



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, September 9, 2024

Planning & Zoning Commission

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

A. Max Bacon City Hall

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

License & Variance Board

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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ADMINISTRATION



Work Anniversary: Congratulations to City Administrator Joe Bennett on working for the City of Smyrna for 30 years!

HUMAN RESOURCES



Bennie Brown
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 9/3



Jeremy Whisby
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 9/3



Vincent Cunningham
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 9/3



Favio Reyes
Utilities Locator
Utilities Distribution
Hired: 9/3



Dillon Spriggs
Water & Sewer Maintenance
Technician I
Utilities Distribution
Hired: 9/3



Isaiah Clemons
Water & Sewer Maintenance
Technician I
Utilities Distribution
Hired: 9/3

**≡ Welcome ≡
to Smyrna!**

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Drone Presentation: Last week, Chief Zgonc attended a drone presentation hosted by the Cobb County Sheriff's Office. Neighboring agencies including Marietta, Austell, Powder Springs, Acworth, and Kennesaw also attended. Chief Zgonc had the opportunity to view advanced technology that keeps our community safe.

Weekly Police Totals

- Arrests: 24
- Citations: 141
- Warnings: 32
- Calls for Service: 618

FIRE DEPARTMENT

United Leadership Graduation: The 2024 United Leadership Program held its graduation ceremony at Governor's Gun Club. This year's class of 29 included public safety professionals from Smyrna, Cobb County, Austell, Marietta, and Cartersville Fire Departments, as well as Cobb EMA, MetroAtlanta Ambulance Services, and Wellstar Health System. Smyrna Fire Department graduated six individuals in various levels of their professional career.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



| Weekly Fire Totals | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Fire: | 1 |
| Medical: | 99 |
| Other: | 43 |
| Total: | 143 |

2nd Annual Battle of the Badges/Hotrods & Heroes Car Show: Smyrna Public Safety Foundation will be hosting the 2nd annual Battle of the Badges/Hotrods & Heroes Car Show, where Smyrna Fire Department will look to beat Smyrna Police Department again in the Battle of the Badges. The event will also feature a car show, touch a truck, food vendors, and more!

Smyrna Safe Business: The 2024 Smyrna Safe Business Program held its fourth session on Tuesday, August 27 at Smyrna Police Department's Training Center. Sergeant Bill Turner delivered a wonderful presentation on workplace violence and civilian active shooter response.



COURT SERVICES



Court on 8/27

Cases: 81
 Failures to Appear: 14
 Pre-Trials: 30
 DUIs Completed: 6

Court on 8/29

Cases: 75
 Failures to Appear: 20
 Pre-Trials: 16
 DUIs Completed: 1

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Community Cleanup: Last Thursday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up a total 92 pounds of litter, including 16 pounds of recyclable material at the community cleanup on Windy Hill Road and Roswell Street. Litter cleanups protect wildlife and the health of local waterways as well as making the streets of Smyrna more beautiful.

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 Friday, September 20. [Sign up for an upcoming tour here.](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Volunteer Opportunities: Keep Smyrna Beautiful is always recruiting volunteers for litter cleanups, community events, and more. KSB also 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 [on our website](#).



DOCUMENT SHREDDING



Document Shredding: Document shredding will take place on Saturday, September 14 at the Aline Wolfe Recreation Center (884 Church Street) from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Get your documents securely shredded and recycled for free! Paper only. No binders, binder clips, or folders. Staples are OK. All are welcome, you do not have to be a Smyrna resident to participate. [Details are available on our website](#).

Shred & recycle documents for free!



Saturday, September 14, 2024
9:00 a.m. to Noon
Aline Wolfe Rec. Center, 884 Church St.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



School Partnerships: Now that school is in session, KSB is starting to schedule with local schools to provide environmental education, including recycling and papermaking, litter and waste reduction, watersheds and stormwater pollution, and more. We also offer tours of the [Smyrna Recycling Center](#)! Learn more about what we have to offer [on our website](#).

KSB offers educational activities and presentations on recycling, litter, watersheds, and more!



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Unlazy River: On Monday, August 26, patrons came to navigate the library's "unlazy river;" a sensory walk created with chalk that had kiddos jumping waves, practicing their butterfly strokes, and many more moves all with a pool float! After the course was completed, each attendee got to choose between a take-home craft or sunglasses. Afterward, we cooled off with an ice pop.

Tween Dungeons and Dragons Night

Dungeons and Dragons has become such a popular program that Youth Services has made it a monthly event. On August 27, the library hosted the first "Dungeons and Dragons: Adventure Begins" game of the fall. The library's resident Dungeon Master Lawrence Cabrera (Technical Services Library Associate) taught the tweens strategy and helped them build exciting worlds.



Weekly Visitors

Library: 4,547

Museum: 13

Cemetery Cleanup: Enjoy a morning outdoors with history and our special volunteer opportunity! Learn how to clean cemetery markers at Daniell Cemetery in the Bennett Woods neighborhood. Email Jennie Eldredge at jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov to volunteer.

Museum Closure: The Smyrna Museum will be closed Wednesday, September 11 through Saturday, September 14. They will reopen on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00 AM.

 A flyer for a "CEMETERY CLEANUP" event. The background is a photograph of a cemetery with a large, white, ornate gravestone in the foreground. A yellow sun icon is at the top. The text is in brown and black.

SEPTEMBER 2024

CEMETERY CLEANUP

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Learn how to clean cemetery markers at Daniell Cemetery in the Bennett Woods neighborhood.

Instruction by Jennie Eldredge, Museum Manager
email jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov to volunteer

Saturday
September 7
9 AM - 12 PM

WATER DISTRIBUTION

The City of Smyrna Water/Sewer and Utilities office is committed to its fundamental objective:

- To provide our citizens with a water supply and system of the highest quality, which includes wastewater collection
- Protect the system by meeting or exceeding all regulatory requirements in an environmentally sound manner
- Ensure the city's needs are met

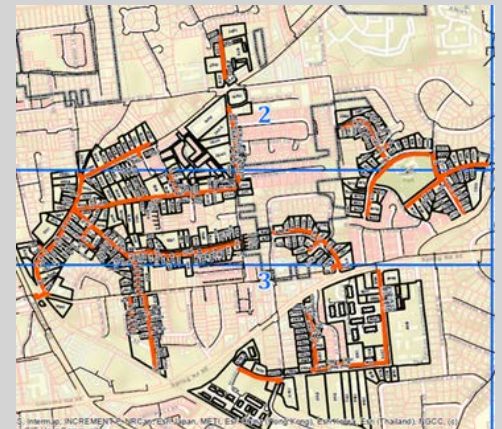
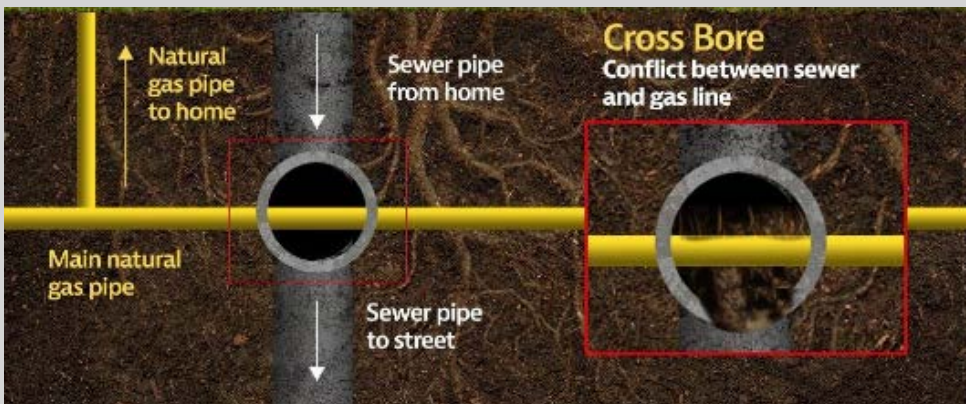
Work Orders

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 2
- Water Service Leaks: 2
- Resolved Work Orders: 32



Water Line Replacement Projects: Various water line replacements are happening around the city. Contractors complete these projects as part of the ongoing thirty-year water line replacement program. Staff members select lines based on criteria such as age, size, and pipe material. Current projects include:

- Creatwood Trail: The final punch list is being completed on this project
- Spring Drive: The final landscaping is being completed on this project.
- South Cobb Drive: The final landscaping is being completed on this project.
- King Springs Road: This project is now complete.
- Lake Court: This project is in progress.



Atlanta Gas Light Cross Bore Project: Atlanta Gas Light is inspecting sewer lines in Wards 2 and 3. The purpose of this project is to inspect sewer mains and laterals to ensure no gas lines are going through our sewer system. So far, four cross bores have been found and repaired.

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.

Meter Knowledge: Do you understand your allegro water meter? Current flow, flow/leak indicator, alarms, and gallons billed can be found on your water meter. See the image on the right for further details.



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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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.



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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.

Register today at smyrnaga.gov

PARKS AND RECREATION



MKS PERFORMING ARTS
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BROADWAY BOUND AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

Performing Arts for Youth and Adults: Calling all actors, singers, and musicians! 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.



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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!

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.

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!

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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, so register today!](#)



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.](#)



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

178 Inspections

70 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,651,294.86

Commercial (12)

(12) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x11 units (2137 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Gameday Men’s Health (3200 Highlands Pkwy STE 427)

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$241,000.00

Electrical (1)

Tree (2)

Sign (1)

Plumbing (1)

HVAC (3)

Building Remodel/Residential (19)

(2) Additions

(4) Interior Renovations

(3) New Construction

(10) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$1,016,294.86

Grading (1)

(1) Land Disturbance

- Public Works Construction Projects (6025 Riverview Rd SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$394,000.00

New Businesses

Wendy's #90

Limited-Service Restaurants
2808 Spring Road
Ward 1

MedCura Health, Inc.

Offices of Physicians
3065 South Cobb Drive, STE A
Ward 3

CONTOURINK AESTHETICS

Beauty Salons
3240 South Cobb Drive, STE 850,
Room 130
Ward 5

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