



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, March 25, 2024

Pre-Council Meeting

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Admin Conference Room

Monday, March 25, 2024

Mayor and Council Meeting

7:00 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

License and Variance Board Meeting

10:00 AM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

ADMINISTRATION



Citizens Academy: Citizens Academy participants met with Community Relations, Finance, and Human Resources on Tuesday night for their second session of the program. Thank you to all of these departments for presenting! Up next: Public Works and Water Distribution!

FIRE DEPARTMENT



International Association of Arson Investigators Spring Conference:

Members of the Fire Prevention Division attended the International Association of Arson Investigators Spring Conference at Jim R. Miller Park. A variety of topics were presented in the classroom including NFPA 1321-The Fire Investigation Unit standard, ethics, interviews, expert witness testimony, depositions/trial testimony, appliance failure analysis, and lithium battery failures. There were also two live demonstrations showing the impact of ventilation on fire investigation and fires that involve lithium batteries.

Weekly Incident Totals	
Fire:	3
Medical:	79
Other:	38
Total:	120

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Police Academy Graduates: Officers Chapman and Saldana graduated from the police academy and were sworn in this week. We are excited to have them!



Smyrna Police Department at Windy Hill Community Center: Over the weekend Officer Beard attended a community event at the Windy Hill Community Center for a meet and greet with local teens. Officer Beard got to discuss the Smyrna Police Department and spend some time with the youth.



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 21
Citations: 138
Warnings: 61
Calls for Service: 665

Chief's Summit: Smyrna Police attended the Chief's Summit over the weekend hosted by Cobb County Police Department. Chiefs from each municipality along with the Cobb County Police Department and the Cobb County Sheriff's Department spoke with the community and answered questions addressing any concerns.

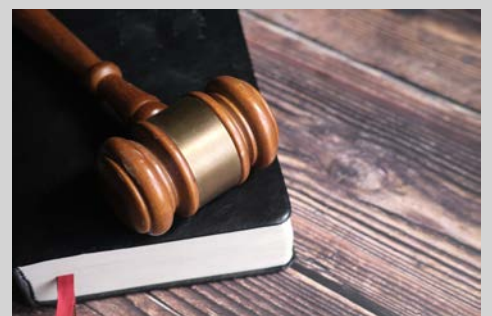
COURT SERVICES

Court on 03/12

Cases: 68
Failures to Appear: 16
Pre-Trials: 21
DUIs Completed: 4

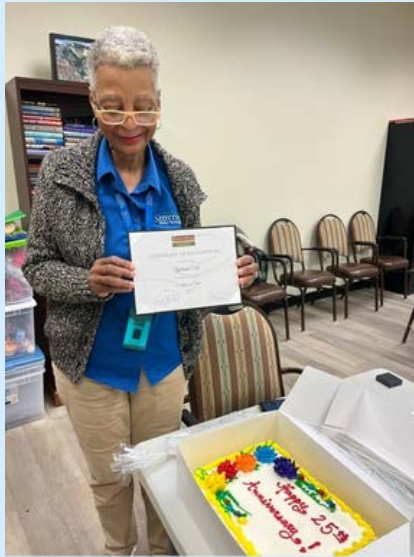
Trials on 03/14

Cases: 4
Trials Conducted: 3
Failures to Appear: 1



HUMAN RESOURCES

Work Anniversary: Congratulations to Wolfe Center Customer Service Representative Yolanda Celik for 25 years of employment with the city!



Austin Edgar
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 3/18

Welcome to Smyrna!

ENGINEERING



Traffic Signal Communication Restoration: A contractor recently damaged a fiber line that controls timing and allows monitoring and communication between many of the city's traffic signals. A pending closure of a major road north of Smyrna was expected to increase traffic volumes and change traffic patterns on Smyrna's road network. Thank you to the Public Works and IT staff members who worked long hours with a contractor to expedite the fiber line repair over the weekend so that communications to the city's traffic signals could be restored ahead of the planned road closure.

Traffic Sign Replacements: Our Traffic Signal Technicians replaced faded overhead signs at the intersection of I-285 and South Cobb Drive. This type of work is important for the safety and general maintenance of the city's traffic infrastructure.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

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.



Work Orders: Staff resolved issues last week including:

- Water Main Breaks: 1
- Sewer Backups: 8
- Water Service Leaks: 3
- Resolved Work Orders: 49

Water Service Inventory Verification: Water service inventory verification is underway in Ward 3. 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, 5, and 6 are completed. Work in Ward 7 is underway and work in Ward 3 will resume next week.

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

- South Cobb Drive
- Creatwood Subdivision

Customer Tips

Monitor Usage:

- Keep an eye on your water usage. If you notice a sudden increase in your water bill without a corresponding increase in usage, it could be a sign of a leak.
- Check for unexplained wet spots or pooling water in your yard, especially near the meter or along the path of underground pipes.

Perform a Meter Test:

- Turn off all water sources in your home, including faucets, toilets, and appliances that use water. Then, check the meter to see if the leak indicator or dial is still moving. If it is, there may be a leak in your plumbing system.

Consult a Professional:

- If you suspect a leak but are unsure or unable to locate it yourself, consider contacting a licensed plumber or your water utility provider for assistance.



PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continued work on batting cages at Brinkley Park
- Continued work on ADA accessibility at North Cooper Lake Park
- Began work on the monthly right-of-way mowing list

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Kiddie Academy School Tour: On Monday, twenty-five guests from Kiddie Academy, including Pre-K students, parents, and teachers, toured the Smyrna Recycling Center and participated in a paper recycling activity. Keep Smyrna Beautiful provides tours of the Smyrna Recycling Center and educational programs in the community to residents of all ages. [Learn more about Keep Smyrna Beautiful's environmental education offerings.](#)



Garden Tour Tickets on Sale: Tickets to the 2024 Smyrna Garden Tour on Saturday, May 4, are now on sale! This annual Keep Smyrna Beautiful fundraiser features a self-guided tour of five private Smyrna gardens, a Tea Room, and a Plant Sale. Tickets are \$20 in advance, and \$25 the day of. No tickets are required for ages 12 and under. They can be purchased in person at Vickery Hardware or the Smyrna Recycling Center or online. Details and the link for online tickets can be found at: <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/garden-tour/>

**Smyrna
Garden
Tour**

Saturday, May 4, 2024
10a.m.-4p.m.

Tickets on
sale now!

KEEP SMYRNA BEAUTIFUL
Garden Tour

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Recycling Center Tour: Last Friday, five residents attended the monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center. This behind-the-scenes look allows residents to find out what happens to material after it's recycled and how to recycle better. Monthly tours take place on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. [Sign up for an upcoming tour here.](#)

Document Shredding: On Saturday, 14 Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers served almost 400 cars and processed 17,940 pounds of documents that came through the spring Document Shredding line! This free community event helps reduce waste in landfills by recycling the material. It also provides a much-needed service to Smyrna residents who need to shred their documents securely.



Adopt-A-Mile and Community Cleanups: On Saturday, twelve volunteers from Smyrna Is Fabulous picked up nine bags of litter on East-West Connector. Six volunteers from Inteleca participated in their quarterly Adopt-a-Mile cleanup on Highlands Parkway, picking up six bags of litter. In total, that's about 225 pounds less litter on Smyrna roadways!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

School Grants and Teacher Scholarships: Applications for Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants and Teacher Continuing Education Scholarships close on April 1, 2024. Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants support beautification, gardening, or environmental education projects. Teacher Scholarships support Smyrna public school teachers with the costs associated with continuing education training for environmental education. Details and application links can be found on our [School Partnerships page](#).



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Women’s History Month Events: Mary Moore and Jennie Eldredge presented a lecture for Women’s History Month entitled “Notable Women of Smyrna” on Saturday, March 16, in the Smyrna Library meeting room. Notable attendees were former mayor Max Bacon and his sister Linda Bacon Keeney, as well as Elaine Davis, daughter of Sarah Sentell Scott, and Councilwoman Latonia P. Hines. The Marietta Daily Journal included a nice write-up of the lecture in the weekend edition on March 18.

Youth Services celebrates Women’s History Month every Wednesday in March with a “Women’s Wednesday” craft or activity. A recent craft was to color paper dolls of notable women such as Marie Currie, Susan B. Anthony, Anna Pavlova, and Bessie Smith.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,704

Tinker Lab: Families learned about levers, pulleys, and bridges while building with K'Nex at the monthly Tinker Lab STEM program on Wednesday, March 13.

Student Tour: As part of their field trip on Thursday, March 14, high school students from the Cobb County special education program visited Smyrna Library for a tour of its collections and services. Adult Services Librarian, Swapna Kaimal, led the tour.

Museum Back Open to Walk-Ins: Smyrna Museum's data lines are now restored, and the Museum is back open to walk-ins.



New Donations for the Archives: Smyrna Museum and Smyrna Library received new donations for their archival collections. Minutes from the now-defunct Smyrna School District from the 1920s to the 1960s were donated. The collection will be organized, cataloged, scanned, and preserved. The contents will provide excellent and unique primary documents for historians. Additionally, the library received a 1951 Talisman yearbook for Smyrna's public school which covered 1st-12th grades. Old yearbooks are wonderful genealogy sources, but they also contain vintage photos of businesses no longer in existence like the Red Dot Grocery many remember from the 1950s.

PARKS AND RECREATION



SMYRNA PARKS AND REC

TEEN NIGHT

MAY 10TH, 5PM-8PM

Calling all teens! Get ready for a night of epic laser tag battles in the Smyrna Community Center large gym, pizza for dinner, a movie, and a popcorn bar. Register today and don't miss out on the fun!

\$30 Per Person, Ages 13-17

Register Today at smyrnaga.gov

Teen Night: Calling all teens! Join us at the Smyrna Community Center on Friday, May 10, from 5:00-8:00 PM, for a night of epic laser tag battles, pizza for dinner, a movie, and a popcorn bar. After a long week of school, there's nothing better than unwinding and having fun with your friends. This event is for teens ages 13-17 and is \$30 per person.

Parks Maintenance: Parks Maintenance staff has been working diligently on issues in various parks. At Riverview Park, the crew is working to clean up after the Chattahoochee River came over the bank and messed up several areas.

Several baseball fields required some in-depth work this season. Parks Maintenance staff has been repairing small holes by cutting out sod around the holes and filling them with soil. Once that part is complete, the sod is replaced so that it is even with the surrounding turf. This process helps ensure that playing fields are safe for participants.



RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

Easter AFTER DARK

Saturday, March 23rd, 6pm-9pm
Village Green Park

Enjoy Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg hunts for all ages and vendors selling fun treats! *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)* will be shown at 6:30pm. Register at smyrnaga.gov today!

\$10 Per Person

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Easter After Dark: Easter After Dark is this Saturday! On Saturday, March 23 from 6:00-9:00 PM, gather your friends and family for glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunts for all ages! At 6:30 PM we will be showing the 2005 version of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Additionally, there will be vendors selling fun treats. Registration is required and is \$10 per person.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Revenue Development and Management School: Recreation Manager Jodi Mills completed year two of Revenue Development and Management School at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, WV.

Summer Camp: Summer Camp registration is right around the corner! [Click here to view the Smyrna Summer Camp Guide and get ready for registration, opening April 1!](#)



Mother/Son Nerf Wars: Parks and Recreation celebrated the 3rd annual Mother/Son Nerf Wars on Friday, March 15 in the Community Center. This year, we hosted 165 Mother/Son pairs as they battled through different training practices, obstacle courses, free play zones, glow-in-the-dark zones, and a competitive battle zone. Along with the Nerf activities, Star Wars characters joined us and interacted with the participants throughout the entire evening. After they battled it out in the various areas, everyone fueled up in the snack room before heading home. Mothers and sons alike commented on how fun this evening was. One mother said she loves this event because it gives her a chance to spend quality time with her son. It was the "Best time ever" proclaimed one mom. Planning for next year has already begun, and we can't wait to welcome mothers and sons again with an even bigger and better event!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

150 Inspections
56 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$9,382,119.00

Commercial (3)

- (3) Interior Renovations
 - Zoya Restaurant (1061 Concord Rd)
 - Whitefield Academy (1 Whitefield Dr)
 - DPR Construction (1885 Mitchell Rd STE 100)

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$8,465,000.00

Building Remodel / Residential (17)

- (8) Additions
 - (7) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
 - (1) Interior Renovation
 - (1) New Construction
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$917,119.00

HVAC (3) Electrical (3) Tree (6) Plumbing (11) Sign (2)

New Businesses

IP Diagnostic

Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories
2475 Cobb Parkway
Ward 1

The Taproom

Other Management
Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 4

JM QUICK FIX LLC

General Automotive Repair
2279 Benson Poole Road, STE 300
Ward 5

Field Pro, Inc.

All Other Business Support Services
Home Business
Ward 6

ASCEND BEHAVIOR CONSULTANTS LLC

Offices of All Other Miscellaneous Health Practitioners
3668 Highlands Parkway
Ward 7

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