

CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, April 22, 2024

Pre-Council Meeting 6:30 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall Admin Conference Room

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Mayor and Council Meeting 7:00 PM A. Max Bacon City Hall Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

License and Variance Board 10:00 AM A. Max Bacon City Hall Council Chambers

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Downtown Development Authority and
Urban Design Commission
12:00 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
HR Training Room

ADMINISTRATION







Citizens Academy: Smyrna Library and Museum hosted Citizens Academy participants on Tuesday evening. Thank you Mary and Jennie for presenting!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 17 Citations: 70 Warnings: 13

Calls for Service: 563



THANK YOU DISPATCHERS!

THE UNSEEN HEROES OF PUBLIC SAFETY

THE GOLD LINE LIES BETWEEN THE BLUE AND RED.

They are always heard but rarely seen.

They are the heroes behind the scenes.

The calm voice in the dark.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week: Happy National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week 2024! Each year, the second week of April is set aside to recognize 911 Dispatchers across the world. These incredible men and women are first responders, who are rarely seen, but are heroes behind the scenes. They are the calm voice in chaos and a very important component to the public safety family. We would like to take this week to highlight our 911 Dispatchers, our heroes with headsets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Smyrna Public Safety Foundation Golf Tournament: The Smyrna Public Safety Foundation hosted a golf tournament to raise funds for our public safety personnel. Each year, the Public Safety Foundation assists the men and women of police and fire in their times of need. Thank you, Denise, for your hard work and commitment to us.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Open House - New Truck Showcase:

On April 27, the Smyrna Fire Department will be hosting a Community Open House at Fire Station 1 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM where we will be showcasing our new Truck 4!

Weekly Incident Totals

Fire: 0 Medical: 91 Other: 66 Total: 157

Smyrna Fire Department Strategic

Planning: Smyrna Fire is excited to get started on the strategic planning process for 2024-2027, which includes full employee participation in our Pulse Check Survey.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smyrna Safe Business: Smyrna Safe Business is now accepting applications. In its second year, this exciting program is sponsored by the Smyrna Fire Department, Cobb Chamber of Commerce, The Carl Vinson Institute of Government (UGA), and the Smyrna Business Association. For more information, <u>click here.</u>



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Garden Tour Tickets on Sale Now: Tickets to the 2024 Smyrna Garden Tour on Saturday, May 4, are now on sale! Pictured is a sneak peek of the second of the five gardens featured on this year's tour. Some info on this garden:

- This garden is a flower lover's dream with more than 60 peony plants representing at least a dozen varieties.
- It has raised beds for cut flowers, vegetables, and herbs.
- It also has Camellia bushes with blooms that were the inspiration for the rest of this gorgeous garden!

You don't want to miss it! Grab your tickets now (\$20 in advance, \$25 day of): https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/garden-tour/.



Garden Tour Volunteers Needed: The Smyrna Garden Tour is less than three weeks away, and we're still filling volunteer slots, especially in the afternoon. When you volunteer, you get free access to the gardens during the shift you're not working! <u>Sign up to volunteer.</u>

Volunteer Appreciation Event this Weekend: Keep Smyrna Beautiful will host a volunteer appreciation picnic this Saturday, April 20, following the morning Adopt-a-Mile cleanup. Volunteers will accept awards, pick up their 40th anniversary volunteer t-shirts, play games, and enjoy good food! This event runs from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, with a short awards presentation at 12:00 PM. All past and present Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers are invited!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES







Nickajack Elementary Careers on Wheels: Keep Smyrna Beautiful took part in Nickajack Elementary School's Careers on Wheels last Friday. Two hundred and fifty-six students and teachers stopped by the Environmental Services van to learn about the harm litter causes and to practice picking it up and sorting it into trash and recycling!

Recycling Center: This past week, the Smyrna Recycling Center processed 40,076 pounds of material.

Cemetery Cleanup with Smyrna Museum: On Saturday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful partnered with the Smyrna Museum to pick up litter, trim vegetation, and clean headstones at the historic Bethel Cemetery. Nine Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers worked from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to get the cemetery in shape.





Tour with Smyrna First United Methodist (SFUMC) Church Preschool: On Monday, students and 2 teachers from SFUMC preschool toured the Smyrna Recycling Center and took part in a paper recycling activity. Two more groups from SFUMC are planned for this month! 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 environmental education offerings.

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.



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.

Work Orders: Staff resolved issues last week including:

- Water Main Breaks: 1
- Sewer Backups: 4
- Water Service Leaks: 2
- Resolved Work Orders: 75

Water Service Inventory Verification: Water service inventory verification is underway in Ward 7. Homes in Wards 2, 3, 4 and 6 are completed.

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

Annual Water Quality Report Data for 2023: The City of Smyrna is committed to delivering safe water that meets or exceeds federal and state quality standards. <u>Click here to view the 2023 report that covers all testing from January 2023 through December 31, 2023.</u>

PUBLIC WORKS







Community Center Park: Check out the new lighting at the Community Center Park. The lights were installed by Blingle of Marietta and will help light up the playground area and the amphitheater for summer evening entertainment.

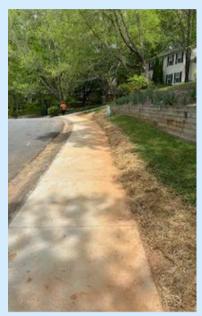
PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Continued work on Chuck Camp Park batting cages
- Began installation of traffic gore on North Cooper Lake Road at Concord Road (pictured)
- Continued work on Vinings North Trail sidewalk installation (pictured)
- Removed fallen trees from the right of way on Church Street, Campbell Road, and Oakdale Road
- Continued work on monthly right-of-way mowing schedule









LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Summer Reading Outreach: Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Power makes many school visits in late spring each year to publicize the upcoming Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Mrs. Rebecca visited a Smyrna Elementary kindergarten class on Friday, April 19, and was interviewed on their morning news. She will be visiting more Smyrna Elementary and Argyle Elementary classes in the coming weeks.



Friends Used Book Sale: The Friends of Smyrna Library generated \$1500 in proceeds from the Spring Used Book Sale on April 13 and 14. The revenue will be used to purchase extra copies of high-demand children's books to get the library ready for summer reading.

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,979 Museum: 12

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM





Cemetery Cleanup: On Saturday, April 13, 11 volunteers from the Smyrna Museum and Keep Smyrna Beautiful helped to clean up Bethel Baptist Cemetery on Woodland Terrace. Fifteen large trash bags were filled, five piles of brush were collected, and twelve headstones were cleaned by these amazing volunteers. We also thank Public Works for picking up the bags and debris. The Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery was first started in 1868.

Staff News

- Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Power (pictured left) attended the Public Library Association annual conference in Columbus, Ohio. She met authors, visited with library industry vendors, gathered programming ideas, and networked with librarians from around the country.
- Technical Services Library Associate Alex Rawls (pictured middle) recently completed an online course offered by the American Library Association which covered in-depth library cataloging, its history, recent changes, and technical topics such as RDA compliance. Alex received a grade of 100!
- Circulation Library Aide Aliana Wong (pictured right) recently celebrated her 5th anniversary with Smyrna Public Library. Aliana is known for her excellent customer service skills. She is an asset to her team in Circulation and to Smyrna Library. Additionally, Aliana is a gifted artist and illustrator. Two books in the library's collection feature her work.







COURT SERVICES

Court on 04/09

Cases: 134

Failures to Appear: 37

Pre-Trials: 35 DUIs Completed: 7

Trials on 04/11

Cases: 2

Failures to Appear: 0 Trials Conducted: 1



PARKS AND RECREATION

Adventure Seekers Camp: This summer Parks and Recreation is introducing a few new camps for the community! Adventure Seekers Camp is a half-day nature camp designed to get kids outdoors, where they'll discover different Smyrna parks and embark on exciting new adventures each day. Campers will hike, play games, learn about the local environment, and develop a love for the outdoors. Camp runs from June 3-7. Click here to register.

Park Discovery Camp: Parks and Recreation's exciting new Park Discovery Camps offer something for every interest! Whether your child is a budding artist, nature enthusiast, junior athlete, or a curious detective-intraining, we have a camp that will spark their imagination and keep them engaged all morning long! Camp runs from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, June 17-21, and you can register per day by clicking here.



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Georgia Explorers Camp: Come along and explore all the excitement Georgia has to offer. This exciting camp runs from July 8-12 from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM each day. Campers will visit nature preserves, hike to one of the largest waterfalls in the state, visit museums, and discover the wonders of art and culture. Register your camper for the field trips that allow them to explore! Cost varies depending upon the field trip.

- Monday: Fernbank Museum
- Tuesday: Marietta Cobb Museum of Art
- Wednesday: Rope's Course & Ziplining
- Thursday: Chick-fil-A Hall of Fame
- Friday: Amicalola Falls



SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION GEORGIA EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

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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 cookout 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bike Rodeo: Calling all cyclists! Smyrna Parks and Recreation is hosting a Bike Rodeo on Sunday, May 19, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Dust the winter off your bicycles and join us in front of Smyrna City Hall for safety checks and tips. Once your bicycle is road-ready, take a test run around our track. This event is free and family-friendly for all ages! We will have giveaways and free helmets for the first 50 participants (sizes will vary). Come out for the Bike Rodeo and enjoy the market for the perfect spring day! Register today for this free event at https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog.



FREE EVENT AT THE SMYRNA MARKET LOCATED IN FRONT OF SMYRNA CITY HALL

Dust the winter off your bicycles for safety checks and tips. Once your bicycle is road ready, take a test run around our track.

We will have giveaways and free helmets for the first 50 participants (sizes will vary).



Lunch on the Lawn: Tired of repeating the same lunch break and want to mix things up? Lunch on the Lawn for 2024 began on Wednesday, April 17, and will be held every other Wednesday in the new Village Green Park in front of the Community Center. There will be yard games, music, and a featured food vendor to purchase lunch and sweet treats at each event. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch. Please note that all Lunch on the Lawn events are weather permitting.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Melissa Gonzalez
Customer Service Receptionist
Administration
Hired: 04/15



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

196 Inspections 78 Sites

Total Estimated
Cost of
Construction:

\$3,585,343.46

Commercial (14)

(1) Accessory Building

 Parks & Rec Construction Projects (2270 Benson Poole Rd SE)

(13) Interior Renovations

• Cortland at the Village x13 Units (2073 Lake Park Dr)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$357.378.04

Pool (1)

(1) In-Ground Pools

• Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$129,420.00

Building Remodel / Residential (13)

- (2) Additions
- (2) Roof replacements/Re-roofs
- (8) New Construction
- (1) Interior Renovation

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,712,124.42

<u>Demo (1)</u>

(1) Full Demolition

Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$31,100.00

Grading(1)

(1) Land Disturbance

Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,355,321.00

HVAC (4) Electrical (3) Plumbing (10) Tree (7) Sign (1)

New Business

SafeSplash Swim School Parker LLC

Sports and Recreation Instruction 1318 Concord Road Ward 6

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