



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, September 23, 2024

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

Monday, September 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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

ADMINISTRATION



Clerks Certificate: We are thrilled to announce that Deputy City Clerk Jill G. Head has earned her Clerk’s Certification from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government in Athens, Georgia.

Over the past two years, Jill has dedicated herself to extensive training, both in-person and online, covering essential topics such as open meetings, agendas and minutes, general government, records retention and management, as well as professional skills and community and media relations. Her commitment and hard work have truly paid off. Congratulations, Jill!



Smyrna Youth Council: We kicked off the 2024-2025 Smyrna Youth Council program on Wednesday evening with orientation and icebreaker games! There is a total of 17 students on this year’s youth council and we are excited to see what they accomplish.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 9/10

Cases: 65
Failures to Appear: 13
Pre-Trials: 19
DUIs Completed: 2

Court on 9/12

Cases: 69
Failures to Appear: 16
Pre-Trials: 15
DUIs Completed: 0

HUMAN RESOURCES



Don Iverson Philmar
Sanitation Worker
Public Works
Hired: 9/9

**≡ Welcome ≡
to Smyrna!**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Celebrating IT Staff: On September 17, we celebrated the amazing Smyrna IT team that keeps everything running smoothly behind the scenes! From troubleshooting issues to implementing new technologies, they are the backbone of our city. Their dedication, expertise, and adaptability ensure we stay secure, productive, and ahead of the curve. A huge thank you to our IT superheroes for your tireless efforts and constant innovation. We couldn't do it without you!

Pictured left is a photo of the Smyrna IT Department after conquering an escape room on Friday night with 13 minutes left.

New Checkout Kiosks at the Library: Last week, IT staff installed new checkout kiosks at Smyrna Public Library.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

FBI National Academy Graduate: Lieutenant Holt graduated from the 291st session FBI National Academy. Two-hundred and fifty-four law enforcement officers graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

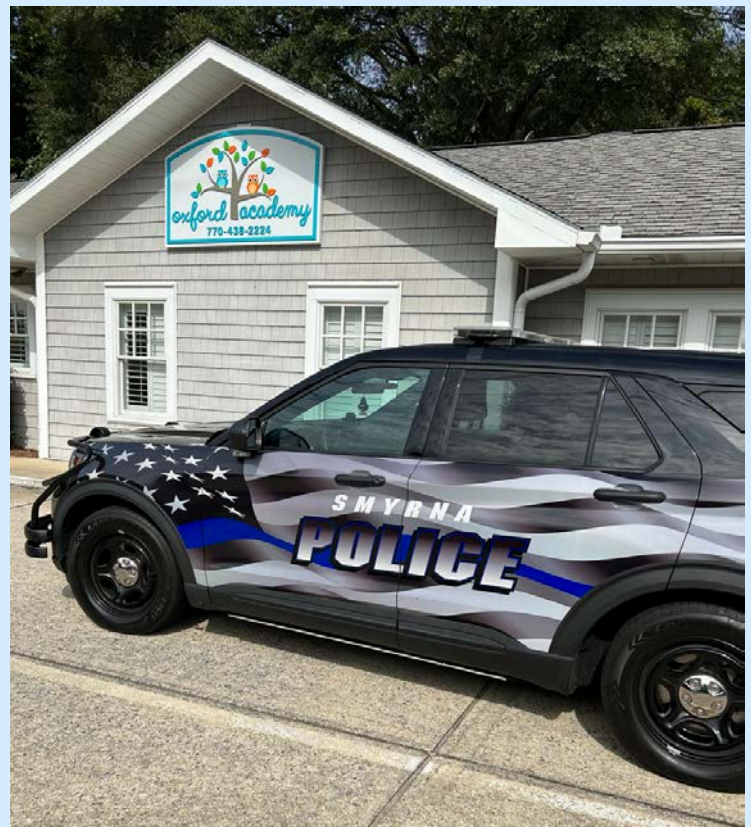


9/11 Memorial Run: Smyrna Police officers joined the Smyrna Fire Department in honor of 9/11 for their Memorial Run.

Weekly Police Totals

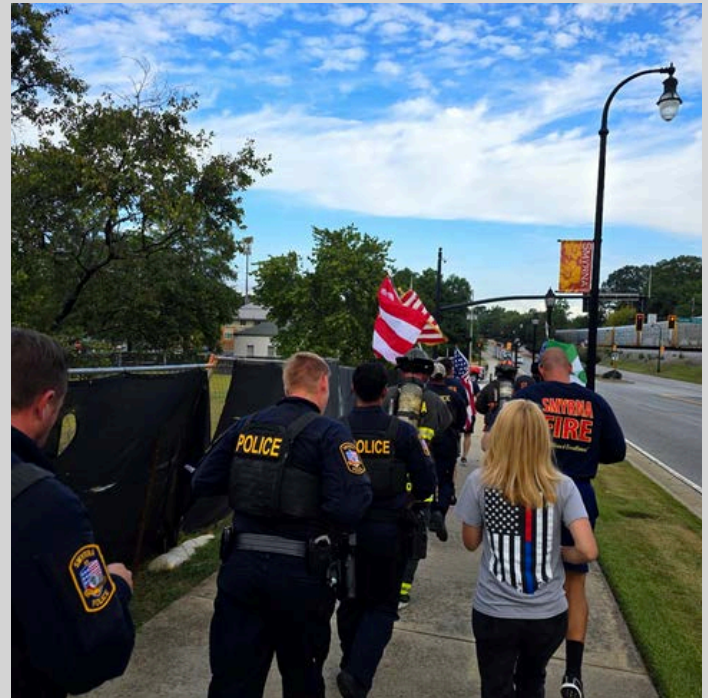
Arrests: 36
 Citations: 436
 Warnings: 125
 Calls for Service: 841

Safety Tips and Safety Plans: Officer Marshall and Officer Smith had the opportunity to tour Oxford Academy and advise the staff on safety tips and safety plans for their facilities. We look forward to partnering with Oxford Academy in keeping their little ones and staff safe.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

9/11 Ceremony and Memorial Run: The Smyrna Fire and Police Departments came together for the annual 9/11 Ceremony and Memorial Run to honor those who gave their lives in the 2001 terrorist attacks.



COME HELP US CELEBRATE 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE




SATURDAY | 10:00AM | FIRE STATION 1
SEPT. 21ST | - 1:00PM | 2620 Atlanta Rd

Smyrna Fire Department's 125th Birthday: To celebrate Smyrna Fire Department's 125th birthday, Station 1 will be hosting a Community Open House this Saturday, September 21. The open house will include updates on the department's vision, comments from a representative of city council, plus various activities such as a forcible entry demonstration, a quick dress competition, a station tour, and so much more!

Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 2
 Medical: 98
 Other: 47
 Total: 147



National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Annual Physicals: This week, Smyrna Fire Department is undergoing their annual NFPA physicals, an important way to ensure firefighter health and wellness.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Document Shredding: A dozen Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers served 479 cars and collected a to-be-determined number of pounds of documents (upward of 15,000 pounds based on the number of cars!) to be shredded and recycled at last weekend's Document Shredding event. Some event participants shared on a survey that they appreciated that the event was "Very easy. Very simple. Very efficient!! Thank you, volunteers!" Another noted the "friendliness of the volunteers" was what they liked most about the event. This event provides a needed service while reducing the amount of waste that goes to the landfill.

JONQUIL BULB SALE



Save the date!

SALE BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST

\$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs
 Limited quantity available



Jonquil Bulb Sale: The annual Keep Smyrna Beautiful jonquil bulb sale will officially begin on October 1. This year, a limited number of yellow and mixed varieties will be available for purchase. They will be \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs. To be notified as soon as they arrive in late September, [fill out our online form.](#)

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

Adopt-a-Tree: Keep Smyrna Beautiful rescued 86 trees from the Hawthorne Adult Education Center last Friday to give away as part of the Adopt-a-Tree program. To learn more or request a tree visit [our website.](#)



Curbside Recycling Audit: Starting Tuesday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff followed behind select recycling routes to identify primary recycling contaminants and to establish a baseline contamination rate. Staff plans to go out Wednesday and Thursday as well. This audit is being done ahead of a curbside recycling education campaign for residents.

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.](#)

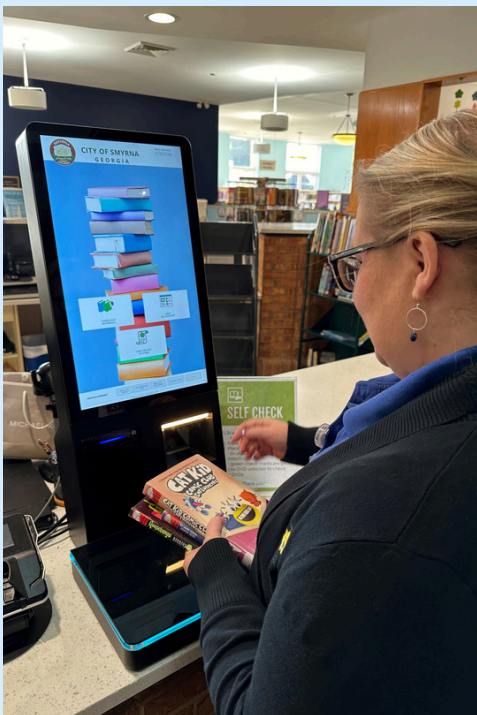


LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Cemetery Cleanup: Volunteers helped clean 19 monuments at Daniell Cemetery in the Bennett Woods subdivision. This will end our cleanings at that cemetery; the next cemetery workshop will be at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, October 5.

Hispanic Heritage Pop-up Craft Event: In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, kids will learn about Hispanic culture while making a free craft at the Hispanic Heritage Pop-up Craft Event on Saturday, September 28, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Smyrna Museum. This event is suitable for ages three and up.



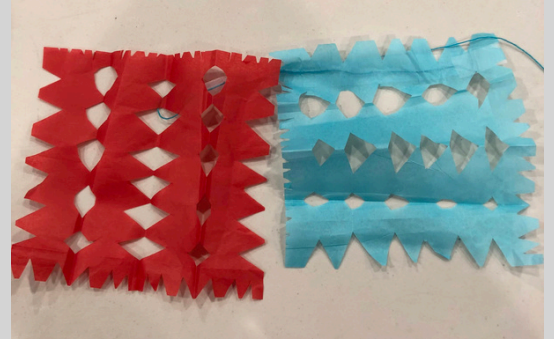
Weekly Visitors
 Library: 4,547
 Museum: 11

New Self-Check Units: With the help of Enoch and H in IT, Smyrna Library installed three new self-check units on September 9. The X25 units replace the old X1 units. Customers use the stations to check out, renew, pay fines, and release printouts.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Tweens Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month:

Library tweens kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month a few days early on September 10, making a Mexican holiday decoration called papel picado. They cut bright tissue paper into beautiful designs and strung their creations up to make their own celebratory banners.



Family Programming: Tinker Lab:

On Wednesday, September 11, elementary-aged kids and their parents created their own Ferris Wheels in the monthly STEM program called Tinker Lab. This program is designed for an adult and a child to use their problem-solving skills while working together on a project.

Adult Workshop: Composting 101: Adult Services hosted a workshop presented by Cobb County Water System's Division of Communications & Education. The program presented on Friday, September 13, discussed how composting at home can reduce household waste, add significant and healthy growth to vegetable and flower gardens, and help the environment. The Water Steward educators will return each quarter for another free adult workshop.



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: 1
- Sewer Backups: 8
- Water Service Leaks: 2
- Resolved Work Orders: 50



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 and South Cobb Drive: The final landscaping is being completed on these projects
- King Springs Road: Project is now complete
- Lake Court: Project is in progress
- Westbrooke Drive, Debra Drive, Vaneta Way, Colby Court, Lee Street: Projects in these locations are being scheduled

PARKS AND RECREATION

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. [Click here to register.](#)



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.](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION



SMYRNA'S SPOOKY FESTIVAL

Get ready for a spooky evening!

 Friday, October 18th

 7:00pm - 9:30pm

 Smyrna Market Village

Enjoy a spooky walk, food and treat vendors, attractions, and trick or treating with local businesses. At 7:00PM join us as we show the 2023 Haunted Mansion movie. The festival and movie are free, and registration is not required.

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RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

Exclusive Media Partner SMYRNA VININGS LIFESTYLE

Spooky Festival: Calling all ghosts and ghouls! Join us for Smyrna's Spooky Festival on Friday, October 18, from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Smyrna Market Village. Come dressed up in your best costumes and enjoy an evening of family time chills and thrills including a spooky walk, food and treat vendors, attractions, and trick or treating with local businesses. Relax with your candy and treats as you watch the 2023 Haunted Mansion movie at 7:00 PM. The festival and movie are free, and registration is not required. All ages are welcome at this event. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this spooktacular evening!

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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EVENTO GRATIS! FREE EVENT

RECREATE Smyrna Parks & Recreation

SMYRNA GEORGIA

Hispanic Heritage CELEBRATION

2:00PM - 6:00PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
 VILLAGE GREEN PARK

COME AND ENJOY HISPANIC CULTURE!
 LIVE MUSIC 6:30PM - 8:30PM!
 LOCAL VENDORS AND FOOD VENDORS!
 TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES!
 MOVIE IN THE PARK: BLUE BEETLE
 SMYRNAGA.GOV

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.



Community Center News: Several open gym participants enjoyed some much-deserved recognition for earning all A's and B's on their six week report card, earning treats and prizes for their excellent achievements in class. Congratulations to all of the all-stars!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

267 Inspections

93 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$1,147,455.35

Commercial (14)

(13) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x13 Units (2097 Lake Park Dr SE)

(1) Roof Replacement/Re-roof

- BLS Holdings Group LLC (485 Concord Rd SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$288,995.00

Pool (1)

(1) In-ground pool

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$100,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (18)

(1) Accessory Structure

(7) Addition

(5) Interior Renovations

(5) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$712,460.35

Demolition (4)

(3) Full Demolitions

- Public Works Construction Projects (3050 Atlanta Rd SE)

(1) Interior Demolition

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$46,000.00

Electrical (1) Tree (3) Sign (1) HVAC (12)

New Businesses

Amana Academy West Charter School

Charter schools
2200 Lake Park Drive
Ward 1

Drinnon Painting

Painting and Wall Covering
Contractors
Home Business
Ward 3

McDonald's

Limited-Service Restaurants (Change of ownership)
2591 Spring Road
Ward 1

McDonald's

Limited-Service Restaurants (Change of ownership)
3260 S Cobb Drive
Ward 3

RMW LAND INC

Drycleaning and Laundry Services (except Coin-Operated)
4454 South Cobb Drive, STE 105
Ward 6

Atlanta Bed Swings, LLC

Furniture stores (e.g., household, office, outdoor)
3314 South Cobb Drive, STE 5
Ward 3

KennBlends

Beauty Salons
3240 South Cobb Drive, STE 850, Room 202
Ward 5

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