



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, October 14, 2024

Planning & Zoning Commission
Cancelled

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Committee of the Whole
6:30 PM
HR Training Room
A. Max Bacon City Hall

ADMINISTRATION

Racial Trust Building Initiative: Breakfast Speaker Series: As part of the city's Racial Trust Building Initiative, the City of Smyrna is hosting its next Breakfast Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 23 at the Smyrna Community Center. The Breakfast Speaker Series invites qualified guest speakers to engage audiences in community issues.

Our guest speaker will be Bridges Holmes, Vice President of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Sustainability at The Adecco Group North America. Bridges will lead an engaging talk about his life story, titled "Everyone Has a Story."

Registration is free and open to the community. Breakfast will be served. Attendance is limited, so please register to reserve your spot.



Rebuilding Together Atlanta and UKG Day of Service: Rebuilding Together Atlanta organized a Day of Service on October 8 to help a Ward 6 Smyrna homeowner with minor home repairs and cleanup. UKG employees volunteered their time and labor to help the homeowner live safely in their home. UKG has served as the corporate sponsor for numerous days of service over the past few years, so we are grateful to them and Rebuilding Together Atlanta for their continued partnership.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Teliah Colbert
Records Assistant
Police Department
Hired: 10/7

**≡ Welcome ≡
to Smyrna!**

COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/1

Cases: 75
Failures to Appear: 28
Pre-Trials: 19
DUIs Completed: 1

Court on 10/3

Cases: 93
Failures to Appear: 35
Pre-Trials: 19
DUIs Completed: 1

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 17
Citations: 52
Warnings: 7
Calls for Service: 627

Employment Milestone: Congratulations to Sergeant Tovar for 10 years of service to the Smyrna Police Department and the citizens of Smyrna. We are proud to celebrate this milestone with Sergeant Tovar!



End of the Summer Block Party: On Saturday, our officers were invited to an End of the Summer Block Party hosted by one of the churches in our community. Our officers had an awesome time meeting the congregation at Restoring the Years Ministries.

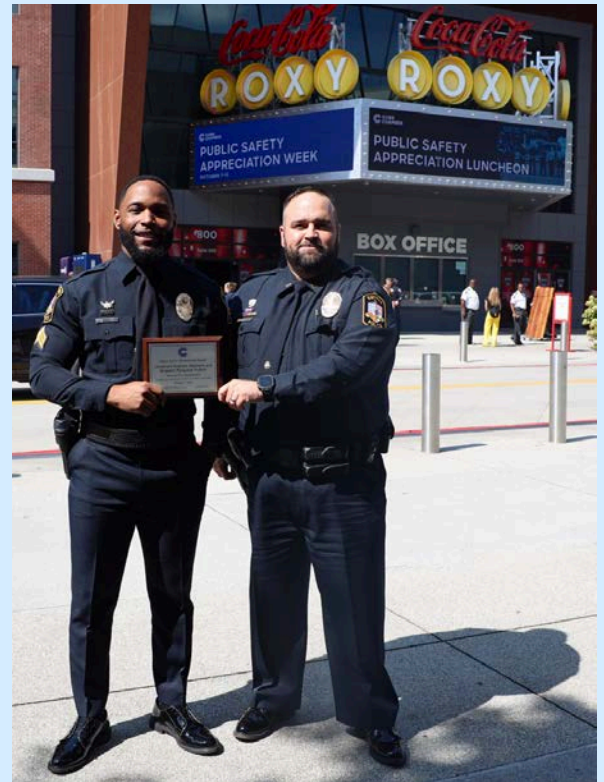
POLICE DEPARTMENT



2024 South Cobb Business Association Public Safety Luncheon: Last week our officers were honored at the 2024 South Cobb Business Association Public Safety Luncheon. Officers Fabian, Armstrong, and Edwards were honored for their dedication to our community.



Cobb Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Lunch: On Monday, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce Awards were hosted at the Coca-Cola Roxy. This luncheon honored Cobb County Public Safety in recognition of Public Safety Appreciation Week 2024. Lieutenant Stephens and Sergeant Hudson were nominated for their commitment to our community and their bravery during a call for service earlier this year.



Citizens Police Academy: On Thursday, we hosted our annual Citizens Police Academy class.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Cobb Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Lunch: On Monday, several public safety professionals from across Cobb County were recognized at the Cobb Chamber of Commerce Public Safety lunch. Over 25 individuals received recognition for their contributions and acts of bravery.

Smyrna Engine 3 received the prestigious Medal of Valor Award. The Medal of Valor is the highest award recognizing an individual for an act of bravery in a life-threatening situation.

Engine 3 received the award for their quick actions on an active structure fire, removing a victim, and performing medical care! Great job Smyrna Fire Department!

Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 0
 Medical: 99
 Other: 56
 Total: 155

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Jonquil Bulb Sale: The annual Keep Smyrna Beautiful Jonquil Bulb Sale is underway! Yellow and mixed variety bulbs are both available for purchase at the Smyrna Recycling Center. Keep Smyrna Beautiful board members will also be selling them at this weekend's Smyrna Handmade Market. They are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs.



How did Smyrna become the Jonquil City?

The Taylor family (of the Taylor-Brawner House) introduced jonquils to the area. Stephen and Louisa Taylor's son Henry shipped a bag of the bulbs from his home in Spokane, Washington...and the rest is history.

Grab a bag today!



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.](#)

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.



Hawthorne Adult Education Center Partnership:

Keep Smyrna Beautiful partnered with Cobb County School's Hawthorne Adult Education Center alongside Home Depot last week to revamp the building's aging flower beds. KSB took the lead on plant recommendations and oversaw the drip irrigation system. KSB will continue to partner with the Hawthorne Adult Education Center to maintain the beds in the years to come.

Smyrna Birthday: Litter-Free Event:

Look for litter bags and recycling bags (new this year) on the tables at this weekend's Smyrna birthday concert. KSB will also be handing out additional litter and recycling bags at a booth at the very back of the event. Remember to empty those beverage bottles and cans before throwing them in the recycling!

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.](#)

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: 2
- Water Service Leaks: 5
- Resolved Work Orders: 23

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: Completed
- Lake Court Drive: Landscaping is now being completed
- Westbooke Drive: In progress
- Debra Drive, Vaneta Way, Colby Court, Lee Street: Being scheduled



New Equipment: The Water and Sewer Operations Division is proud to announce the acquisition of a new TB260 Takeuchi Excavator and a TSB80V2 Skid Steer. This equipment was purchased to enhance our crews' ability to manage in-house projects and to handle complex jobs. By upgrading our capabilities, the Water and Sewer Division is better equipped to serve Smyrna citizens in a more productive and efficient manner.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



First Sunday Lecture: Nationally known artist and Smyrna hometown girl, Marsha Hamby Savage, discussed her life as an artist and her process at the First Sunday Lecture on Sunday, October 6. Ms. Savage's acrylics are currently on exhibit through the end of October in the library's upper-level gallery.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Weekly Visitors

Library: 4,209

Museum: 16

Idea Workshop: On Wednesday, October 2, the Cobb County Business Bootcamp volunteers lead a business idea generation workshop at Smyrna Library. Project coordinators were pleased with the enthusiasm of attendees and are planning to return for another workshop in the spring.

Closure Notice: Smyrna Library and Smyrna Museum will be closed Saturday, October 12, for the city's birthday celebration.



Cemetery Cleanup: On Saturday, October 5, ten volunteers helped clean stones and pick up brush at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Their help was greatly appreciated, and we were able to clean about 30 monuments.

Pictured on the top right is a before and after picture of the grave marker for Olivia W. Gaston, an infant girl who only lived from December 1887 to February 1888. Infant mortality was sadly a common aspect of life in our area during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Mirabel and Mariposas: On Monday, September 30, the Youth Services team hosted Disney character Mirabel from the Encanto film for a special story time. Guests also made a fun mariposa (butterfly) craft. This event was in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.



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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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!

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!

Fall Break Camp: Although the week was cut short due to Hurricane Helene, Fall Break campers enjoyed three full days of arts and crafts. There were twelve excited campers who enjoyed creating new projects to share with their families each day. Campers also took part in outdoor arts and crafts and playing on Tolleson Park's playground. Our next camp will be a cooking camp for Winter Break in February.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

205 Inspections

65 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,788,792.84

Commercial (10)

- (1) Accessory Building
 - 456 Wheels and More (756 Concord Rd)
- (9) Interior Renovations
 - Cortland at the Village x9 units (2075 Lake Park Dr SE)
 - Era Aesthetics (3150 Highlands Pkwy STE 107)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$158,000.00

Demolition (1)

- (1) Demolition
 - Residential
- Estimated Cost of Construction: \$158,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (18)

- (1) Addition
 - (1) Other
 - (2) Interior Renovations
 - (14) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
- Estimated Cost of Construction: \$528,792.84

Grading (1)

- (1) Land Disturbance
 - Kingsley Senior (790 Smyrna Hill Dr)
- Estimated Cost of Construction: 2,100,000.00

Electrical (4) Tree (2) Plumbing (6) HVAC (5) Sign (2)

New Businesses

Altitude Rewards

Online advertising agencies
Home Business
Ward 2

Appliance Installations Plus LLC

Handyman construction service
Home Business
Ward 3

Fatima African Hair Braiding

Beauty Salons
3240 South Cobb Drive, STE 850,
Room 126
Ward 5

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