



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall

HR Training Room

# ADMINISTRATION



**Citizens Academy:** Citizens Academy participants met with Public Works and Water Distribution on Tuesday night! They were given presentations, a tour, and demonstrations of some of the equipment used by staff daily. Thank you to everyone who presented!



**Youth Council:** Youth Council members met with Parks and Recreation on Wednesday night. They played an interactive game of Wits and Wagers to learn about the many things that Parks and Recreation does! Thank you to the Parks and Recreation staff for organizing a fun evening!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 1  
 Medical: 93  
 Other: 38  
 Total: 132

**Training Exercise:** Congratulations to Field Training Officer Justin Tucker on completing the F.L.A.M.E.S. course! Held in Chatsworth, GA the course tests firefighters' limitations while working in high-stress situations with limited recuperation times. It also tests the firefighter's ability to function as a part of a team. The course includes physical training, running, jogging, and climbing stairs, forcing the individual to work and think while tired. While team building is a primary focal point, it also focuses on the importance of good core values and character.



**Norton Park Elementary Career Day:** Smyrna Fire Department's Station 2 crew visited Norton Park Elementary School for career day.

**Fire Chief Brian Marcos Appointed to the Cobb Chamber DE&I Council:** The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DE&I) Council works to promote, influence, and advance our diversity mission throughout the Cobb Chamber and the community through the following four focus areas:

- entrepreneurship development
- leadership development and programs
- marketing and communications
- membership engagement

Chief Marcos will be Co-Chair with Michele Howard, VP of Programs & Leadership Development.

# COURT SERVICES

## Red Light Camera Court on 03/19

Cases: 8  
Trials Conducted: 4  
Failures to Appear: 4

## Court on 03/21

Cases: 87  
Failures to Appear: 20  
Pre-Trials: 37  
DUIs Completed: 2



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 17  
Citations: 124  
Warnings: 44  
Calls for Service: 657

# FINANCE

**Cobb County Small Business Forum:** The Purchasing Department attended Cobb County's Small Business Forum last week with Cobb County Chairwoman Lisa Cupid. Pictured are Purchasing Manager Kelly Brown and Purchasing-Records Technician Starla Whiddon.



# ENGINEERING



**Traffic Signal Repairs:** A traffic signal was hit and damaged at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Highlands Parkway. The city's signal technicians quickly responded and replaced the signal to restore traffic operations at the intersection.

# 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: 0
- Sewer Backups: 5
- Water Service Leaks: 3
- Resolved Work Orders: 61

**Water Service Inventory Verification:** Water service inventory verification is underway in Ward 7. Homes in Wards 2, 3, 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 is in progress in Wards 3 and 7.

**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

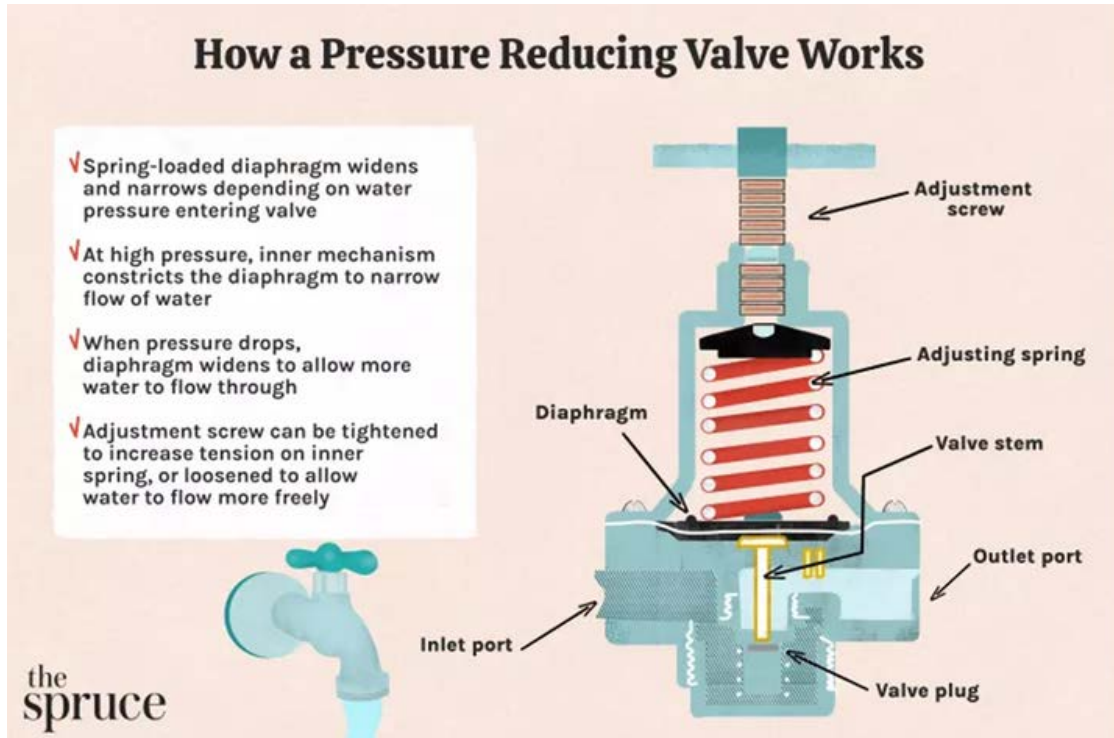
## Customer Tips

**Run Water After Vacation:** A factor that affects water quality in your home is how “stale” the water is. When you leave your home or business for a long time, like on vacation, the water in the pipes and plumbing doesn't move. When you get back the best thing to do is to run the water on full blast for 30 seconds to two minutes before drinking or cooking. Side note: always use cold water for cooking to draw in fresh water from the outside.



# WATER DISTRIBUTION

## Customer Tips



**Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV):** When there is a water main break in the city or water is shut off to your home, it is recommended to keep all water spigots and faucets turned off until the water supply is fully restored. One common issue that homeowners experience during such situations is turning on water inside the house while the main water line is still turned off. This can lead to sediment from the water line accumulating in the screen of the PRV, resulting in low or no water flow until the PRV is cleaned or replaced.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Celebrate Keep Smyrna Beautiful's 40th Anniversary with a Yard Sign:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful is selling 40th-anniversary yard signs to raise awareness and money to support our programs. Yard signs can be purchased for \$15 at the Smyrna Recycling Center. Read more about [Keep Smyrna Beautiful's 40th Anniversary](#).

**Recycling Center:** Last week, the Smyrna Recycling Center served 590 patrons and processed 34,742 pounds of material.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**KSB SCHOOL GRANTS**

**\$1,000 to schools in the City of Smyrna**  
Schools can apply annually.

**Grants support beautification and environmental education.**  
School gardens, outdoor learning spaces, and more

**Spring application opens January 1, 2024**  
Applications due by April 1, 2024.




**Smyrna Garden Tour**

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



Tickets on sale now!

**Final Notice for School Grants and Teacher Scholarships:** April 1 is the deadline for Keep Smyrna Beautiful School Grants and Teacher Continuing Education Scholarships. Details and application links can be found on our [School Partnerships page](#).

**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/>

**School Tour: Busy World Learning:** On Monday, 21 students and teachers from Busy World Learning Center toured the Smyrna Recycling Center and took part 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.](#)



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



## Community Cleanups:

- Last Wednesday, five Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up six bags of litter weighing over 90 pounds on South Cobb Drive and Smyrna Hill Drive. Twenty pounds of that material was recycled!
- On Saturday, 15 volunteers from Trail Life USA picked up 12 bags of litter along Benson Poole Road and the driveway leading to Chuck Camp Park.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**Monster Books:** Smyrna Library tweens dreamed up exciting, dangerous creatures as they made their Monster Books of Monsters on Tuesday, March 12. Whether they were sharing details and drawings of their monsters (like the Light Dragon) or helping each other create guides in their books, the tweens had a blast jumping into the world of Harry Potter and its magical creatures.



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,499

Museum: 10

**Lessons in Chemistry:** Smyrna Library's Adult Services department teamed up with local blogger Nasiera Foflonker ([www.flourandfiction.com](http://www.flourandfiction.com)) for a morning inspired by the popular novel, *Lessons in Chemistry*, on Friday, March 22. Ms. Foflonker started with a review of the book by Bonnie Garmus. Then, like the character Elizabeth Zott, Ms. Foflonker used baking to teach a chemistry lesson. She talked about the chemical reactions that occur when making lemon meringue pie. Then everyone ate pie!



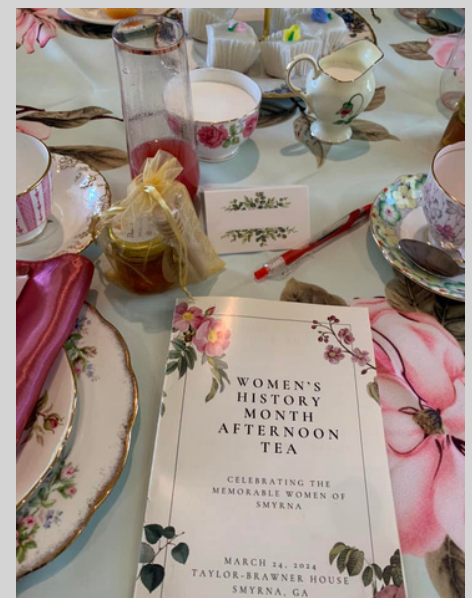
Executive presence can help you project **self-confidence, clarity and credibility.**

**LinkedIn Learning**

**LinkedIn Learning:** LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com) is an online training resource with a digital library of more than 6,000 courses covering a wide range of technical, business, software, and creative topics. All Smyrna city employees may access LinkedIn Learning using their Smyrna Public Library card number and PIN.

- Access on a desktop computer or laptop: Use the [Smyrna Library link](#) to access LinkedIn Learning on your computer, then enter your library card number and PIN.
- Access using the app on a mobile device: If using the [LinkedIn Learning app](#), use keyword [smyrnalibrary](#) to sign in with your Smyrna Library card number and PIN.

**Smyrna Women's History Tea:** On Sunday, March 24, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge presented at the first annual Smyrna Women's History Tea. The Taylor-Brawner House was decorated for afternoon tea as Ms. Eldredge presented on four women from Smyrna's history: Lorena Pace Pruitt, Hattie B. King, Fanny Williams, and Sarah Sentell Scott. It was an honor to present before an audience of distinguished Smyrna and Cobb County women.



# PARKS AND RECREATION



**Easter After Dark:** Parks and Recreation hosted another exciting Easter Egg Hunt for several hundred children and enthusiastic adults. Participants hunted for eggs, watched *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* on the Veterans Memorial Lawn, ate dinner and snacks from tasty food vendors, and played in giant bubbles. It was a fun night for the community!



**Parks Maintenance:** Concrete is being poured at the batting cages as part of the Brinkley Park improvement project. This is another step closer to completion and being available for those who want to get some batting practice to improve their skills.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**2024**  
**SUMMER**  
**CAMPS**

**SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION**

**\$200 per camper, \$15 sibling discount, Ages 5-12**

**June 10 - 14: STEAM Week**  
 Discover different arts and sciences through clubs, activities, and explorations.

**June 24 - 28: Wild Card Week**  
 Come and enjoy wild card week, where each day will host a new and exciting theme from wacky hat day to PJ day!

**July 15 - 19: Olympics Week**  
 With the 2024 Olympics on the horizon, campers will participate in our version of the Olympics!

**NEW CAMPS!**

**June 3 - June 7, 9AM - 12PM: Adventure Seekers**  
 Each day campers will meet at a different Smyrna park and enjoy the nature trails, go on hikes, and venture on scavenger hunts. **\$100 per camper, \$15 sibling discount**

**June 17 - June 21, 9AM - 12PM: Park Discovery Camps**  
 During the week, we will be hosting 8 different parks camps, 2 per day at different Smyrna parks. Each park will have themes for campers to enjoy. Register for one day or multiple! **\$20 per camper each day**

**July 8 - July 12, 10AM - 4PM: Georgia Explorers**  
 Come along as we visit science museums, art galleries, nature preserves, ropes course, and so much more! Register for one day or multiple! **Prices vary per day**

**For More Info Go To [Smyrnaga.gov](http://Smyrnaga.gov)**

**RECREATE**  
**Smyrna**  
 Parks & Recreation

**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!](#)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**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.

**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](http://smyrnaga.gov)

**SMYRNA PARKS & REC**

Friday, May  
**3**  
 5PM - 8PM

**RECREATE Smyrna**  
 Parks & Recreation

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

Drop your children off for an indoor camp-out while you enjoy an evening to yourself!  
 Children will enjoy a cook-out dinner, eat s'mores, and explore the outdoors near our pond and nature trail.  
 The cost is \$30 per child.

**SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**REGISTER AT SMYRNAGA.GOV TODAY!**

**Parents Night Out:** On Friday, May 3, drop your children off for an indoor camp-out while you enjoy an evening out. Children will enjoy a cook-out dinner, eat s'mores, and explore the outdoors near our pond and nature trail. This event is from 5:00-8:00 PM and the cost is \$30 per child.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

143 Inspections  
64 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$2,250,285.07

**Commercial (19)**

(19) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x18 Units ( 2107 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Home Depot (1355 Highlands Ridge Rd)

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$738,000.00

**HVAC (5)**

**Electrical (2)**

**Tree (3)**

**Plumbing (2)**

**Sign (1)**

**Building Remodel / Residential (16)**

(5) Additions

(2) Interior Renovations

(6) New Construction

(3) Roof replacements/re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$1,472,285.07

**Grading (1)**

(1) Retaining Wall

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$40,000.00

## New Businesses

**Cipriani Productions, LLC**

Photography  
Home Business  
Ward 5

**Laurence J Cleaning**

Janitorial Services  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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