



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, August 5, 2024

Planning & Zoning Commission
Cancelled
Next Meeting is scheduled for
September 9, 2024

Monday, August 5, 2024

Parks & Recreation Commission
6:30-8:30 PM
Oak Room
Smyrna Community Center

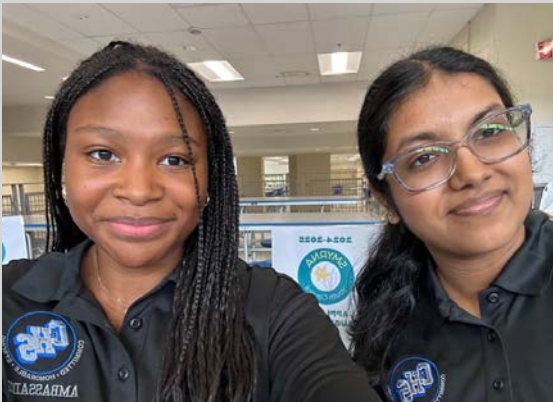
Thursday, August 8, 2024

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

ADMINISTRATION

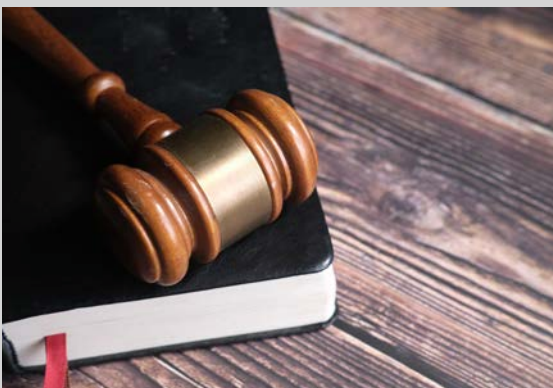


Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: We were thrilled to partner once again with the Smyrna Business Association for our annual Campbell High School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on August 31! It was a fantastic day filled with fun trivia, amazing prizes, and delicious food as we welcomed the dedicated teachers of CHS back to school!



Smyrna Youth Council: Smyrna Youth Council members advertised 2024-2025 applications at Campbell High School's "This is Sparta" event on July 30! Applications are open now through August 23, and can be found [here](#).

COURT SERVICES



Court on 7/23

Cases: 85
Failures to Appear: 19
Pre-Trials: 30
DUIs Completed: 0

Court on 7/25

Cases: 83
Failures to Appear: 10
Pre-Trials: 20
DUIs Completed: 2

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 27
 Citations: 81
 Warnings: 15
 Calls for Service: 570

Smyrna Police Department at Kiwanis Club: Lisa Lee spoke to members and future members of the Kiwanis Club about crime, safety, and our Real Time Crime Center. Crime Analyst Lee is in high demand for crime and safety talks. Ms. Lee helps officers target criminal offenders by leveraging technology and critical analysis of information to aid criminal investigations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Totals

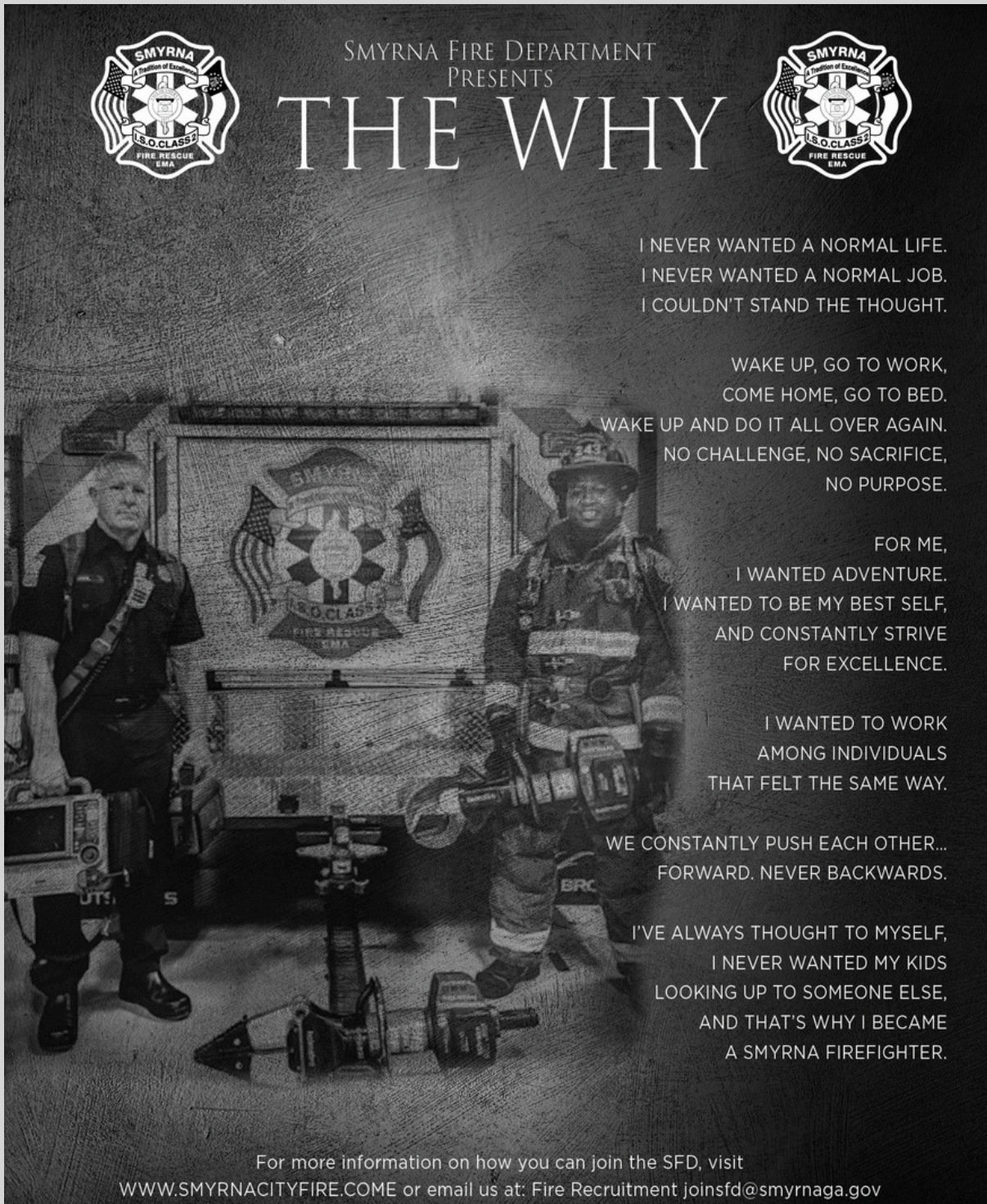
Fire: 3
 Medical: 96
 Other: 53
 Total: 152

Future Firefighter Program: Thirteen individuals attended day one of the Future Firefighter Program, where they were taught about the Smyrna Fire Department, the daily duties of a firefighter, and how to obtain a successful career in the fire service.

Smyrna Safe Business Program: The 2024 Smyrna Safe Business program hosted its third session focusing on cybersecurity. Mr. Mark Lupo from UGA's Cyberarch Program, along with members of Smyrna's IT Department, delivered an insightful presentation on the importance of cybersecurity in the small business community.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



SMYRNA FIRE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

THE WHY

I NEVER WANTED A NORMAL LIFE.
I NEVER WANTED A NORMAL JOB.
I COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT.

WAKE UP, GO TO WORK,
COME HOME, GO TO BED.
WAKE UP AND DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.
NO CHALLENGE, NO SACRIFICE,
NO PURPOSE.

FOR ME,
I WANTED ADVENTURE.
I WANTED TO BE MY BEST SELF,
AND CONSTANTLY STRIVE
FOR EXCELLENCE.

I WANTED TO WORK
AMONG INDIVIDUALS
THAT FELT THE SAME WAY.

WE CONSTANTLY PUSH EACH OTHER...
FORWARD. NEVER BACKWARDS.

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT TO MYSELF,
I NEVER WANTED MY KIDS
LOOKING UP TO SOMEONE ELSE,
AND THAT'S WHY I BECAME
A SMYRNA FIREFIGHTER.

For more information on how you can join the SFD, visit
WWW.SMYRNACITYFIRE.COME or email us at: Fire Recruitment joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov

Our Team is Growing: The Smyrna Fire Department team is growing! Selection processes open on August 19, 2024. For information on how you can join the Smyrna Fire Department, visit www.smyrnacityfire.com or email us at joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov.

Smyrna Fire Department presents "The Why" from an anonymous Smyrna Firefighter. Everyone's "why" looks a little different.

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Work Orders

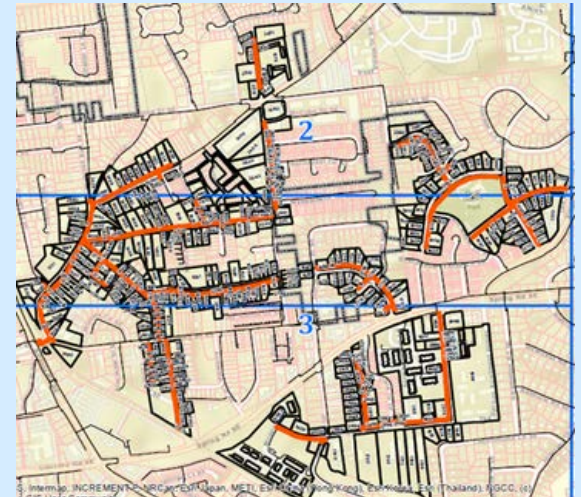
- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 3
- Water Service Leaks: 5
- Resolved Work Orders: 35

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.

Atlanta Gas Light Cross Bore Project: Atlanta Gas Light is starting a CCTV project in Wards 2 and 3. The project will begin in Ward 2 on a small section and then move on to Ward 3. They will be video-inspecting the sewer mains and laterals to ensure no gas lines are going through our sewer system.

Crossed gas and sewer lines become a concern if a plumber or resident tries to fix a clogged pipe using a mechanical rotary device and puncture the gas pipeline.

Water Service Inventory Verification: This project is almost complete as staff wraps up the last of the inventory.



Water Main and Service Replacement: There are various water main and line replacements happening around the city.

- KM Davis Contracting has initiated the replacement of the water main along South Cobb Drive. They have installed 300 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.
- 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.
- Smith Pipeline is currently replacing the water main and services on Carolyn Drive, Rolling View Drive, Brenda Drive, and Spring Drive. This water main replacement project is part of Water Distribution's 30-year replacement plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Adopt-a-Mile Quarterly Cleanup: This past weekend, four more Adopt-a-Mile groups went out for the quarterly cleanup of their miles, including the Light of the World Church, Keller Williams Realty - Cityside, and Smyrna First United Methodist Church. We were also glad to welcome a new group, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangha, who had a fantastic turnout of 17 volunteers for their first cleanup! [Learn more about Adopt-a-Mile and how to adopt a mile.](#)



Recycling Center: For the month of July, the Smyrna Recycling Center shipped out 44,300 pounds of glass, 31,865 pounds of cardboard, 12,818 pounds of mixed paper, 6,460 pounds of mixed metal, 5,696 pounds of electronics, 2,794 pounds of paint, 2,262 pounds of #1 plastic, 1,900 pounds of motor oil, 1,480 pounds of aluminum, pounds of #2 plastic, 1,392 pounds of hard-to-recycle plastics, 1,200 pounds of reusable books, and 350 pounds of clothes donations to the Kidney Fund.

Volunteers Needed: KSB is always looking for volunteers to help keep Smyrna clean, green, and beautiful! Individual and group opportunities are available, including storm drain marking, invasive species removal, litter cleanups, and community events. Learn more at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/volunteer/>.



Group Volunteer Opportunities
Families, church groups, scout groups, civic organizations and more!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Back-to-School Bash: KSB was thrilled to participate in Parks and Recreation's first Back-to-School Bash last Thursday. Students and their families had a chance to engage with our litter timeline activity and our spin-the-wheel environmental trivia game. The event saw about 500 attendees and at least half of them visited the KSB table. KSB was grateful for the two 8th graders who volunteered to help us out!

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Cobb's Students Score Above State On SATs

By MIKE ROBERTS
Staff Writer

Cobb County and Marietta college-bound high school students scored below national averages on the 1980 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), but topped the mean scores for Georgia, according to statistics.

The SAT measures verbal and mathematical skills. Produced and graded by the College Board, a New Jersey-based testing agency, the SAT

is required by many colleges and universities across the nation as a prerequisite for admission.

On the verbal portion of the test, Cobb students scored an average of 414, 10 points below the national average of 424, according to figures released by the College Board and compiled by the Cobb school system.

The average verbal score at Marietta High School, the city school system's only high school, was 398, 26

points below the national average. Marietta's mean score was above the Georgia average of 389, but below the Southeast average of 409.

Verbal scores for the county, state, Southeast and nation all declined this year compared to last year, College Board figures showed. Marietta verbal scores climbed somewhat.

In 1978-79, the average Cobb verbal

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SAT Scores (averages)

	79-80		78-79	
	verbal	math	verbal	math
Cobb (10 schools)	414	455	416	454
Marietta (1 school)	398	432	387	418.5
State	389	425	390	424
Southeast	409	445	410	444
Nation	424	466	427	457

Scrapbook: As Cobb students go back to school this week, this 1980 newspaper clipping is quite timely. It comes from a Campbell High School student who matriculated from 1977-1981. The museum is currently cataloguing each item in the scrapbook and we will continue to share the interesting gems that are found.

Service Milestones: Smyrna Library Aides Clara Chauveau (left) and Jessica Pierce (right) celebrated their 5-year work anniversaries at Smyrna Library. Congratulations, ladies! The library is extremely lucky to have these two hard-working and talented customer service specialists.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,918

Museum: 14

Back to School Bash: Smyrna Library participated in Parks and Recreation's first Back to School Bash at Tolleson Park on Thursday, July 25. Youth Services Library Associate Hannah Ross (center) and several volunteers talked to families about library services and gave away books and library goodies.



Professional Development: Library Director Mary Moore attended the Southeastern Library Association Conference at the University of Alabama in Huntsville in July. She was a panelist at the conference, discussing how Smyrna Library uses RSS feeds as a marketing tool to extend the reach of the online catalog. She was lucky enough to run into retired Smyrna Library Director Michael Seigler!

Kid's Pop-Up Craft Event: Join the Smyrna Museum on Saturday, August 10, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM for a Back to School Pop-Up Craft event! Kids will learn about what school was like in the early 1900's and will make a related craft. This event is suitable for ages 3 and up.

Back to School

OLD SCHOOL

SMYRNA MUSEUM

Kid's Pop-Up Craft Event

Saturday, August 10
10 am - 4 pm

In honor of back-to-school, kids will learn about what school was like in the early 1900s and make a related craft. Ages 3 and up.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Welcome to Smyrna!



Edison Watkins
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 7/29



Congratulations: Gwen Spruiell was promoted to HR Manager as of July 29, 2024. Congratulations Gwen!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Back to School Bash: The Parks Programs Division hosted its first Back to School Bash on July 25. Smyrna Library, KSB, and the Smyrna Fire Department joined Parks and Recreation to create a fun afternoon for the nearly 500 community members who attended. Parks Maintenance staff withstood the heat grilling hot dogs for the 300 free lunches served, and several local Smyrna businesses joined the event to hand out giveaways. The event was the perfect way for families to end the summer.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Photography Clinic: Our highly rated four-week photography clinic is returning. This beginner friendly clinic is perfect for those who are just starting their photography journey or those who want to refresh their skills. Classes are held on Thursdays and start on September 5. The class costs \$60 per person.

PHOTOGRAPHY *Class*

Sept. 5th – Sept. 26th | 6:30PM – 8PM
Smyrna Community Center: Jonquil Room

Master your camera and become a pro!

Learn how to use your camera (Point and Shoot, DSLR or Mirrorless) and improve your photography skills. These courses are perfect for beginners or anyone needing a refresher course!
The cost is \$60 per person.

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REGISTER NOW



RECREATE
Smyrna
Parks & Recreation



MKS PERFORMING ARTS

SING | ACT | AUDITION

BROADWAY BOUND AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES



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**FALL 2024
ADULT CLASSES**

Calling all Actors, Singers
and Musicians!

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9, 2024



Invest in your passion.

Build your skills as an artist.

Network with other artists in your industry.

All skill sets and experience levels welcome!

Performing Arts for Youth and Adults:

Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Michael Karl Studios to bring theater classes to the community. Adults have the option between four different classes; perfect for any singer, actor, or all-around performer.

For interested youth, we are offering a monthly after-school program that will teach participants how to sing louder, act bravely, and move confidently onstage. More information can be found on our website.

All classes will be held at the Smyrna Community Center and prices range depending on the program.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Family Fun Glow Night Paint & Sip: Join Parks and Recreation for a glow-in-the-dark family paint and sip experience where masterpieces come to life under UV lights! This event will take place on Friday, August 23 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. All paint supplies and refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$30 per person for ages 2+. Please note that all paint & sips are self-guided, so there is no pressure to make the perfect picture. Creativity comes from within!



Date Night Paint & Sip: Come enjoy a creative date night with your significant other at our couple's paint and sip! Embrace the vibrant fall hues and paint fall-themed masterpieces with one another on Friday, September 6 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Enjoy delicious drinks and light refreshments while you mingle with other couples from our community. This is the perfect opportunity to relax, have fun, and explore your artistic side with someone special. Please note that both participants must register. The cost is \$45 per person ages 16+. For those over 21, we will be serving alcoholic beverages.



Lighting Updates: Lighting at the community center is being updated to LED fixtures as part of a citywide project. Work began in the small gym, and over the next week the community center will have all new LED lights installed which will brighten up the rooms while providing cost savings to the city.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

204 Inspections

76 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,480,858.02

Commercial (9)

(9) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x7 units (2067 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Georgia Luxury Automotive (802 Smyrna Hill Dr SE)
- Trader's Café (2264 Atlanta Rd STE 103)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$367,726.80

Grading (2)

(1) Modular Block

- Residential

(1) Land Disturbance

- Georgia Luxury Automotive (802 Smyrna Hill Dr SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$34,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (12)

(5) Additions

- (3) Interior Renovations
- (3) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
- (1) New Construction

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$790,631.22

Pool (2)

(2) In-ground pool

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$280,000.00

Demolition (1)

(1) Full Demolition

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$8,500.00

Electrical (11) HVAC (6) Plumbing (1) Sign (3) Tree (4)

New Businesses

Hungry AF USA, Inc

Limited-Service Restaurants
2517 Spring Road, STE 106
Ward 1

Grace Healing Studio LLC

Massage therapists' offices
821 Concord Road, STE J
Ward 3

United GTO Drywall LLC

Construction
Home Business
Ward 1

Aquatic Life Designs, LLC

Aquarium fish and supplies merchant wholesalers
5330 Oakdale Road, STE B
Ward 7

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