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STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:30 PM

HR Training Room

A. Max Bacon City Hall

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Youth Council Applications Now Open:

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](#).

Cobb Municipal Association Monthly Meeting: On August 13, the City of Smyrna hosted the monthly Cobb Municipal Association (CMA) meeting and dinner at Atkins Park in downtown Smyrna. Chef Rusty prepared a selection of delicious hors d'oeuvres and CMA President Joseph Goldstein led the meeting which included legislative panel updates. Additionally, Smyrna Councilmember Rickey Oglesby celebrated his 47th birthday at the meeting with dessert and singing from his colleagues. The next CMA monthly meeting will be held on October 8 by the City of Austell.



Mayor of the Day: Ms. Jiselle Willis, a 4th grader at St. Benedict's Episcopal School, was the honorary "Mayor of the Day" on Monday, August 12! Her special day included a tour of the Mayor's office, lunch with the Mayor, a tour of the Fire and Police Departments, and a certificate presented to her at the City Council Meeting that evening.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Kendra Harruff
Economic Development
Coordinator
Economic Development
Hired: 8/12



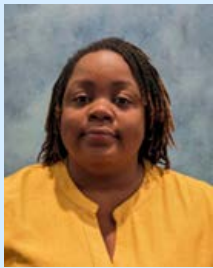
Angel Hall
Administrative Clerk
Public Works
Hired: 8/12



Jamey Blair
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 8/12



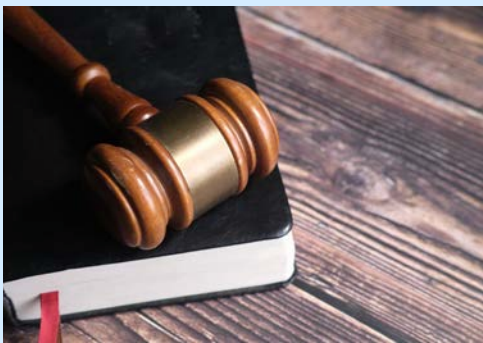
Melissa Christian
Communications Officer
Police Department
Hired: 8/12



Brittney Robinson
Communications Officer
Police Department
Hired: 8/12

≡ Welcome ≡ to Smyrna!

COURT SERVICES



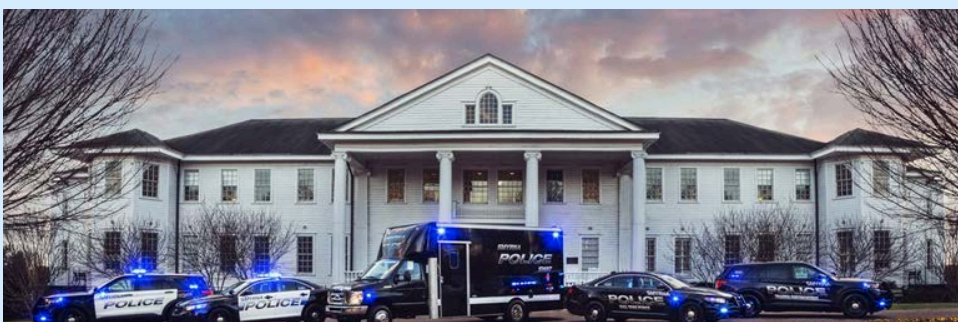
Court on 8/6

Cases: 84
Failures to Appear: 10
Pre-Trials: 21
DUIs Completed: 3

Trials on 8/8

Cases: 4
Failures to Appear: 1
Pre-Trials: 2
DUIs Completed: 1

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 24
Citations: 131
Warnings: 38
Calls for Service: 669

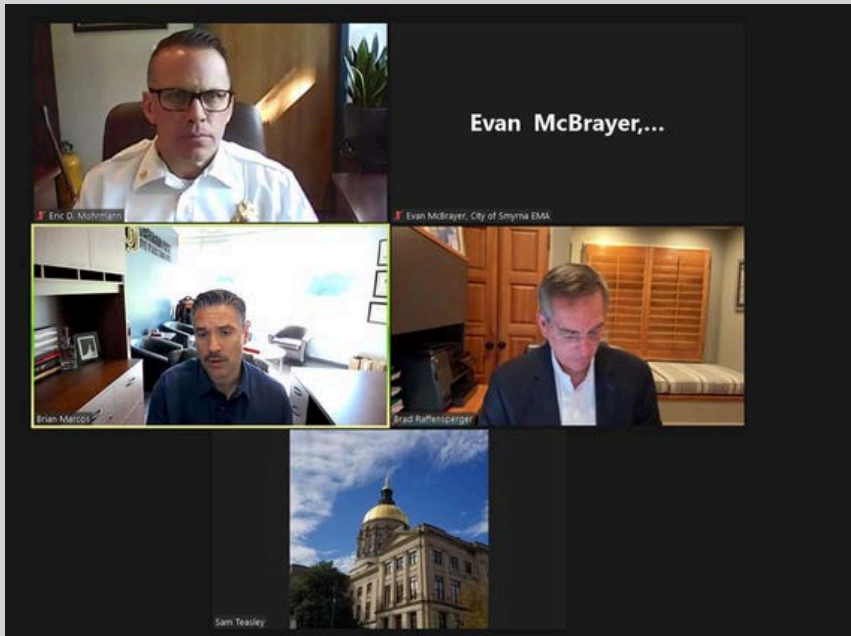
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 112
 Other: 48
 Total: 162



GCIC Audit Success: Congratulations to Michael Benna and Jay Ratliff for making the Smyrna Fire Department compliant on their GCIC audit!



Smyrna Safe Business: Chief Marcos and the team hosted Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and Representative Sam Teasley to discuss the unique Smyrna Safe Business Program. The conversation touched on opportunities to model the program in other communities and find ways to share the Smyrna Safe Business Program story.

Mayor of the Day: The Smyrna Fire Department was honored to host the Mayor of the Day, Jiselle Willis on Monday.



WATER DISTRIBUTION



Work Orders

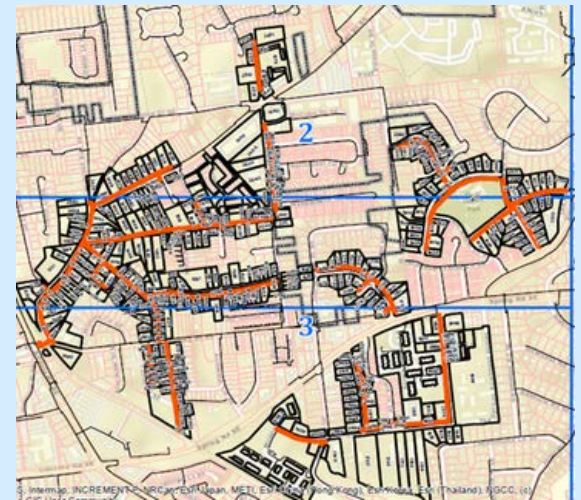
- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 3
- Water Service Leaks: 10
- Resolved Work Orders: 43

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.

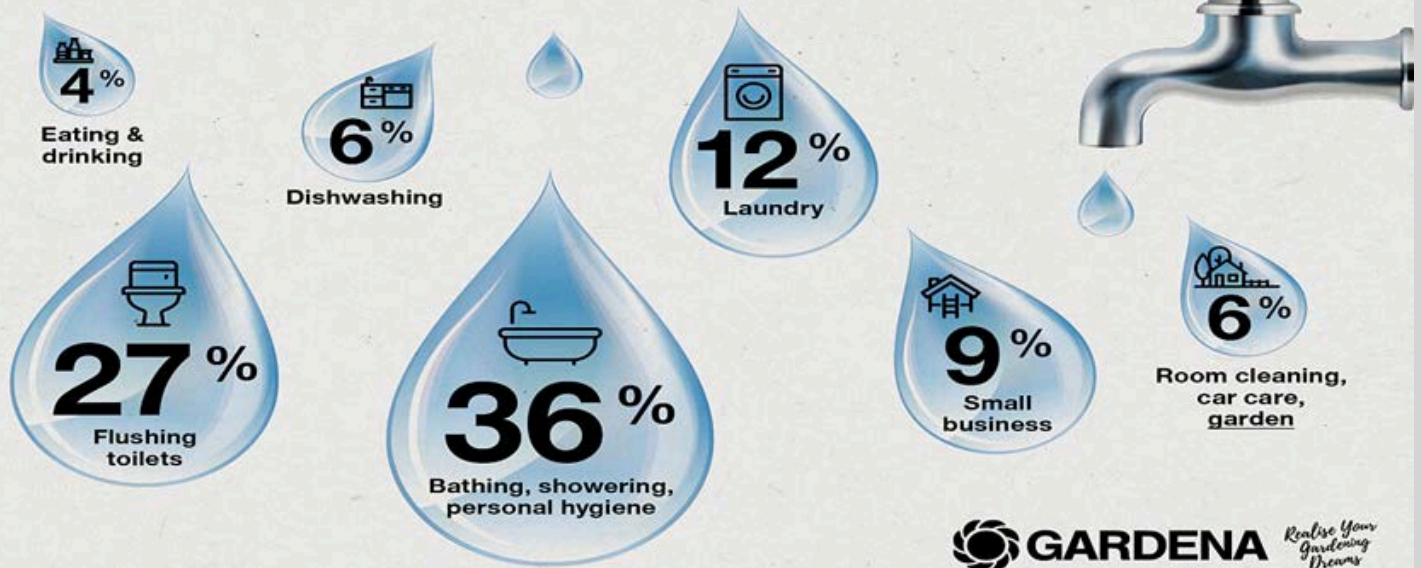
- KM Davis Contracting has initiated the replacement of the water main along South Cobb Drive. They have installed 300 feet of 12-inch pipe and are currently identifying all utilities between King Springs Road and the Emory doctor's office. Upon project completion, they will replace a 20-inch asbestos 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

Water Usage: Did you know that less than six percent of water consumption is used for garden irrigation? Efficient drip irrigation supplies the plants in an economical way and thus contributes to the preservation of green habitats. Biodiversity and the local climate are strengthened. That is why watering is extremely important, especially during dry periods - but in a clever and resource-saving way.

Water use at home and in the garden

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PUBLIC WORKS



Staff Spotlight: On Wednesday, August 7, Water Distribution staff members Freddy Villamarin and Ralph Gordon were asked if they could retrieve a cell phone that had been dropped in one of the water drains by the fountain. After several attempts, some ingenuity, and an assist from Mario Kimble, they were able to retrieve the cell phone and return it to the owner. Thanks for taking the time and making a Smyrna citizen's day!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Back-to-School Recycling Tip: To kick off the back-to-school season, Keep Smyrna Beautiful will be sharing some school-focused recycling tips and reminders. This week, we're reminding folks to remember your recycling bin when school papers start rolling in! Even beautiful drawings can be recycled once their time on the fridge has expired. Please leave out crafts with stickers, glue, glitter, feathers, or heavy paper. At the [Smyrna Recycling Center](#) paper is sorted into office paper (printed paper, letterhead) or mixed paper (everything else). [Learn more about materials the center accepts here.](#)



Handmade Market: Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board members had a table at this past weekend's Handmade Market to share information about Keep Smyrna Beautiful and how residents can get involved. They also sold 40th Anniversary yard signs, which can also be purchased for \$15 at the Smyrna Recycling Center. [Read more about KSB's 40th.](#)

Independent Volunteer Opportunities:

Keep Smyrna Beautiful provides independent volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, including litter cleanups and storm drain marking. KSB provides all needed supplies and instructions, and you decide the timing that works for you or your group. [Learn more at on our website.](#)



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 this Friday, August 16. [Sign up for an upcoming tour here!](#)



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

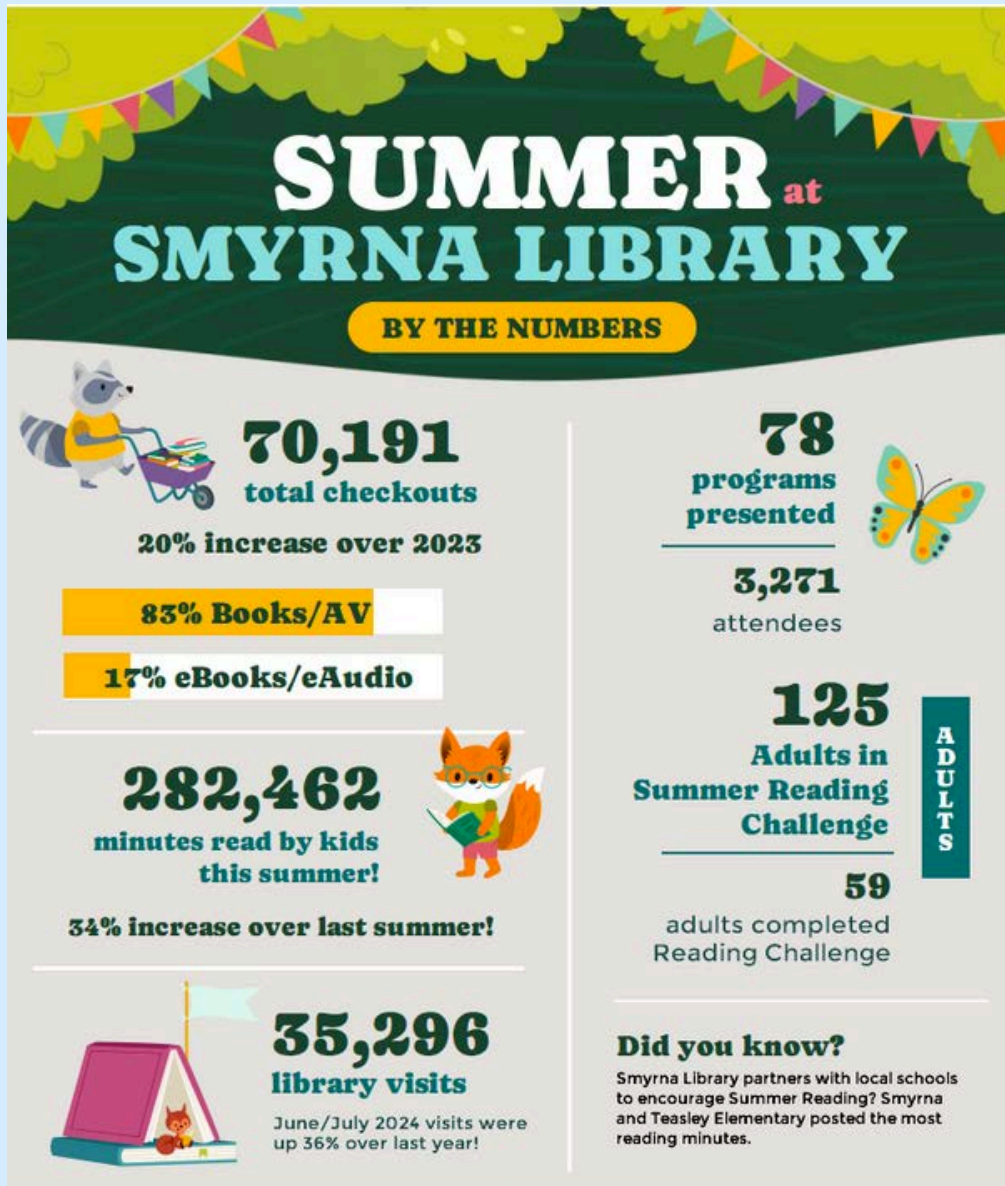


Kid’s Pop-Up Craft Event: Last Saturday, 42 kids and parents celebrated back to school by learning what it was like to go to school in Smyrna in 1900. Kids loved sitting in the museum’s antique school desk and writing with chalk on slate boards. However, they weren’t too keen on walking to school or taking on the classroom cleaning duties that Smyrna’s early school children were expected to do! The next museum Kid’s Craft Pop-Up Event will be held in late September.

Work in Progress: What is that ghostly shape in Smyrna Memorial Cemetery? Don’t worry, it’s not a supernatural specter, it’s the handiwork of Ashley Shares, our Atlanta area cemetery preservationist who is once again fixing some loose and broken stones in Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Please don’t disturb her work in progress; she should be finished by the end of the month.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Weekly Visitors
Library: 4,672
Museum: 47

Record-Breaking Summer at Smyrna Library: In addition to the increases in walk-in traffic and Summer Reading program participation, circulation of materials increased sharply this summer. June was the highest circulation month in library history, until July rolled around and broke that record. Summer circulation was 20% higher than 2023 summer circulation!

Book Sale: The Friends of Smyrna Library held one of their most successful book sales ever over the weekend of August 10-11. They raised over \$2800 in one weekend with the sale. The library truly appreciates the Friends' hard work as well as the support from the community. What a fantastic turnout!



PARKS AND RECREATION

Project Updates: The batting cages at Chuck Camp Park are complete. The cages will offer excellent practice space for those wanting to improve their skills. In addition, the field house at Ward Park was spruced up last week with an updated logo. Create! Graphix did a fantastic job installing the vinyl logo, giving the field house a fresh and updated look.



Parents Night Out



Sept.
20
5pm-8pm





Parents Night Out: Have your kids join us on September 20 for a fall-themed Parents Night Out event! Participants will decorate their own mini pumpkins, create adorable scarecrow crafts, and enjoy delicious jack-o-lantern quesadillas for dinner. To end the night, they'll watch a kid-friendly fall classic movie. This event is for children ages 4-12. The cost is \$30 per child and space will be limited. Participants must be potty trained. [Space is limited to register today!](#)

Fall Break Camp: Let your child's creativity run free at "Camp Doodle the Day Away," Parks and Recreation's fall break arts and crafts camp. Camp will take place on September 23-27, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, in the Dayroom at Tolleson Park. This camp is open to children ages 5-12 years old and is \$100 per camper. [Register your young artist here.](#)

FALL BREAK CAMP

Arts & Crafts

Sept. 23th - 27th | 9am - 12pm
Tolleson Park Day Room

At Camp Doodle the Day Away, young artists will explore new mediums and techniques, taking home unique masterpieces and newfound artistic confidence!

The cost is \$100 per Camper, Ages 5 - 12
Register at smyrnaga.gov today!



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



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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. For adult participants, there are four different 6-week classes available to choose from for a cost of \$175.

For interested youth, after-school programs will be held on Monday of each week from 3:30-6:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Participants will learn how to sing louder, act bravely, and move confidently onstage. This is a semester-long program for a cost of \$299. Each month will end with a showcase where students will perform what they've learned.

For more information and to register, visit our [website](#).

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

RECREATE
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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

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**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

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Hispanic Heritage Celebration: Join us in downtown Smyrna on September 21 from 2:00-6:00 PM for the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration! This event will kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with a DJ, flamenco dancers, Mexican ballet performances, children’s activities, and a movie featuring Blue Beetle on the Veterans Memorial Lawn at 6:00 PM. Following the celebration, we will have a concert featuring Arena Sound, a popular Latin American band from the metro Atlanta area. Both events are free, and everyone is welcome.

Kids Smyrna Market: Smyrna Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Kids Homemade Market on Saturday, November 16. We are looking for young entrepreneurs, ages 5 to 15 years old, who want to unleash their creativity and turn their passion into profit! This market is an opportunity to sell handmade crafts, tasty treats, and amazing creations. Whether it’s art, crafts, or baked goods, we want to see what you can do! This market is a great way to make new friends, meet other young creators, share ideas, learn valuable skills, and get hands-on experience in selling and running your own booth. [Click here for the application.](#)



Smyrna Market: Come on down and enjoy a variety of vendors every Sunday from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in the Smyrna Market Village. Each week, vendors bring in fresh, new products for everyone to enjoy, including fresh-cut flowers, delicious handmade pastries, fresh juices, amazing art pieces and so much more. Drop in on Sunday and find that special item for yourself and your family.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

193 Inspections

74 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,003,367.67

Commercial (6)

(4) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x4 Units (2081 Lake Park Dr SE)

(1) New Construction

- Nail Salon (3583 S Cobb Dr)

(1) Other

- Slingo (3100 Jonquil Dr SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$335,000.00

Electrical (2) Sign (4)

HVAC (14) Tree (4)

Plumbing (1)

Building Remodel/Residential (8)

(5) Additions

(3) Interior Renovations

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$646,027.67

Demolition (1)

(1) Full Demolition

- Public Works Construction Projects

Grading (1)

(1) Modular Block

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$22,340.00

New Businesses

Salon Lofts

Beauty Salons
2365 Spring Road
Ward 1

Infinity Coleman

Graphic Design Services
Home Business
Ward 2

Blinge Buckhead

Other Specialized Design Services
Home Business
Ward 3

Caroline Cottage

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 3

Misslashextensions

Beauty Salons
3240 South Cobb Drive, STE
850, Room 213
Ward 5

PW Commercial Interiors, LLC

Drywall and Insulation Contractors
2970 Ask Kay Drive, STE B
Ward 5

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