



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Church Redevelopment
Advisory Committee
5:00 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
HR Training Room

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Committee of the Whole
6:30 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
HR Training Room

ADMINISTRATION

Celebrating Excellence in Education: The 2024 Mayor's Education Awards

We rolled out the red carpet and honored the brightest young stars in our community on April 18, 2024! The Mayor's Education Awards celebrates the dedication and achievements of our exceptional students. The awards not only recognize academic excellence, but also highlight the importance of perseverance and leadership. Congratulations to all the deserving recipients of the 2024 Mayor's Education Awards!

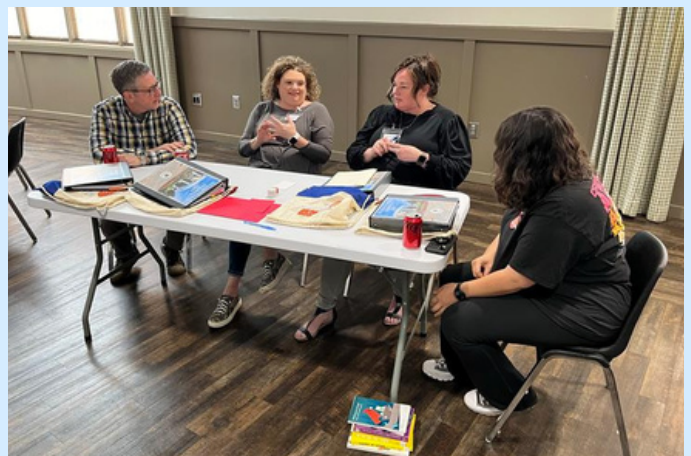


ADMINISTRATION



Mayor of the Day: On Monday, April 22, Lawson Barnes, a first grader at King Springs Elementary School, served as honorary "Mayor of the Day"! Lawson's special day included lunch with the Mayor, tours of City Hall and the Mayor's Office, special experiences with Smyrna Fire and Police Departments (read on for more on those departments), topped off by serving as "Honorary Mayor" at the City Council meeting. Thanks for spending the day with us, Lawson!

Citizens Academy: Parks and Recreation hosted the 2024 Smyrna Citizens Academy at the Community Center on Tuesday night with an interactive game of wits and wagers. Thanks to Parks and Recreation staff for a great night!



ADMINISTRATION

Youth Council: On Wednesday evening, Smyrna Youth Council members visited the Police Department and Fire Station 1 to learn about each department. Police Chief Zgonc held a Q&A and led a tour of the police station. Fire Battalion Chief Farmer and Captain Evangelista gave a background on fire operations and led a fire rescue demonstration. Thanks to both departments for a fantastic last meeting of this year's Youth Council!



Administrative Professionals Day Conference:

Administrative Coordinator Carson Haynie attended the Administrative Professionals Day Conference this week at the University of Georgia. Sessions topics included leadership, customer service, digital expertise and much more. We're excited to see what Carson brings back from training!

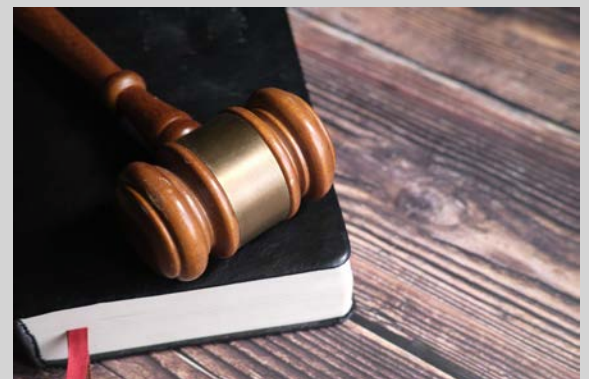
COURT SERVICES

Red Light Camera Court on 4/16

Cases: 8
Failures to Appear: 5
Hearings: 3

Court on 4/18

Cases: 88
Failures to Appear: 23
Pre-Trials: 20
DUIs:1



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 17
 Citations: 84
 Warnings: 21
 Calls for Service: 571

Mayor of the Day: We enjoyed spending time with our Mayor of the Day! Lawson got to meet our officers, spend time in the 911 Center, ride in a marked patrol unit, and hangout in the SWAT truck.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fight For Air Climb 2024



Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 101
 Other: 61
 Total: 163

Fight for Air Climb 2024: The Smyrna Fire Department participated in this year's Fight for Air Climb, hosted by the American Lung Association. Some highlights from SFD:

- Raised \$3950.00 for the American Lung Association
- Numerous medal winners in each age division
- First place in the quick dress competition (Capt. Joe Paul)
- First place overall best times in the Fire Department division

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Mayor of the Day: After having lunch with Mayor Norton, 'Mayor Barnes' got to visit the Fire Department and see how the fire trucks operate, before continuing on his tour of the city and attending the City Council Meeting.

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

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 1
- Water Service Leaks: 7
- Resolved Work Orders: 98

Sewer and Camera Inspection: This technology enables staff to monitor pipelines in real time, assess pipe conditions, and implement corrections as needed.

- Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 are completed
- Ward 7 has begun
- Ward 3 is being completed by a contractor

South Cobb Drive Water Main Replacement: KM Davis Contracting has initiated the replacement of the water main along South Cobb Drive. They have installed 2500 feet of 12-inch pipe and are currently identifying all utilities between King Springs Road and the Emory doctor's office. Upon project completion, they will replace a 20-inch asbestos cement (A/C) water main, currently at a depth of over 25 feet, with a 12-inch ductile iron water main at a depth of 5 feet. The depth of these water mains is critical for maintenance and repair purposes.

Creatwood Water Line Replacement: Ardito Construction is actively engaged in a water line replacement endeavor within the Creatwood subdivision. They are in the process of installing services on Mohawk Place and conducting boring activities on driveways along Creatwood Trail. This project encompasses the replacement of 10,000 linear feet of water main and service lines, forming a crucial part of the project. Please refer to the schedule on the next page for further details.

Water Service Inventory Verification

- Wards 2, 3, 4 and 6 are completed
- Currently working in Ward 7

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recycling Center: This past week, the Smyrna Recycling Center shipped out 7,260 pounds of metal and 516 pounds of hard-to-recycle plastics in HeftyRenew bags.

Tours of the Recycling Center: Monday was Earth Day and that always means a renewed interest in recycling! Since last week, the Smyrna Recycling Center has hosted five tours, including educational activities for students, for 74 children and adults. Groups included: Smyrna First United Methodist Church Preschool, a Girl Scouts troop, Cobb County Schools Vocational Program, a homeschool group, and our monthly public tour of the center, which takes place the third Friday of the month at 9am. [Learn more about KSB's environmental education offerings](#)



Community Cleanup: Students from Cobb County Vocational Program followed their tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center with a litter cleanup along Lake Drive. They picked up 38 pounds of litter, including 10 pounds of recyclable material!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Volunteer Appreciation Event

This past Saturday, 100+ Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers hit the streets to pick up litter. Volunteers included more than a dozen Adopt-A-Mile groups and Community Cleanup volunteers. Afterward, volunteers met up at Tolleson Park for a Great American Cleanup volunteer appreciation picnic. To recognize KSB's milestone 40th anniversary, we also took the opportunity to recognize individuals and groups for their outstanding contribution to KSB in the last year.

Awards

2023 Most Litter Picked Up Award – Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

2023 Rookie of the Year (Group) – KEH Camera

2023 Community Partner Award – Jonquil Garden Club (for their work in the Sensory Garden)

2023 Most Hours Volunteered – David Martin

2023 Most Hours Volunteered – Lee Holden

2023 Most Hours Volunteered – Stephanie Earhart

2023 Rookie of the Year (Individual) – Jenny Anderson

2023 Ready-for-Anything Award – Maria Shiung

Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award (Individual) – Jim Simpson

Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award (Group) – Smyrna Optimist Club



Pictured Left: Julie Barwig, City of Smyrna Environmental Services Director and KSB Executive Director, presenting a Lifetime Achievement Award to Jim Simpson.



Pictured Right: Julie Barwig presenting the 2023 Community Partner Award to members of the Jonquil Garden Club for their work on the Sensory Garden.

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 one of the 5 gardens being featured on this year's tour. In this garden, you won't want to miss:

- The 40-foot woodland shade garden,
- Sedum rock gardens,
- Heirloom daylilies, some of which were planted by the owner's grandmother in 1969, and so much more!

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 two 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! [Sign up to volunteer.](#)

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Pokémon Party: On Monday, April 15, young Pokémon trainers stopped by Smyrna Library's Pokémon Party and created terrariums for their favorite Pokémon, made Pokémon themed crafts, and played Pokémon party games. Gotta catch 'em all.



Swiftie Bracelets: On Thursday, April 18, Swifties of all ages came out to make friendship bracelets at Smyrna Library in anticipation of Taylor Swift's new album release.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Arboretum Walk: In celebration of Earth Month, Smyrna Library hosted a walk around Smyrna Pond and Arboretum led by City Arborist Lacey Fournier on Friday, April 19. Ms. Fournier discussed how she evaluates the health of trees, how to plant and care for them, and how to spot signs of trouble. Participants were thrilled to learn Ms. Fournier makes house calls. The most unexpected participant was a Canada Goose who walked with us for about 15 minutes of the tour.

Weekly Visitors
 Library: 3,540
 Museum: 12



Genealogy Visitor: One of our museum visitors was a man traveling from Sydney, Australia, who was researching his genealogy. He is related to the Poss family, who has many members buried in Daniell Cemetery, in the Bennett Woods neighborhood. The Smyrna Museum has records on every cemetery in Cobb County, as well as advice on how to find more genealogy resources in our area.

COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA CEMETERIES		LOCATION: DANIELL CEMETERY		
ID...	FULL NAME.....	PLOT D O BIRTH..	D O DEATH..	COMMENTS.....
17658	LESTER Infant	1 10 FEB 1909		
17659	PEACOCK W.S.	09 MAY 1909	02 NOV 1962	"Our Father"
17660	PEACOCK Linda Lou	08 DEC 1948		"Our Darling"
17661				Small grave bordered by bricks
17662				Two adult graves - no identification
17663				Baby
17664	RAINWATER Ethel L.	19 OCT 1900	31 MAY 1975	
17665	RAINWATER Ethan Sr.	13 SEP 1897	02 OCT 1956	
17666				Four graves - appear to be children's
17667	POSS J.M.	1840	1917	
17668	POSS M.J.	1839	1901	
17669				Head and footstones of infant grave
17670	POSS Mollie	1887	1906	
17671	POSS Leonora	1899	1903	
17672	POSS Infant	02 APR 1908		
17673	POSS Infant	13 APR 1899		
17674	POSS Charlie	11 AUG 1855	03 NOV 1907	
17675				Headstone no identification
17676	POSS George	1905		Child
17677	POSS Mabel	1893		
17678	POSS W.R.	1896	1898	
17679	BURKE Willie	1903		
17680	POSS M.A.	1830	1897	
17681	POSS Bettie	1851	1897	
17682	TOLISON Daniel J.	1879	1887	
17683	TOLISON John F.	1822	1886	
17684				Five head and footstones - no identification



PARKS AND RECREATION



Lake Court Park Maintenance: Lake Court Park playground received a fantastic refresh. Jeff Moss, part of Parks Maintenance staff, replaced the wooden fence at the playground after he and other staff removed the old fence. This will improve the look and safety of the playground for everyone.

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVENTURE SEEKERS
SUMMER CAMP

Our half-day nature camp is 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 outdoor.

JUNE 3RD - JUNE 7TH
9AM - 12PM

\$100 per camper, \$15 sibling discount
 Ages 5 - 12

Register at smyrnaga.gov

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 through June 7. [Register today!](http://smyrnaga.gov)

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION
PARK DISCOVERY
SUMMER CAMP

Our 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-in-training, we have a camp that will spark their imagination and keep them engaged all morning long!

JUNE 17TH - JUNE 21ST
9AM - 12PM

- Sports Camp
- Mystery & Clue Camp
- Art in the Park Camp
- Nature Camp

Register for one camp each day!
 \$20 per camper each day, ages 5 - 12

Register at smyrnaga.gov

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-in-training, we have a camp that will spark their imagination and keep them engaged all morning long! Camp runs from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, June 17 through 21, and you can [register per day](http://smyrnaga.gov).

PARKS AND RECREATION

Georgia Explorers Camp: Come along and explore all the excitement Georgia has to offer. This exciting camp runs from July 8 through 12 from 10:00 AM to 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
BIKE RODEO
Sunday,
May 19th
10am-2pm

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).

Bike Rodeo: Calling all cyclists! Smyrna Parks and Recreation is hosting a Bike Rodeo on Sunday, May 19, from 10:00 AM to 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.



SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION
GEORGIA EXPLORERS
SUMMER CAMP

Come along and explore all the excitement Georgia has to offer. We will visit nature preserves, hike to one of the largest waterfalls in the state, visit museums, and discover the wonders of art and culture

JULY 8TH - JULY 12TH
10AM - 4PM

Register for one day or multiple!
Price varies per field trip, ages 5 - 12

Register at smyrnaga.gov

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.



RECREATE
Smyrna
Parks & Recreation

LUNCH
On the Lawn

Every Other Wednesday

Take a break from your workday and join us for yard games, a food vendor and hanging out with the community on the new green space in front of the Community Center from 11am-1pm!
*This event will be weather dependent.

FREE TO ATTEND

smyrnaga.gov

PARKS AND RECREATION



Parents Night Out: Need an evening to yourself? Have your children join Parks and Recreation for an indoor camp-out! Children will enjoy a cook-out dinner, eat s'mores, and explore the outdoors near our pond and nature trail. This event will take place on May 3 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center and the cost is \$30 per child, ages 4 to 12. Please note that children must be fully potty trained. [Register today.](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Welcome to Smyrna!



DeAjah Robinson
 Communications
 Officer
 Police
 Hired: 4/22/24



Eric Schum
 Police Officer
 Police
 Hired: 4/22/24



Trenten McPherson
 Police Officer
 Police
 Hired: 4/22/24



Kenton Kirby
 Police Officer
 Police
 Hired: 4/22/24

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

188 Inspections

83 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$682,080.00

Commercial (18)

(18) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x17 (2099 Lake Park Dr)
- Team Rehabilitation (2790 Cumberland Blvd)

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$447,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (9)

(3) Additions

- (2) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
- (2) Interior Renovations
- (2) Other

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$235,080.00

HVAC (6) Electrical (0) Plumbing (3) Tree (3) Sign (1)

New Businesses

Leah F. Jones Architects

Architectural Services
Home Business
Ward 4

TELADATA COMMUNICATIONS

LLC
Data Communications
Home Business
Ward 4

China Wok

Full-Service Restaurants
4480 S Cobb Dr SE, STE R
Ward 6

BLUE DREAM

Tobacco, Electronic Cigarette, and
Other Smoking Supplies Retailers
3150 Highlands Pkwy SE, STE 204
Ward 7

Face First Esthetics

Beauty Salons
3040 Highlands Pkwy SE, STE C
Ward 7

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