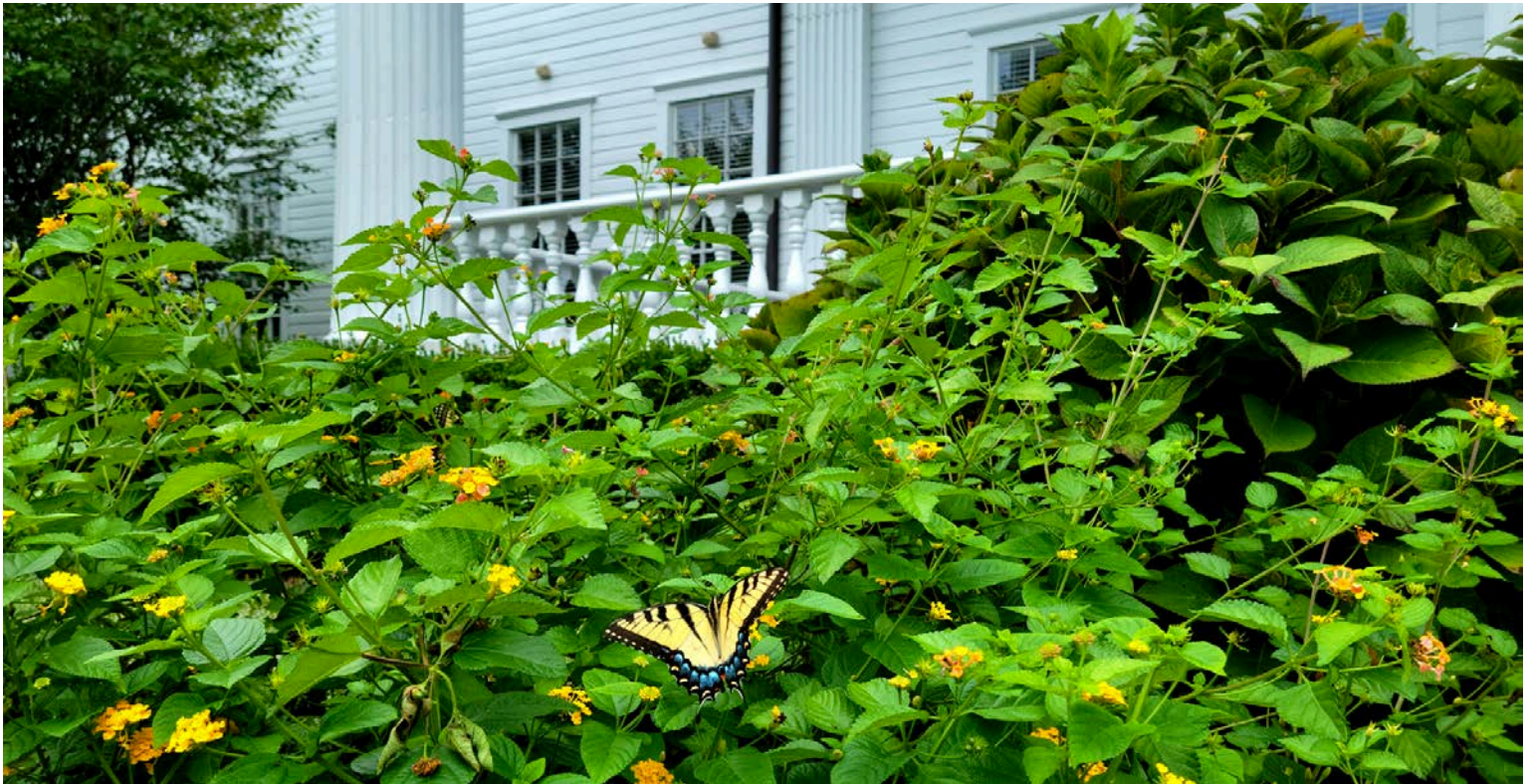




# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, August 12, 2024**

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

**Monday, August 12, 2024**

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

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

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

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting  
8:00 AM  
Council Chambers  
A. Max Bacon City Hall



# ADMINISTRATION

## SMYRNA YOUTH COUNCIL



Applications now open!

Apply by August 23rd

[smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)

**Smyrna Youth Council:** Applications for the 2024-2025 Smyrna Youth Council are open now through August 23! The Youth Council program is for high school students who are interested in learning about local government and gaining valuable leadership skills. For more information and to apply, [click here.](#)

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



### Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 22  
 Citations: 144  
 Warnings: 50  
 Calls for Service: 653

**National Night Out:** Members from the Smyrna Police Department hosted our National Night Out event at Smyrna Food Truck Tuesday at Taylor-Brawner Park on August 6. Members of the department discussed our upcoming community engagement events and the different ways we are trying to keep the Smyrna community safe! Shout out to Cobb County native and NBA Superstar Colin Sexton for stopping by our tent and spending time with us and the community.

# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Christopher Coleman**  
 Water & Sewer Maintenance Tech I  
 Water Distribution  
 Hired: 8/6



**Darvell Booker**  
 Water & Sewer Maintenance Tech I  
 Water Distribution  
 Hired: 8/6

## Welcome to Smyrna!

# COURT SERVICES



### Court on 7/30

Cases: 120  
 Failures to Appear: 27  
 Pre-Trials: 30  
 DUIs Completed: 2

### Court on 8/1

Cases: 107  
 Failures to Appear: 25  
 Pre-Trials: 25  
 DUIs Completed: 1

# PUBLIC WORKS

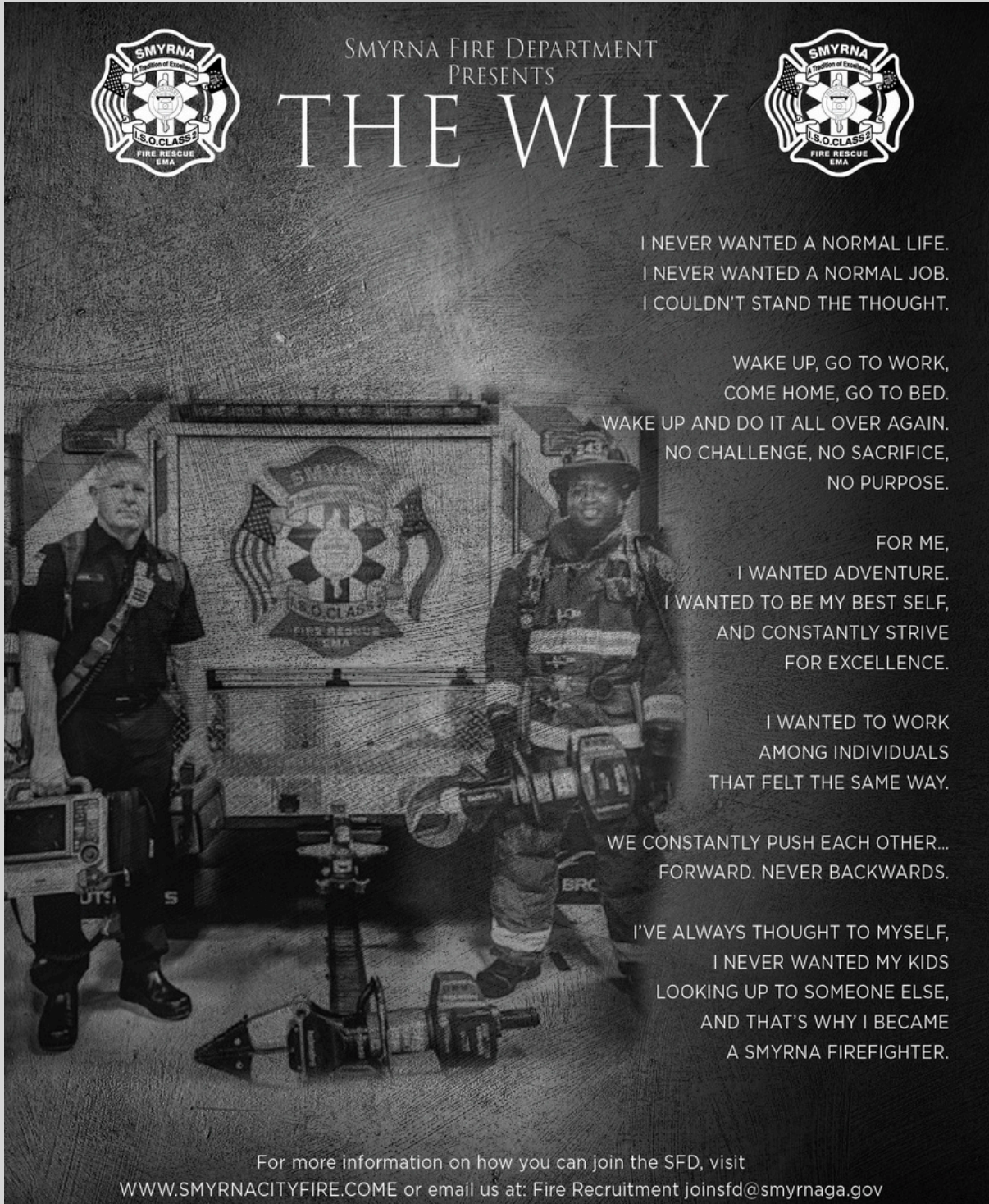
**Streets Department:** The Streets Department has been working on the following tasks:

- Installed a staging area at the pedestrian crossing at the Atlanta Road and Campbell Road intersection
- Began curb replacement on Cedar Cliff Drive
- Cleared debris from drainage culvert on South Cobb Drive
- Trimmed low-hanging limbs in the roadway on Ward Street and Belmont Place
- Removed fallen trees from the roadway on Collier Gate Court, Atlanta Road, Kennesaw Way, and Forest Drive
- Continued monthly right-of-way mowing schedule





# 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.COM](http://WWW.SMYRNACITYFIRE.COM) or email us at: [Fire Recruitment joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov](mailto: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](http://www.smyrnacityfire.com) or email us at [joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:joinsfd@smyrnaga.gov).

### Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 1  
Medical: 95  
Other: 61  
Total: 157

# WATER DISTRIBUTION



## Work Orders

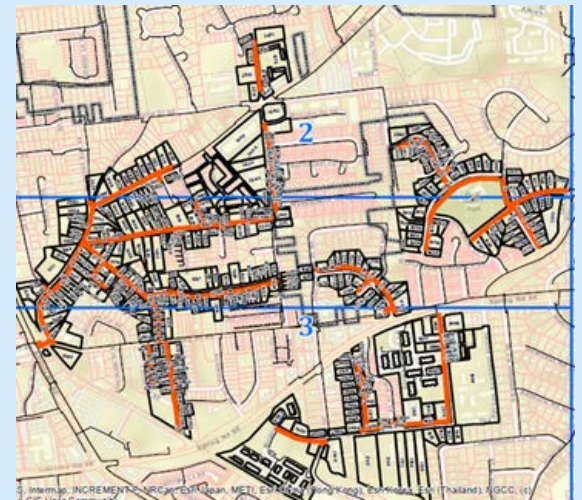
- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 3
- Water Service Leaks: 5
- Resolved Work Orders: 15

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.



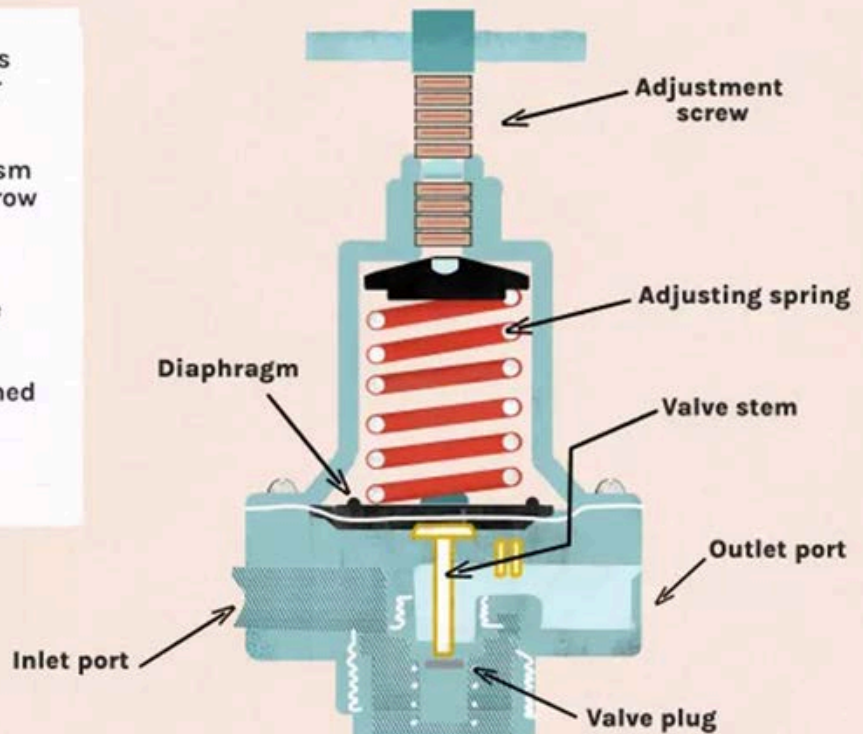
# WATER DISTRIBUTION

## How a Pressure Reducing Valve Works

- ✓ Spring-loaded diaphragm widens and narrows depending on water pressure entering valve
- ✓ At high pressure, inner mechanism constricts the diaphragm to narrow flow of water
- ✓ When pressure drops, diaphragm widens to allow more water to flow through
- ✓ Adjustment screw can be tightened to increase tension on inner spring, or loosened to allow water to flow more freely



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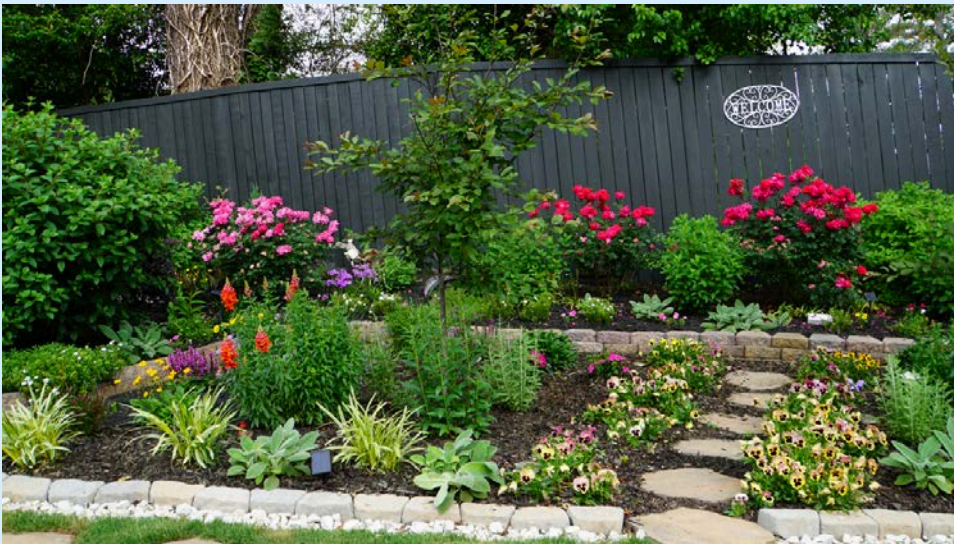
**Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV):** When there is a water main break in the city or water is shut off to your home, it is recommended practice to keep all water spigots and faucets turned off until the water supply is fully restored. One common issue that homeowners experience is turning on water inside the house while the main water line is still turned off. This can lead to sediment from the water line accumulating in the screen of the PRV, resulting in low or no water flow until the PRV is cleaned or replaced.



**Run Water After Vacation:** A factor that affects water quality in your home is how “stale” the water is. When you leave your home or business for a long time like when taking a vacation, the water in the pipes and plumbing does not move. The best thing to do when you return is to run the water on full blast for thirty seconds to two minutes before using it for drinking or cooking. Also, always use cold water for cooking to draw in fresh water from the outside.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Back-to-School Recycling Tips:** To kick off the back-to-school season, KSB will be sharing some school-focused recycling tips and reminders. First up: electronics! If your student is due for an electronics upgrade, don't forget to responsibly dispose of their older device. Phones, tablets, laptops, and other electronics can all be recycled at the [Smyrna Recycling Center](https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/recycling-center/) for free. Fees apply for TVs (\$20) and computer monitors (\$10). More about the recycling center can be found at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/recycling-center/>.



**Seeking Gardens for the 2025 Garden Tour:** Do you have a beautiful Smyrna garden to share? Apply to be on next year's Smyrna Garden Tour! Learn more about the tour and find the online application at <https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/garden-tour/>.

**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/>.



**Volunteers needed!**

Join us to keep Smyrna clean, green, and beautiful.



## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Monthly Recycling Center Tour:** The Smyrna Recycling Center offers free monthly tours from 9:00-10:00 AM on the third Friday of every month. The next tour is coming up Friday, August 16. [Sign up for an upcoming tour here!](#)



## LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Kid's Pop-Up Craft Event:** Join the Smyrna Museum this 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.



**Nellie Mae Rowe:** On Tuesday, August 6, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge traveled to the Atlanta Art Conservators to pick up the completed Nellie Mae Rowe artwork, *Brother and Sister*. This unique piece was carefully documented and framed using museum archival quality materials and methods. It will be a stand-out piece for the Smyrna Museum's collection for years to come.



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## Weekly Visitors

Library: 4,135

Museum: 7

**The Lemonade Girls Return:** As they've done in years past, sisters Amelia (8), Collier (6), and Camille (3) set up a lemonade stand in their neighborhood over the summer and donated the proceeds to the library! In addition to loving the library, Amelia and Collier said they donated the money because they "need more American Girl and Moana books" to dive into. Their generous donation will be used to support our library collection.



**Staff Achievement:** Last fall, Adult Services Librarian Swapna Kaimal hosted an Adult Art Workshop for Hispanic Heritage Month featuring papel picado. The traditional paper decoration from Mexico is used at celebrations and parties. Swapna's program was featured on the [Programming Librarian](#) blog so other libraries can replicate the event.

**Adventure Begins at the Library:** The 2024 Summer Reading program was extremely successful. Participants logged 282,462 reading minutes, up 34% over last year! Story Time attendance was up 17%. Smyrna Elementary and Teasley Elementary had the highest participation rate.



Participants who read (or listened to) 1,000 minutes or more were entered into a drawing of age-appropriate prizes. Prizes included toys and books purchased by the Friends of Smyrna Library and ice cream coupons donated by Marble Slab Creamery in the Village Green. Some of our winners are pictured left to right: Caroline P. (age 6), Wesley P. (age 8), Sam N. (age 7), and Evy H. (age 2).

# PARKS AND RECREATION



**Wolfe Center August Trip:** The Wolfe Center members took a trip to Tunnel Hill during the week of August 1. This is the site of the first completed railroad tunnel in the South. Participants also toured the Clisby Austin House, Grumpy's Antiques, the tunnel, the general store, and the Civil War museum. It was a full, fun trip for everyone.

**Staff Spotlight:** Congratulations to the Wolfe Center Therapy Pool's Head Lifeguard, Emma Garnel, on completing her Certified Pool Operator (CPO) course last week. The CPO course covers the following topics: Pool & Spa Management, Regulations & Guidelines, Essential Calculations, Water Contamination, Disinfection, Water Balance, Pool & Spa Problems, Chemical Testing, Chemical Feed & Control, Water Circulation, Filtration, Heating & Air Circulation, Spa & Therapy Operations, Facility Safety, Record Keeping, Maintenance System, Troubleshooting, Facility Renovation & Design, and Local Health Regulations.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Downtown Tours:** Over the past several weeks, Economic Development staff have organized tours for the Church Redevelopment Advisory Committee to tour other redeveloped downtowns in the region. Committee members met with city officials and toured the downtown areas to observe urban design elements such as pedestrian amenities, building sales, streetscapes, and architecture. To date, the committee has toured Alpharetta and Woodstock, with tours of Sugar Hill and Suwanee scheduled in August.





# 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**



**MKS PERFORMING ARTS**

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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.

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**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD 6PM - 8PM  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**\$30 PER PERSON, AGES 2+**

REFRESHMENTS AND SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED

REGISTER TODAY AT [SMYRNAGA.GOV](http://SMYRNAGA.GOV)

RECREATE  
**Smyrna**  
Parks & 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.

Smyrna Parks and Recreation

RECREATE  
**Smyrna**  
Parks & Recreation

**Date Night  
Paint & Sip**

September 6th | 6PM - 8PM  
Smyrna Community Center  
\$45 Per Person, Ages 16+

Relax, have fun, and paint fall-themed masterpieces with someone special. For those over 21 and up, we will be serving alcoholic beverages.

Register today at [smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov)



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

214 Inspections  
88 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$1,954,472.76

**Commercial (4)**

(4) Interior Renovations

- Smyrna Logistics Center (1885 Mitchell Rd Ste 600)
- Smyrna Police Department (2646 Atlanta Rd SE)
- Cortland at the Village x1 unit (2067 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Smyrna Fire Station (2620 Atlanta Rd SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$844,844.11

**Electrical (2)    Sign (1)**

**HVAC (9)        Tree (1)**

**Plumbing (3)**

**Building Remodel/Residential (10)**

- (2) Additions
  - (2) Interior Renovations
  - (2) New Constructions
  - (4) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
- Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$1,084,628.65

**Demolition (1)**

- (1) Interior Demo
    - Scalini’s Italian Restaurant (2390 Cobb Pkwy SE)
- Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$25,000.00

**New Business**

**Rooted Electrolysis**

Other Personal Care Services  
1125 Concord Road, STE 103  
Ward 3

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