



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, May 13, 2024

Planning and Zoning Commission
6:00 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Thursday, May 16, 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 the Police Department on Tuesday evening. They were given a presentation and a tour of the facility. Thank you to everyone at the Police Department who hosted!



Smyrna Youth Council: Smyrna Youth Council members celebrated the end of a successful year at Top Golf on Tuesday evening! Thank you to all of our members for making this a great year. We can't wait to see what they accomplish next year!

COURT SERVICES

Court on 4/30

Cases: 77
 Failures to Appear: 22
 Pre-Trials: 16
 DUIs Completed: 2

Court on 5/2

Cases: 79
 Failures to Appear: 26
 Pre-Trials: 28
 DUIs Completed: 1



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Child Safety Seat Install: On May 4, the Smyrna Fire Department held a child safety seat check event at Station 3. Within a few hours, our nationally certified technicians safely installed 38 child safety seats.

Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 3
 Medical: 97
 Other: 70
 Total: 170

2024 Morgan Falls Hydroelectric Project: On June 4 and July 9, Smyrna Fire Department's Emergency Management will be hosting, in conjunction with Georgia Power, a tabletop exercise in regards to the Emergency Action Plan for the Morgan Falls Dam. This event will take place at the Smyrna Community Center from 7:30 AM-1:30 PM.

PRESENTING TOGETHER AND

Southern Company

SMYRNA FIRE DEPT.

JUNE 4TH & JULY 9TH

2024 Morgan Falls Hydroelectric Project Emergency Action Plan

Smyrna Community Center

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Work Orders

- Water Main Breaks: 1
- Sewer Backups: 2
- Water Service Leaks: 1
- Resolved Work Orders: 36

Water Service Inventory Verification

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

Water and Sewer staff take immense pride in the installation, repair, and upkeep of 150 miles of sewer pipes and 250 miles of water main pipes throughout the city. Currently serving 15,237 customers, our staff is committed to delivering exceptional service that goes above and beyond, ensuring a safe and clean water supply to every customer.

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.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Customer Tips

Designing a Water-Wise Irrigation System

Here's how to keep your landscape from soaking you! A properly designed drip irrigation system will save you time and money because your system will be more efficient and won't waste water. Learn more about [irrigation design](#) and [irrigation installation](#) in this AMWUA Xeriscape guide. Here are our favorite design tips:

- Use separate valves for turf and plant areas. Group plants with similar water needs on the same valve. Ideally, trees should be on a separate valve from shrubs and groundcover.
- Make sure a backflow preventer is installed to prevent irrigation water from backing up into your home drinking water supply.
- Avoid oddly shaped or narrow turf areas (under 10 feet wide). These are difficult to water efficiently.
- Install emitters around the dripline of the plant, which is the area under the outside of the plant canopy. Install enough emitters at the correct sizes to wet the root zone. At maturity, large trees may require 12 or more emitters. Small or newly planted trees may only need 3 – 5 emitters. Visit our online [Plant Watering Guide](#) for more detail.
- When installing a drip system, don't exceed 200 feet of poly tubing from valve to end cap. Don't exceed a total flow of 200 gallons per hour per valve.
- Don't extend micro-tubing (spaghetti line) more than 6 feet.



Tips for Different Irrigation Systems

Sprinkler Systems

- Sprinklers can use up to 13 gallons a minute, so be sure to set them properly to give your grass the right amount of water and adjust the frequency as weather conditions change.
- Water early in the morning to reduce the evaporation rate.
- If water runs off your yard, split your watering times into two or more sessions.

Drip Irrigation

- This system is good for a small yard or for watering individual plants.
- Drip irrigation is highly effective at supplying one to four gallons of water per hour directly to the soil.
- The advantage of drip irrigation over sprinklers is that there is little water loss due to evaporation or runoff.

Hand Watering

- The simplest and most common irrigation system is a garden hose or a portable sprinkler.
- The advantage of hand watering is that you can easily avoid over watering.
- Use a nozzle to control the flow.

Bubblers

- Bubbler flow rates are in the range of 2 gallons per minute.
- They work well for fruit trees as it floods the entire root system.
- A border or berm will be required to hold the water as it fills up a basin around the plant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 26
 Citations: 151
 Warnings: 41
 Calls for Service: 711

National Corrections Week: In celebration of National Corrections Week, Major Harris honored our detention staff with lunch for all four shifts. We thank our jail staff for their hard work to keep our jail running smoothly.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Adopt-a-Mile: Two Adopt-a-Mile groups did make-up miles this past weekend. Altogether, Nelms Lodge #343 and BSA Troop 1 picked up a total of 12 bags and 180 pounds of litter on Saturday!

Monthly Recycling Center Tour: The Smyrna Recycling Center offers free monthly tours from 9:00 AM on the third Friday of every month. The next tour is coming up on Friday, May 17. [Sign up for an upcoming tour here.](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Smyrna Garden Tour: Keep Smyrna Beautiful hosted its annual Smyrna Garden Tour last Saturday. Almost 60 volunteers donated their time and energy to ensure that over 260 guests had an amazing experience visiting 5 fabulous, private gardens in Smyrna, as well as the Tea Room and Plant Sale at Taylor-Brawner House. Guests at the Tea Room were also able to enjoy the music of local artists, including the CHS Jazz Band, throughout the day.

HUMAN RESOURCES



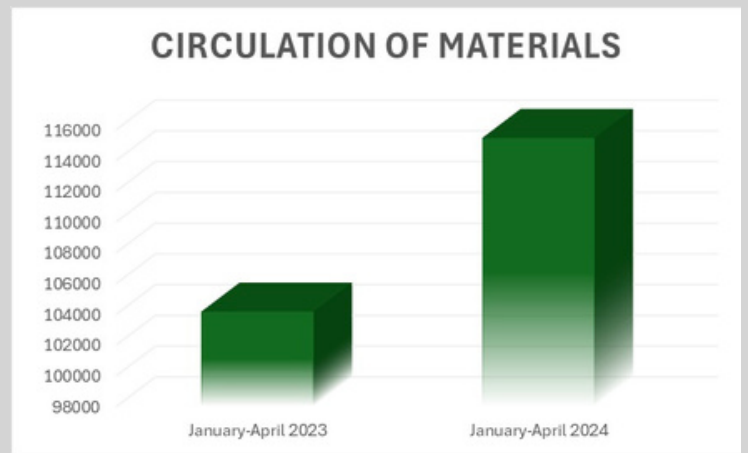
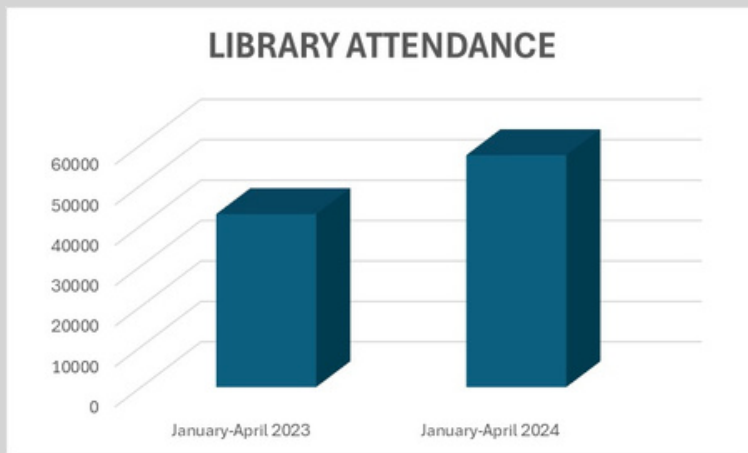
Triston Roberts
Parks Maintenance Technician I
Parks and Recreation
Hired: 04/29

WELCOME TO
Smyrna!

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



First Sunday Lecture: At the Sunday Lecture on May 5, local historian William Marchione discussed the major news and events of Smyrna in the 1960s; a time in which the city's population doubled, straining the ability of the community to provide enough housing, schools, churches, water, and roadways. Sunday's audience included natives, newcomers, and KSU Professor Emeritus of History Dr. Tom Scott. Pictured left is Smyrna native Mike Terry sharing memories of Smyrna in the 60s. Seated to his right is Professor Tom Scott.



Circulation and Visitors: 2024 is proving to be Smyrna Library's best year ever for circulation of materials. Walk-in traffic has spiked dramatically. April 2024 had a 55% increase in attendance over April 2023, and 2024 has seen a 34% increase over January-April 2023 in attendance. Circulation of materials in 2024 is up 11% over January-April 2023. Seven of the last eight months have broken all-time monthly records for the circulation of materials.

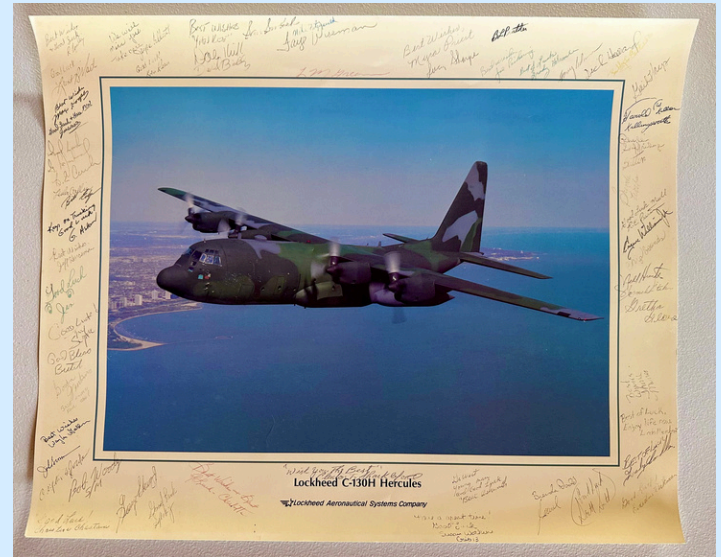
LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,099

Museum: 16

Museum Donation: Last week, the Smyrna Museum received a donation from a man whose father worked at Lockheed for 41 years. His coworkers signed this print of a C-130 H Hercules plane manufactured by Lockheed to celebrate his retirement. Lockheed was a major employer for many Smyrna residents like Mr. Piel, and this donation will help tell the story of Lockheed's importance to the local area.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Joyshops Workshops: Summer Gardens:

Join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, June 22 at the Smyrna Community Center for a new program you don't want to miss! KinJoy is a small business based in Georgia dedicated to promoting wellness and joy through interactive workshops and programs. Their JoyShops are designed to provide an inclusive approach to well-being by incorporating elements of crafting, mindfulness, and community engagement. June's JoyShop is Summer Gardens, an instructor-led flower arrangement workshop that will take place from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The class is \$55 per person and all materials are included in the cost of the class. [Register today!](#)

Stop The Bleed First Aid Training: If you are a staff member who signed up for the First Aid Training offered at the Community Center, don't forget your scheduled time! Training is being offered Monday, May 13 at 2:00 PM and Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 AM. Registration for both dates are full.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Smyrna Market: The Smyrna Market kicked off the 2024 season on Sunday, May 5. An amazing 72 vendors were on hand in the Market Village to sell their products. Products included tasty foods like tamales, organic snacks, and crafty ideas for your home. Stop by each Sunday from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, through October 20 to shop for your special find.



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



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.](#)

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.



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

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

North Cooper Lake Park Pavilion: Parks and Recreation celebrated the long-awaited grand opening of the pavilion at North Cooper Lake Park on April 29! On hand to cut the ribbon were City Administrator Joe Bennett, Parks and Recreation Director and Interim Assistant City Administrator Richard Garland, Ward 6 Councilmember Tim Gould, Ward 4 Councilmember Corkey Welch, Ward 3 Councilmember Travis Lindley, Public Works Assistant Director Paul Osburn, Creel Project Manager Ben Bloomingthal, and several Parks and Recreation staff members. The pavilion at North Cooper Lake Park is the second largest in the city, accommodating up to 80 guests, holding only slightly less capacity than the Tolleson Park pavilion which holds 100 guests. The pavilion is a spectacular space and is already one of the city's most requested park pavilions. Stop by and visit North Cooper Lake Park and enjoy the outdoors at its finest!



Park Updates: There are updates happening in several parks around the city including:

- New paint at the Ward Park field house
- Updates to the 2-5-year-old playground at Chuck Camp Park
- Progress with the Brinkley Park batting cages
- New signs were installed at Burger Park and Lake Court Dog Park so that visitors are aware of the rules for their pets when visiting
- Jonquil Park will be closed so that Deluxe Athletics can begin turf installation on May 8
- Cobb Park restrooms are closed for an emergency repair

DOG ETIQUETTE IN THE PARKS

WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND

1 CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR FRIEND
Leaving your dog's waste is not only uncourteous, but unsanitary. All of Smyrna's Parks are equipped with bags and waste stations for your convenient use.

2 KEEP DOGS ON LEASHES

It's the law, but also good manners. If you would like to play off-leash, please go to one of Smyrna's Dog Parks at Lake Court Park or Burger Park. Other people don't know about your dog's training, and might be walking a dog with reactivity or anxiety issues, or they may be afraid of dogs themselves.

3 RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

While enjoying public space on your walks please be mindful of plants and flowers your dog may want to explore. Landscaped areas are easily damaged by pet waste and digging. Please stay on trails and pathways.

4 SUPERVISE YOUR DOG

Spending time with your dog in the company of others is a joy, but it is also a big responsibility. Limiting your distractions will prevent missing something really fun or really dangerous. Stay in tune with the behavior of your dog.

5 OBEY THE RULES

Your dog may be smart, but he/she can't read. It's your responsibility to read and obey all posted rules. Clean up after pets, wait to visit the park until you're confident in your ability to control your dog reliably, and keep dogs in season and sick dogs at home.

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

209 Inspections
78 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,273,215.20

Commercial (5)

- (2) Interior Renovations
 - Cortland at the Village x1 Unit (2095 Lake Park Dr)
 - Ruby's Pizza (1625 Roswell ST STE 200)
 - (1) Racking System
 - DPR Construction (1885 Mitchell Rd STE 100)
 - (1) Roof Replacement/Re-roof
 - 2655 S Cobb Dr
 - (1) Other
 - Parks & Rec Construction Projects (2861 Atlanta Rd)
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$215,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (14)

- (1) Addition
 - (5) Interior Renovation
 - (6) New Construction
 - (2) Roof Replacement/Re-roof
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$1,599,215.20

Grading (1)

- (1) Land Disturbance
 - The Chadwick (3302 Atlanta Rd)
- Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$459,000.00

HVAC (5) Electrical (2) Plumbing (1) Tree (3) Sign (3)

New Business

Tioram Homes LLC
Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 7

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