



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

ADMINISTRATION

Rebuilding Together Atlanta Day of Service: As part of the city's CDBG Home Repair Program, Rebuilding Together Atlanta organized two days of service last week to provide minor home repairs and cleanup to a longtime Smyrna resident. Floor & Decor executives volunteered last Thursday and UKG employees from various departments volunteered last Friday. Between the two days, more than 30 people volunteered over 135 hours, eliminating many health and safety hazards. Thank you to Rebuilding Together Atlanta, Floor & Decor, and UKG for assisting our community.



Citizens Academy: Citizens Academy participants met with Julie Barwig on Tuesday evening to learn about Environmental Services and Keep Smyrna Beautiful. They were given a presentation and a tour of the Recycling Center. Thank you Julie for presenting!

Youth Council: Members of the Smyrna Youth Council gave a "Year in Review" presentation to Mayor and Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday evening! We are proud of this year's Youth Council and all that they have accomplished in the community throughout the year!



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Visit from Katherin Glock: The Police Department was honored when Katherin Glock stopped by to visit this week to take a tour of our facilities and spend time with the people who work here including K9 Max and our fantastic team of dispatchers.



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24
Citations: 111
Warnings: 48
Calls for Service: 665

Fun Run: Officer Smith attended the Smyrna Elementary School Fun Run and talked to the students about safety.

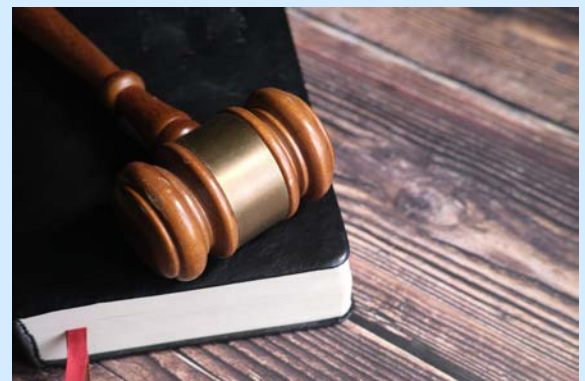
COURT SERVICES

Court on 4/23

Cases: 122
Failures to Appear: 49
Pre-Trials: 32
DUIs Completed: 7

Court on 4/25

Cases: 92
Failures to Appear: 22
Pre-Trials: 26
DUIs Completed: 1



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Community Open House: On April 27, the Smyrna Fire Department held a Community Open House, where we thoroughly interacted with our citizens. We unveiled our new Truck 4, provided station tours, gave an extrication simulation, and allowed people to try on our turn-out gear.



Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 1
 Medical: 94
 Other: 40
 Total: 135

PUBLIC WORKS

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

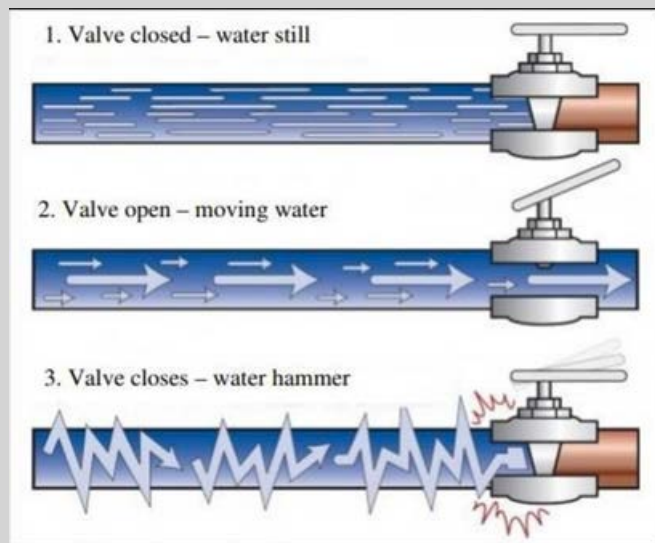
- Completing the Vinings North Trail sidewalk project (pictured left)
- Continuing work on the Brinkley Park batting cages (pictured right)
- Repaired driveway aprons on West Cooper Lake Road, Cumberland Valley Place, and Howell Drive
- Repaired sidewalk trip hazards on North Cooper Lake Road
- Repaired asphalt on Cumberland Valley Place, Windy Hill Road, Pierce Avenue, and Gilbert Street
- Continued on monthly right-of-way mowing and trimming schedule



WATER DISTRIBUTION

Customer Tip: We've all heard it before: that slight knocking sound coming from the pipes in your house or the inlet pipe as the water rushes through, traveling to its next destination. The knocking could be a hydraulic surge otherwise known as a water hammer. So, what exactly is a water hammer? It is a rapid change of pressure in a pipe system that can have devastating consequences.

So now you may be asking yourself, what causes the hydraulic surging? There are a couple of causes, one being the rapid starting or stopping of the water main. Another cause of hydraulic surging is the rapid opening or closing of fire hydrants throughout the system. Therefore, it is always recommended that valves or hydrants be opened or closed slowly. An illustrated example is pictured right. Lastly, a hydraulic surge can be caused by malfunctioning equipment or by general human error.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Tours of the Smyrna Recycling Center: Since last Monday, we've had two more tours of the Smyrna Recycling Center. The Kiwanis Club of Smyrna toured the center on Tuesday and our final class from Smyrna First United Methodist Church Preschool visited on Thursday. The preschoolers also participated in a paper recycling activity. In April alone, 160 people toured the center to learn how to recycle better! Learn more about KSB's environmental education offerings.

Recycling Center: This past week, the Smyrna Recycling Center shipped out 28,900 pounds of glass, 15,574 pounds of cardboard, 7,338 pounds of mixed paper, 2,640 pounds of cooking oil, 1,684 pounds of fluorescent bulbs, 950 pounds of paint, 670 pounds of #1 plastic, 634 pounds of #2 plastic, 372 pounds of hard-to-recycle plastics, and 300 pounds of clothing donations to the Kidney Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Jonquil Festival: At last weekend's Jonquil Festival, KSB volunteers collected 16 bags of recyclable material totaling 110 pounds at the event. They also reached 447 people who visited the KSB booth to test their knowledge, buy garden tour tickets, and learn about how to keep Smyrna clean, green, and beautiful.

THE SMYRNA GARDEN TOUR IS THIS SATURDAY!

We're so excited for Saturday's Smyrna Garden Tour! The gardens are amazing, but don't forget about the festivities at Taylor-Brawner House! Ticketholders to the 2024 Smyrna Garden Tour will not only visit 5 fabulous Smyrna gardens, but they'll also enjoy:

- A fantastic lineup of local musicians from 10:30 AM-3:00 PM
- A Tea Room with to-die-for culinary delights for ticketholders from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Plant Sale on the porch of Taylor-Brawner House, open to the public, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Grab your tickets now (\$20 in advance, \$25 day of): <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/garden-tour/>.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



School Visits and Tours: Youth Services Librarian Rebecca Power has hosted six kindergarten classes from Smyrna Elementary in April. After reading story time, Mrs. Rebecca talks about the library and the summer reading challenge. The groups then go on a tour of Youth Services before walking back to school. Smyrna Elementary, being the closest school geographically to the library, has made this field trip an annual event since 2017.



Library Staff Development Day: On Friday, April 26, Smyrna Library closed early for a half day of staff training. Presentations included news from the Public Library Association conference, details about Summer Reading events and reading incentives, and changes to GALILEO and mobile printing.

Weekly Visitors
 Library: 3,099
 Museum: 17

Jonquil Festival: Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge and members of the Smyrna Historical Society manned a booth at the Jonquil Festival over the weekend. It was a great opportunity to tell the public about the museum and enjoy the new greenspace.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

New Temporary Exhibit: This week, Jennie Eldredge is preparing for the installation of the new temporary exhibit: *A Mind Without Rhythm: Brawner Hospital and Mental Health in Smyrna*. Exhibit mounts must be made of conservation-quality material so they can safely hold the exhibit artifacts. We use undyed, unbleached, cotton fabric to create backing for pins and other jewelry items, hand-cut acrylic covers for paper artifacts, and brass wire to create mountings to hold objects in place. The new exhibit will debut on Saturday, May 18 from 2:00-4:00 PM.



PARKS AND RECREATION

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!

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.

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 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

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-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.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Lunch on the Lawn: Tired of repeating the same lunch break and want to mix things up? Lunch on the Lawn for 2024 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

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SMYRNA PARKS & REC

Friday, May
3
5PM - 8PM

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: 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-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.](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION



Chuck Camp Park Playground:
 Construction on the 2-5-year-old playground at Chuck Camp Park is underway. GameTime is making great progress on the new addition to the park. The space will certainly add to the fun for smaller kids when families visit the park!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Commercial (1)

- (1) Interior Renovations
 - Palm 78 (6025 Riverview Rd, BLDG 5000, STE 272)
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
 \$250,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (13)

- (1) Addition
 - (2) Interior Renovation
 - (4) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
 - (6) New Construction
 - Rowan Walk
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
 \$2,043,844.50

Weekly Inspections:

204 Inspections
 74 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,293,844.50

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

New Businesses

ATL Wings & Seafood

Limited-Service Restaurants
 3315 S Cobb Drive, STE 1000
 Ward 3

Triple J Painting

Painting and Wall Covering Contractors
 Home Business
 Ward 5

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