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER
 \$30 PER CHILD,
 AGES 5-12

LEARN DECORATING TECHNIQUES AND BRING HOME YOUR DELICIOUS MASTERPIECES!

REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE OR AT SMYRNAGA.GOV

Kids Christmas Cookie Decorating Class: Join Parks and Recreation for a Kids Cookie Decorating Class on December 9 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center! This event is suitable for ages 5-12 and is \$30 per child.



LADIES NIGHT
Christmas
COOKIE DECORATING CLASS
 SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER
 DEC 15TH, 6-8PM
 AGES 16+
 \$50 PER PERSON

ENJOY AN EVENING WITH AN INTRODUCTORY LESSON IN COOKIE DECORATING AND 5 FUN COOKIES TO DECORATE AND TAKE HOME!

REGISTER TODAY!

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Ladies Night Christmas Cookie Decorating Class: Join Parks and Recreation for a Ladies Night Cookie Decorating Class on December 15 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center! This event is suitable for ages 16 and up and costs \$50 per person.

Drop & Shop: Drop your kids at The Smyrna Community Center on Friday, December 15 between 5:00-8:00 PM for a holiday party and use this time for some uninterrupted holiday shopping or time to relax. Parks and Recreation staff will provide lots of fun for the kids with a PJ party, a movie, and holiday crafts that they can make for their parents as presents! The cost is \$30 per child for ages 4-12.



Smyrna Parks and Recreation

DEC 15
5PM - 8PM

Drop & Shop

Drop your kids off for a Holiday party and use this time for some uninterrupted holiday shopping! For the kids, we will have a PJ party and movie, and holiday crafts that they can make for their parents as presents!

Smyrna Community Center \$ 30.00 Per Child

Register today with the QR Code or at smyrnaga.gov

PARKS AND RECREATION



Santa Stops By
 Make this a Christmas to remember!

Register and Santa Claus will come to your home with a small surprise and lots of joy!

During his visit at your front door or porch, Santa will pose for pictures with your children and family.

Don't forget your letter!

This is open to City of Smyrna Residents ONLY.

Register with the QR Code or on smyrnaga.gov

RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

Santa Stops By: Santa Stops By is back for the 2023 holidays! Santa will spend time with your family for approximately 10 minutes and will bring a small surprise for the kids. Registration is \$50.00 and this event is for Smyrna residents only. There will be multiple time slots available for Santa to stop by your front door or porch!



COME ENJOY AN EVENING FILLED WITH HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

North Pole Ornament Workshop

DECEMBER 8 | 5PM-7PM
 SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER
 \$15 PER PERSON

Bring your Holiday Cheer!
 Make a personal ornament and treasure the holidays! Supplies, refreshments and holiday music will be provided.

REGISTER TODAY!

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RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

Ornament Decorating Workshop: Make a personal ornament and treasure the holidays! Join Parks and Recreation on Friday, December 8 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center for a North Pole Ornament Workshop! For \$15, participants will be provided an ornament, craft supplies, refreshments, and holiday music. Just bring your holiday spirit and enjoy the fun decorating with friends.



SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION

CHRISTMAS MOVIE EVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2PM - 4PM
 VILLAGE GREEN PARK

The GRINCH

Join us for Holiday themed refreshments and a toy building station during the movie!

The movie is \$10 per family & additional \$5 per child to build a toy.

Register at smyrnaga.gov today!

Christmas Movie Event: Join Parks and Recreation for a Christmas movie in the new Village Green Park on Saturday, December 16 from 2:00-4:00 PM to see the animated Grinch movie on the large LED screen. There will be holiday themed refreshments and a toy building station for the kids. Registration is \$10 per family for the movie and an additional \$5 per child to build a toy.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) Conference: On November 6-9, members of Smyrna Parks and Recreation attended the annual GRPA conference in Athens, GA to enhance and further their knowledge in the field. During the conference, Allyssa Allen was awarded the GRPA Marketing Campaign award for her work on The Tap. The Tap provides program and event information throughout the year for participants. Recreation Coordinator Ashley Putnam was also awarded a Certificate of Completion for the GRPA Leadership 1 course.



Christmas Tree Assembly: Parks Maintenance staff is working diligently on assembling the large Christmas Tree in the Market Village. The tree is the cornerstone of holiday decorations to be lit by Santa on November 28 at the Home for The Holidays event.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY ACTIVITIES

America Recycles Day is on November 15,
but we're celebrating all week!

Smyrna Recycling Center Tour
Friday, November 17, 9am-10am, 3475 Lake Dr
Open to all ages, registration required

Lunch & Learn: Recycling in Cobb County
Friday, November 17, 12pm-12:45pm, 662 South Cobb Dr
Open to all ages, registration required

Eco-Kids Festival
Saturday, November 18, 10am-12pm, Smyrna Village Green
Open to all, kids activities and crafts!

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America Recycles Day
A KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE



KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL BETTER

America Recycles Day: To celebrate America Recycles Day Keep Smyrna Beautiful is planning several events this week including a tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center, a Lunch & Learn on recycling, and an environmental festival for kids. Additional details can be found on our website: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/america-recycles-day/>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Amana Academy: On Wednesday, 38 students and 3 adults 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.

Community Cleanup: On Wednesday, 6 Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 84 pounds of litter, including 14 pounds of recyclable material, during a community cleanup on East-West Connector and Cumberland Parkway.



Invasive Species Removal: On Thursday, 9 colleagues from Edwards-Pitman Environmental and Braun Intertec spent four hours removing invasive, non-native plants from a property near Rosalyn Lane and Powder Springs Street. A non-native invasive species is an organism that is not native to an ecosystem, reproduces quickly, spreads aggressively, and causes harm. Removing them helps make way for native plants that are more beneficial to the local ecosystem.

Environmental Club: On Monday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful visited King Springs Elementary School to present to 23 students and 3 teachers during the Environmental Club after-school meeting. The students learned about watersheds and water pollution using an Enviroscape watershed model.

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.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

52 Inspections

30 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,252,783.00

Commercial (15)

(15) Interior Renovation

- Cortland at the Village x13 Units (2097 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Curant Health (200 Technology Ct, STE B)
- Smyrna Public Library (100 Village Green Cir SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$574,600.00

HVAC (6) Plumbing (6) Tree Removal (4) Sign (1)

Building Remodel/ Residential (9)

(1) Accessory Structure

- (1) Addition
- (2) Interior Renovations
- (2) New Construction
- (3) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,668,183.00

Grading (1)

(1) Modular Block

- 2251 Lake Park Dr

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$10,000.00

New Businesses

Shweta Gupta

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 1

Gesso Arts, LLC

Fine Arts Schools
Home Business
Ward 3

Cobalt Painting LLC

Painting and Wall Covering
Contractors
Home Business
Ward 5

MamasitasContour LLC

Other Personal Care Services
3240 S Cobb Drive, STE 850, RM 109
Ward 5

Rock City Cycles Inc.

Motorcycle, ATV, and All Other
Motor Vehicle Dealers
750 Windy Hill Road
Ward 5

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