



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Pre-Council Meeting
6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Admin Conference Room

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Pre-Council Meeting
7:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

COURT SERVICES

Court on 01/04

Cases: 49
 Failures to Appear: 15
 Pre-Trials: 18
 DUIs Completed: 0



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 7
 Medical: 106
 Other: 53
 Total: 166

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 19
 Citations: 113
 Warnings: 30
 Calls for Service: 558



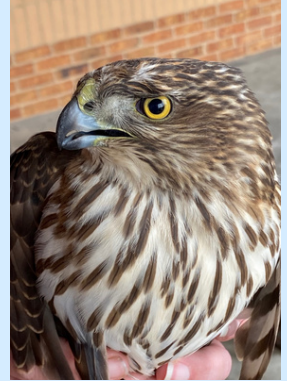
Welcome K9 Loki: Introducing K9 Loki who is an 18-month-old Belgian Malinois from France. Loki is trained in narcotics detention, criminal apprehension, tracking, area search and article search. Loki loves to work and play with his toys. K9 Loki is partnered with Officer Trail and together they have completed over 360 hours of training together. Welcome to the team K9 Loki!

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets Department: The Streets Department has been hard at work on the following projects:

- Roadway repairs on Pinehurst Drive, Hillside Road, Napa Valley Court, and Turpin Road
- Repaired broken catch basin tops on Devin Court, Powder Springs Street, and Starline Drive
- Trimmed the right of way on Highlands Parkway, Oak Drive, Oakdale Road, King Springs Road, and McCauley Road

Community Center Visitor: Over the holidays, a hawk flew into the Community Center through an open door while work was being done. Because hawks are federally protected, a trapping company will not touch them. Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff worked together to figure out a logistical way to remove the bird. Raymond Ferguson (Ferg) and Shannon Werner removed the bird safely after it spent roughly five days inside of the building.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Bring One for the Chipper: Last Saturday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful's Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling event ensured that thousands of trees will stay out of the landfill and have a second life as mulch! Throughout the event, 20 volunteers unloaded trees from 285 cars and distributed redbud seedlings and seed packets.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



School Grants: The spring application period for Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants is open through April 1, 2024. Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants support beautification, gardening, or environmental education projects. Details and an application link can be found at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships/>.

Environmental Studies Scholarships: Keep Smyrna Beautiful is offering \$1,500 scholarships for students currently pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in an environmentally related field. Scholarships are eligible for current college students who are Smyrna residents or high school students currently enrolled in Campbell High School or Whitefield Academy. The application deadline is March 3, 2024. Additional information can be found on our School Partnerships page: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships/>.

Teacher Continuing Education Scholarship: Keep Smyrna Beautiful offers Smyrna public school teachers continuing education scholarships to attend trainings in environmental education. Funding is available for up to \$500 for course/training fees, lodging, substitutes, etc. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from August 1, 2023 through April 1, 2024. [Learn more and apply online.](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Dr. David V. Martin: If you've ever driven down or taken a walk along any of Smyrna's major roadways, there's a good chance you've spotted Dr. David V. Martin, commonly known as Doctor Dave, picking up litter. Martin has lived in Smyrna with his wife Lynn Dee since 1980. "I've been picking up litter as long as I can remember," says Doctor Dave. [Read the full profile here.](#)



Monthly Recycling Center Tours: The City of Smyrna Recycling Center offers monthly tours on the third Friday of the month (except for holidays) at 9:00 AM. You can register to attend [by clicking here.](#)

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

First Sunday Lecture: Smyrna Library has been hosting monthly lectures on topics of local interest for over 10 years. Author Paige Watts kicked off the 2024 series with a fun look at the uniqueness of the Atlanta metro area. Thirty people attended the presentation on Sunday, January 7, and participated in Paige’s “travel bingo.” The book *What’s With Atlanta? The Quirks, Personality, and Charm of the ATL* is available for check out at Smyrna Library.



Local History Project: Friends of Smyrna Library (FOSL) volunteers visit the library weekly to work on a very special project. In 2023, they launched an initiative to index the major stories in the library’s collection of *Smyrna Herald* and *Smyrna Neighbor* newspapers. These papers are packed with local information from 1960s through the 1990s. But the papers are not digitized nor indexed. This laborious work will be a tremendous asset to researchers, historians, and residents. Pictured here (left to right) are Mary Ann Marchione (FOSL Board Member), Dr. William Marchione (FOSL President), and Ellie Wolfe (FOSL Board Member).

Black History Month Celebration Dinner: Don’t forget to buy your Black History Month Dinner tickets available now for \$20 each or \$200 for a reserved table. Novelist Daniel Black will speak on Friday, February 23, 2024, in the Community Center Large Gym. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Community Center or online through the [Parks and Recreation online catalog of activities/events](#). Select “Special Events” and then “Community Event.”

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

TICKET ENTRY
\$20 EACH

DINNER & SPEAKER
with Dr. Daniel Black, novelist, essayist, and professor at Clark Atlanta University

Smyrna Community Center
February 23, 2024
5:30 PM

An evening with
DANIEL BLACK

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LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



The time is
always *right*
to do what
is *right*.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Kids Craft & Learn about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stop by the **Smyrna Museum** on
Saturday, January 13th 10 am -4 pm
to make a craft in honor of Martin
Luther King Jr. Day.

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,034

Museum: 19

Kids Craft & Learn About Martin Luther King Junior:

Stop by the Smyrna Museum (2861 Atlanta Road) on Saturday, January 13 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM to make a craft in honor of Martin Luther King Junior Day. This event is suitable for ages three and up.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Photography Clinic: Do you know someone who received a camera for Christmas or has a passion for photography? Whether you are a beginner or know someone who wants to learn more about their camera and photography, Parks and Recreation's photography class is the perfect gift. Taught by a professional photographer, our classes are great for beginners or those who want to improve their photography skills. Classes will be on February 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The class is \$60 per participant, ages 16 and up. [Register here.](#)

Mother-Son Nerf Wars: Ready, set, blast off! Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Mother-Son Nerf Wars! This year's theme is intergalactic, and registration is now open. Battle through the galaxy with your favorite fantasy characters, nerf wars, missions, and space-inspired snacks! The event will take place Friday, March 15 from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The cost is \$60 per couple and \$15 for additional sons. There is a \$25 early bird discount through January 15. [Register here.](#)


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EVERY THURSDAY IN FEBRUARY 6:30PM - 8:00PM
SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER

GIVE THE GIFT OF LEARNING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
\$60 PER PERSON

REGISTER TODAY!

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Galentine's Day Brunch: Calling all ladies! Join Parks and Recreation for a Galentine's Day Brunch on February 11, featuring a waffle bar, cupcake decorating station, cocktails, mocktails, trivia, and more! The brunch is from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. This event is for ladies 12 years old and up. The cost is \$45 per attendee. Register today [on our website](#).

YOU ARE INVITED TO
GALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH
 FEBRUARY 11TH | 11:00AM - 1:00PM
 SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER
 \$45 PER PERSON, AGES 12+

Grab the gals and join us for cocktails, mocktails, a waffle bar, cupcake decorating, trivia, music, and more!

Register today at smyrnaga.gov

RECREATE Smyrna
 Parks & Recreation

Daddy Daughter Dance
UNDER THE BIG TOP
 February 9th 5:30pm - 8:30pm
 Smyrna Community Center

• A Night To Remember •

Join Smyrna Parks and Recreation for an evening filled with circus games, characters, sweet treats, and dancing!
 The cost is \$60 per couple ages 0-12,
 \$15 off additional sibling.
 Register today at smyrnaga.gov

Daddy Daughter Dance: Dads: bring your daughters out for a night to remember! This year's Daddy Daughter Dance theme is Under the Big Top. Join us on Friday, February 9 from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center for an evening filled with circus games, sweet treats, and dancing! There will be circus characters and a photo booth for all participants to enjoy. This event is for daughters ages 0-12. The cost is \$60 per couple, \$15 off additional siblings, and there is a \$25 early bird discount through January 15. [Register today!](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION

Winter Break Camp: Looking for an exciting camp for your children to enjoy during winter break? Have your campers come experience the wonders of science at our half day Science Camp! This camp will take place on February 19-23 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Each day campers will learn about new scientific topics such as astronomy, earth sciences, and how science affects our everyday lives through different experiments. The cost is \$100 per camper, ages 6-12, and there is a \$15 sibling discount (per additional sibling).



WINTER BREAK

SCIENCE CAMP

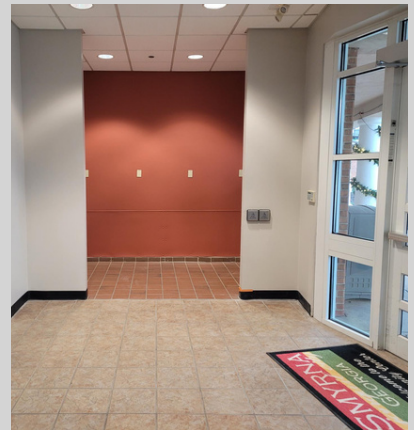
FEBRUARY 19TH – 23RD, 9AM – 12PM
SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER
AGES 6-12

Each day campers will learn about new scientific topics, such as astronomy, earth sciences and how science affects our everyday lives, through different experiments.

PRICE: \$100 PER CAMPER
\$15 SIBLING DISCOUNT
(PER ADDITIONAL SIBLING)

REGISTER TODAY AT
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Smyrna Community Center: Various projects were completed at the Community Center during the Christmas holidays refreshing the building and bringing to life areas that needed brightening. Stevens Gymnasiums did a fantastic job refinishing gym floors and making them look new again. YNZ replaced tiles on the steps leading to the lower level of the facility, giving a fresh new look to the hallway. Finally, McCall Painting did exceptional work painting after completing repair work in the foyer area of the building that leads to the new event lawn. The newly painted walls now match the walls inside of the lobby area, creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors.

PARKS AND RECREATION

North Cooper Lake Park Pavilion: Work is progressing on the North Cooper Lake Park pavilion. In this last week, the roof has been put on and the wood has been stained. The pavilion is going to be a fantastic addition to North Cooper Lake Park allowing reservations for events.



WATER DISTRIBUTION



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

- Water Main Breaks: 1
- Sewer Backups: 5
- Water Service Leaks: 7
- Customer Issues: 40

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 Service Inventory Verification: Water service inventory verification is underway. Homes in Wards 2, 4 and 6 are completed.

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.

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

- Highlands Drive & Burbank Circle: Completed with landscaping in progress
- Glendale Circle & Springwood Drive: Completed

Water Meter Change-Outs: Water crews have been working on the remaining 100 residential meter change-outs to make our system 4G and up to date. The work is about 95% complete.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

99 Inspections

46 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$42,900.00

Retaining Wall Permit/ Residential (1)

(1) Retaining Wall

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$5,000.00

Building Remodel/ Residential (1)

(1) Additions

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$37,900.00

HVAC (7) Tree (2) Plumbing (1) Sign (4)

New Businesses

Bellenzo

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Wards 1 & 2

The Blonde Salon

Beauty Salons
2700 Cobb Parkway, STE 6B
Ward 1

THE HERB SHOP OF SMYRNA, INC.

Food (Health) Supplement Retailers
3971 S Cobb Drive, Unit STE B
Ward 3

ASISTENCIA LATINO AMERICANA, LLC

Income Tax Preparation
2279 S Cobb Drive
Ward 5

Jamaican Great

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 7

Assured Movement

Nonemergency Medical
Transportation Services
Home Business
Ward 5

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