



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, October 6, 2024

4th Quarter Joint Wards
1, 3, & 6 Meeting
5:00 PM
Council Chambers
A. Max Bacon City Hall

Monday, October 7, 2024

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

Monday, October 7, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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

ADMINISTRATION

Smyrna Youth Council: Smyrna Youth Council members met on Wednesday night and elected their 2024-2025 officers! Congratulations to the students elected to the following officer roles:

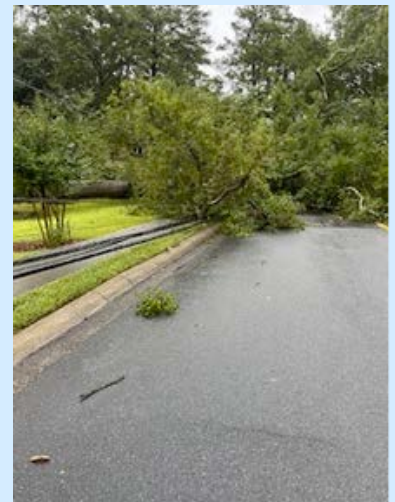
- Youth Council Mayor: Fiona McDermott
- Youth Council Mayor Pro Tem: Fatou Diop
- Secretary: Prayushi Padhi
- Treasurer: Ajay Manikaraj
- Communications Outreach Chair: Abigail Streger
- Community Service Project Chair: Ashwindh Ramesh
- School Outreach Chair: Mirella Haynes



PUBLIC WORKS

Streets Department: The Streets Department has been working on the following projects:

- Completed curb and catch basin repairs on Atlanta Road, McCoba Drive, Springwood Drive, Powder Springs Street, Concord Road, and McCauley Road
- Repaired asphalt on McCoba Drive, Springwood Drive, Dunn Street, and Highlands Parkway
- Cleared catch basins and storm drains in response to Hurricane Helene
- Cleared trees from the roadway on Ridge Road, Shawnee Trail, Village Parkway, Derby Lane, Bank Street, Church Road, Forest Drive, and Cedar Cliff Drive (pictured right)



HUMAN RESOURCES



DeVontey Davis
Police Officer
Police Department
Hired: 9/30

≡ Welcome ≡ to Smyrna!

COURT SERVICES



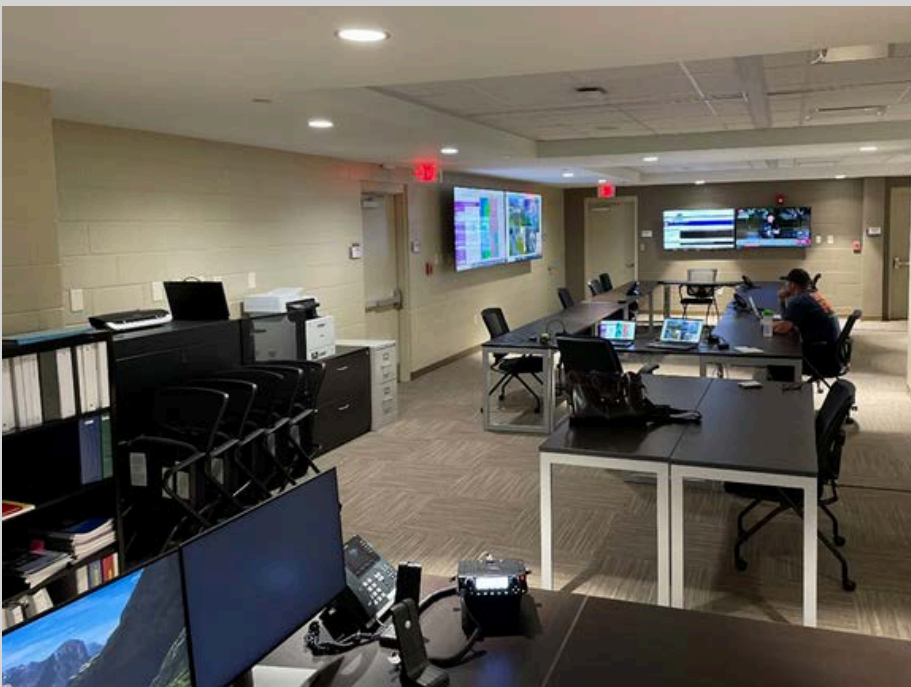
Court on 9/24

Cases: 77
Failures to Appear: 10
Pre-Trials: 25
DUIs Completed: 4

Court on 9/26

Cases: 102
Failures to Appear: N/A
Pre-Trials: 26
DUIs Completed: 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 0
Medical: 94
Other: 59
Total: 153

Hurricane Helene: Smyrna Emergency Management activated the Emergency Operations Center to assist in ensuring that the city was ready to handle the impacts of Hurricane Helene.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 21
 Citations: 313
 Warnings: 165
 Calls for Service: 682



Police Officer for a Day: Second Wind Dreams contacted our department stating they had a special lady who is a 30 year-retired Atlanta Public Schools educator, Mrs. Cotton. It has always been Mrs. Cotton’s dream to become a police detective. Smyrna Police Department was honored to host Mrs. Cotton as “Police Officer for a Day.” Officer Marshall closed out the day eating lunch with Mrs. Cotton, her friends, and the amazing staff at Woodlawn Ridge Assisted Living.

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Community Outreach: Director Bo Jones and Assistant Director Steven Watts attended a town hall meeting with Smyrna citizens and Ward 6 Councilmember Tim Gould. During the meeting management discussed water line replacement projects and provided guidance on how to read and understand water meters. Our department would like to extend thanks to Tim Gould and the entire City Council, and City administration for their continued support of staff and residents.

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

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, Spring Drive, South Cobb Drive, King Springs Road: These projects are now completed
- Lake Court Drive: Landscaping is now being completed on this project
- Westbooke Drive: This project is in progress
- Debra Drive, Vaneta Way, Colby Court, Lee Street: These projects are being scheduled

Work Orders

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 4
- Water Service Leaks: 2
- Resolved Work Orders: 25



Water and Sewer Operations Division Training: Water and Sewer Operations crews consist of a field foreman, an equipment operator, and two crew workers. They are responsible for handling emergency calls, day-to-day issues, and after-hours on-call situations related to water and sewer distribution. Pictured in the blue shirt in the above photos is Operator Brandon Martinez, who has four years of service with the City of Smyrna. Brandon is currently training new staff on how to repair a water service under pressure; a common task the crews face daily. Mastering this skill allows them to fix water services without shutting off the main supply to the street or neighborhood.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day: Bulky Trash Amnesty Day for Smyrna residents is less than a month away! The event will be on Saturday, October 19, from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM at Smyrna Public Works (2190 Atlanta Road). Bring large, bulky trash items to the Smyrna Public Works Department and dispose of them for free! The event is open to City of Smyrna residents only. No reservations or registration is required, but ID or proof of residency is required. [Learn more about what is accepted here.](#)

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.](#)

BULKY TRASH AMNESTY DAY



Dispose of large trash items for free!
 Saturday, October 19, 2024, 8:00 am-1:00 pm
 Smyrna Public Works, 2190 Atlanta Rd.
 Proof of Smyrna residency required.



Community Cleanup: Last Wednesday, two industrious KSB volunteers picked up 120 pounds of litter, including 20 pounds of recyclable material, during a Community Cleanup on Freeman Parkway in Ward 7.

Jonquil Bulb Sale: The annual Keep Smyrna Beautiful jonquil bulb sale has begun! Currently, a mixed variety (shades of yellow, orange, and white) are available for purchase at the Smyrna Recycling Center. We expect a shipment of yellow-only bulbs next week. They are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs. [Read more about our history with jonquils on our website.](#)

JONQUIL BULB SALE



Save the date!
SALE BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST
 \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs
 Limited quantity available



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Hispanic Heritage Celebration: Library Director Mary Moore and two volunteers from the International Spanish Academy hosted a library booth at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Saturday, September 21. Visitors to the booth received a free take-home craft, courtesy of the library, and free Spanish-language children's books, courtesy of the Friends of Smyrna Library. The festival was a great opportunity to talk to residents about library collections, programming, and resources.



Amate Bark Painting: On Friday, September 20, Adult Services hosted an Amate Bark Painting Workshop, led by library volunteer Ana Hogan. Amate is an ancient tradition of paper making from Mexico, made from the pulp of the fig and mulberry trees. Participants spent a relaxing morning painting brightly colored images on mulberry paper. Ms. Hogan brought actual examples of authentic paintings from Mexico as inspiration.

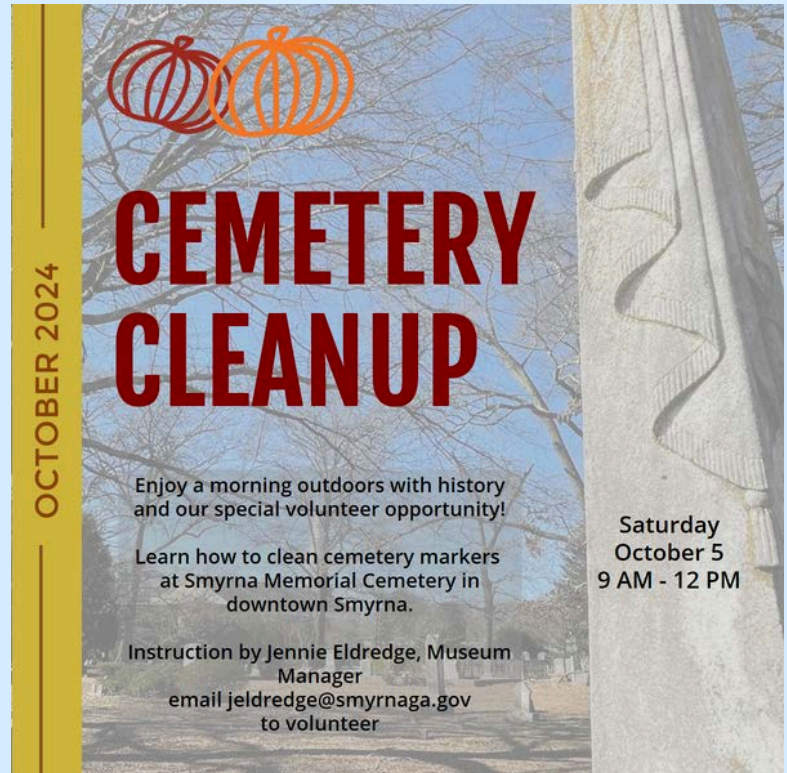
Weekly Visitors
 Library: 2,267
 Museum: 13



Wild Robot Party: Timed with the release of the new movie based on the bestselling book by Peter Brown, Youth Services hosted a "Wild Robot Party" on Monday, September 16, for kids in grades 2nd-5th. They had crafts and activities featuring the kids' favorite robot, Roz, and her friends.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Cemetery Cleanup: Enjoy a morning outdoors with history and our special volunteer opportunity! Learn how to clean cemetery markers at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery in downtown Smyrna on October 5 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Email Jennie at jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov to volunteer.



PARKS AND RECREATION



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!

PARKS AND RECREATION

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.](#)

The Tap: Stop by and pick up your copy of the Fall/Winter edition of the Tap so you have all the latest news and updates on upcoming events, including holiday fun, happening with Parks and Recreation! You can grab your copy from several city facilities including the Community Center, the Smyrna Library, and City Hall. Get your copy today so you don't miss out on any of the excitement!



College Football Saturday:

Parks and Recreation hosted College Football Saturday on September 28 in the Market Village. Football fans came out to cheer on their favorite teams for two big games, while also enjoying music from a DJ, and some prize giveaways. Come out and enjoy the next College Football Saturday on October 19.



Hurricane Helene: Hurricane Helene caused some unfortunate damage in various parts of Smyrna, including Riverview Park. Flooding and downed trees damaged the dock and other areas of the park. Damage is still being assessed and a timeline for repairs is not yet set.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

173 Inspections

62 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$430,857.16

Commercial (3)

- (1) Accessory Building
 - Campbell Rd @ Atlanta Rd (0 Campbell Rd SE)

- (1) Interior Renovation
 - Era Aesthetics (3150 Highlands Pkwy, Ste 107)

- (1) Roof Replacement/Re-Roof
 - Public Works Construction Projects (2825 Park Rd SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$50,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (9)

- (5) Additions
- (2) Roof Replacements/Re-Roof
- (2) Interior Renovation

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$380,857.16

Electrical (3) Tree (6) Plumbing (3) HVAC (11)

New Businesses

SALON TRIBECA

Beauty Salons
3240 South Cobb Drive, STE 850, Room 119
Ward 5

Creative Balance

Mental Health Specialists
Home Business
Ward 6

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