



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

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

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

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

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

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

# ADMINISTRATION



**Citizens Academy:** The Fire Department hosted Citizens Academy participants on Tuesday night for their last session of the year! They were given a presentation, a tour of Station 1, and a demonstration from firefighters. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a fun session!

**Racial Trust Building Initiative: Breakfast Speaker Series:** As part of the city's Racial Trust Building Initiative, the City of Smyrna is hosting its next Breakfast Speaker Series on Wednesday, May 22 from 7:30-9:00 AM. at the Smyrna Community Center. The Breakfast Speaker Series invites qualified guest speakers to engage audiences in community issues.

Our guest speaker will be Jeriene Bonner-Willis, President of the Cobb County NAACP.

Registration is free and open to the community. Breakfast will be served. Attendance is limited, so [please register to reserve your spot.](#)



## City of Smyrna Racial Trust Building Initiative Breakfast Speaker Series

Guest Speaker: Jeriene Bonner-Willis, President of  
Cobb County NAACP

Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Smyrna Community Center  
1250 Powder Springs St SE, Smyrna, GA

Attendance is free, but space is limited  
RSVP on Eventbrite: [SmyrnaRTBMay22.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/smyrna-rtb-may-22-2024-tickets-744444444444)

# COURT SERVICES

## Court on 5/7

Cases: 88  
 Failures to Appear: 20  
 Pre-Trials: 38  
 DUIs Completed: 4



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 5  
 Medical: 90  
 Other: 50  
 Total: 145

**Leadership Cobb Program:** Congratulations to Smyrna Fire Chief Brian Marcos (Leadership Cobb 2017) and Capital City Bank Vice President Betsy Madreronh (Leadership Cobb 2015) for Co-Chairing the 2024 Leadership Cobb Program and graduating 54 business/community leaders this past Friday!

One of the initiatives the Leadership Cobb 2024 class took on was to make a charitable donation to a deserving nonprofit on behalf of all the guest speakers. The class raised over \$7,000 and presented a check to CEO Scott Johnson with The Warrior Alliance at graduation. The Warrior Alliance is an organization supporting our veterans across the state.

Building lasting partnerships is one of Smyrna Fire Department’s vision priorities. Thank you, Chief, for leading the way.



**Metro Atlanta Fire Fighters Conference:** Smyrna Fire Department Instructor Cadre is set to host a regionally attended class this Friday at the “Yard” here in the City of Smyrna. The Metro Atlanta Firefighters Conference brings fire service professionals from across the United States. [Click here to see Smyrna Fire Department instructors in action.](#)

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Weekly Police Totals**  
 Arrests: 27  
 Citations: 160  
 Warnings: 39  
 Calls for Service: 634

**National Police Week:** This week we are honoring our law enforcement officers and their commitment to serving and protecting our community. We began the week with a brisket cookoff and Deputy Chief Binicewicz won the trophy, but we all got to enjoy some tasty brisket and sides.



**Steve Branyon's Retirement:** Park Ranger Steve Branyon retired from the Smyrna Police Department on May 8. Congratulations Steve!

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Garden Tour Photos:** Photos by Phillip Hannaford from the gorgeous 2024 Smyrna Garden Tour are now available to view [on Facebook](#).



**Keep Georgia Beautiful Conference:** Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful Coordinator Eloise Holland participated in the 2024 Keep Georgia Beautiful Conference on Jekyll Island to learn new skills and gain insights on best practices among other Georgia affiliates.

**Community Cleanup on Windy Hill:** Three Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 46 pounds of litter, including 10 pounds of recyclable material and countless cigarette butts last Monday on Windy Hill Road from Village Parkway to Cobb Parkway.



**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 this Friday, May 17. [Sign up for an upcoming tour here.](#)

# WATER DISTRIBUTION



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

## Work Orders

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

**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.

## Did You Know?

Water leaks can lead to many problems, resulting in costly repairs and potentially irreversible damage to your property. Leaks can also significantly inflate water bills due to wasted resources. The City of Smyrna has a leak adjustment policy to assist customers with high water bills from service line breaks on the customer side of meters. Utility customers may download and review the policy and [complete the leak adjustment form](#).

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Olivia Andersen**  
Information Systems Specialist  
Information Technology  
Hired: 05/10



**Nicholas Jones**  
Police Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 05/13

WELCOME TO

*Smyrna!*

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Smyrna Museum New Exhibit:** Join the Smyrna Museum on Saturday, May 18, from 2:00-4:00 PM for an opening reception for the new exhibit *A Mind Without Rhythm: Brawner Hospital and Mental Health in Smyrna*. There will be refreshments sponsored by the Smyrna Historical Society.



**SMYRNA MUSEUM NEW EXHIBIT**

**"A Mind Without Rhythm: Brawner Hospital and Mental Health in Smyrna"**

Saturday, May 18 2-4 p.m.

2861 Atlanta Rd. Smyrna, GA 30080



Enjoy an opening reception with refreshments sponsored by the Smyrna Historical Society while you learn about mental health history in Smyrna.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



## Staff Visit Baker & Taylor

**Warehouse:** Baker & Taylor is the library's main book supplier. On May 8 and May 9, library staff members were able to visit the warehouse in Commerce, Georgia, for a special tour followed by lunch. The tour explained the entire process of how books are received from publishers, stowed, inventoried, picked, packed, and shipped to libraries. Staff members were able to meet customer service representatives and learn ways to resolve claims and other issues more quickly.

## Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,206

Museum: 17

**Wire Jewelry Workshop:** On Friday, May 10, the Adult Services team presented a wire jewelry-making workshop for adults, just in time for Mother's Day. Participants learned about jewelry-making tools and techniques, and then made matching rings and earrings. Some participants made them for themselves, and others planned to give them to loved ones. The library has lots of how-to books on jewelry-making and other crafts in the 740s.



Adult Craft Workshop: Wire Jewelry



**Argyle Elementary School Visits Library:** On Thursday, May 9, sixty-eight 1st graders from Argyle Elementary visited Smyrna Library for a storytime and tour. They also learned about the upcoming summer reading program. Their field trip was meant to include a picnic lunch on the new greenspace, but Mother Nature had other plans. Mrs. Rebecca let each student choose an honor book to take home. While waiting to return to school, the children enjoyed their new books.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Theater Camp:** Introducing our newest summer camp: Theater Camp! Parks and Recreation has teamed up with a local performing arts school, Michael Karl Studios, to provide children with an exceptional theater experience the week of July 22-26! Theater Camp will be an exclusive one-week camp at the end of the summer that your theater-loving campers won't want to miss! End the summer on an impactful and positive note that will have your campers talking about all they learned and how much fun they had at camp!



**DATE**  
JULY 22 - 26

**TIME**  
9:00AM-4:00 PM

**AT SMYRNA  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**MKS PERFORMING ARTS**  
MICHAELKARLSTUDIO.COM

**BROADWAY BOUND  
SUMMER CAMP**

**AGES 5-8 & 9-12**

Get ready to sing loudly, move confidently, and act believably onstage. In this one-week camp, we will be learning songs and scenes from hit musicals that will be performed in a final showcase at the end of the week.



KinJoy Events Presents

**SUMMER GARDENS**

CREATE YOUR OWN FLORAL BOUQUET!

**Sunday, June 22, 2024**  
**11am- 1pm**

Register at [Smyrnaga.gov](http://Smyrnaga.gov)

## 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!](#)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Smyrna Market:** Stop by the Smyrna Market every Sunday from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM, through October 20, in the Market Village. Vendors have homemade bread, frozen treats, well-crafted artwork, and so much more!



**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](http://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](http://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 this 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](http://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

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

- Deluxe Athletics began work on the turf field project at Jonquil Park. Construction is expected to take a couple of months and the park will be closed until the project is completed.
- The batting cages at Brinkley Park are in progress as contractors await materials.



**Open Gym:** Open Gym in the Smyrna Community Center is a fun time for school-age children to enjoy playing basketball with their friends. Last week, participants were able to sign up for a three-point contest and winners were awarded Chick-fil-A gift cards. Israel Burney (pictured left) came in first place and Nino Thomas (pictured right) took second place. The contest allowed for friendly competition and gave the players something to look forward to.

**Blanket Concert Series:** Join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, May 18, at Village Green Park for music and fun at the Blanket Concert Series featuring Tray Dahl & The Jugtime Ragband. Bring your blanket and snacks to enjoy this free concert. Music begins at 6:30 PM!



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



### Weekly Inspections:

159 Inspections  
70 Sites

### Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,806,048.86

### Commercial (8)

- (1) Accessory Building
  - West Smyrna Swim & Tennis Club (3816 W Cooper Lake Dr)
- (1) Solar Panels/Generators
  - T-Mobile (2380 Cobb Pkwy SE)
- (6) Interior Renovations
  - Cortland at the Village x5 Units (2065 Lake Park Dr)
  - Griffin Middle School (4010 King Spring Rd)

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$627,506.00

### Building Remodel/Residential (11)

- (2) Additions
  - (4) Interior Renovations
  - (4) New Construction
  - (1) Roof replacement/re-roof
- Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$2,028,542.86

### Pool (1)

- (1) In-ground
    - Rowan Walk (2320 Campbell Rd)
- Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$150,000

**HVAC (11)   Electrical (4)   Plumbing (7)   Tree (1)   Sign (1)**

## New Business

**Amethyst Psychological Services**  
Offices of Mental Health Practitioners  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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