



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Monday, October 21, 2024**

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

### **Monday, October 21, 2024**

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

### **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

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

### **Friday, October 25, 2024**

Smyrna Public Art Committee Meeting  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

### **Saturday, October 26, 2024**

Ward 5 Neighborhood Meeting  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Wolfe Center

# ADMINISTRATION

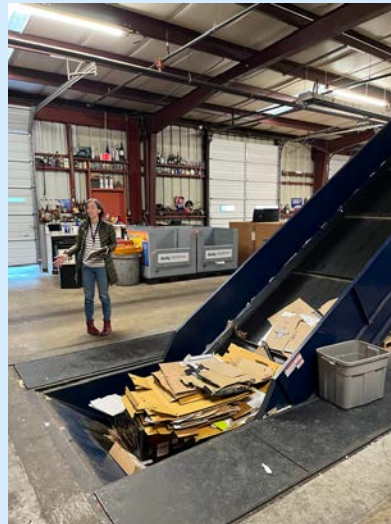
**Racial Trust Building Initiative: Breakfast Speaker Series:** As part of the city's Racial Trust Building Initiative, the City of Smyrna is hosting its next Breakfast Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 23 at the Smyrna Community Center. The Breakfast Speaker Series invites qualified guest speakers 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.](#)



**Smyrna Youth Council at the Recycling Center:** Eloise hosted the Smyrna Youth Council members on Wednesday evening to teach them about Keep Smyrna Beautiful and Environmental Services, as well as give them a tour of the Recycling Center. Thank you Eloise for a fun evening!



# HUMAN RESOURCES



**Jeffrey Loner**  
Records Assistant  
Police Department  
Hired: 10/14



**Tranisha Price**  
Police Officer  
Police Department  
Hired: 10/14

**≡ Welcome ≡  
to Smyrna!**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## School Engagement:

Last Tuesday, Officer Marshall visited King Springs Elementary for Walk to School Day and Covenant Christian School for their Safety Patrol Induction Ceremony.



## Community Helper Day:

Smyrna First Baptist Church invited Officer Marshall to their Community Helper Day.



**Blessing of the Badges and Smyrna Birthday Celebration:** On Saturday, Smyrna Police Department hosted our inaugural Blessing of the Badges and celebrated Smyrna's birthday with Smyrna's best citizens!

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

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

**Work Anniversary:** Congratulations to Deputy Chief Binicewicz on 22 years of service to the City of Smyrna!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Birthday Celebration:** We are so proud of our public safety and city staff for keeping Smyrna's 152nd birthday celebration event safe and organized throughout the day. It was a friendly, enjoyable, and accommodating event!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SMYRNA FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
*Congratulations!*





**LIEUTENANT JUSTIN TUCKER**

"Tucker is an impact player and we're excited to see him lead in his new role."  
- Anonymous Smyrna Firefighter

**ENGINEER SAMUEL COUNTS**

"...displayed unwavering dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence in the field of firefighting."  
- Anonymous Smyrna Firefighter





**ENGINEER MARSHAL DIXON**

"His calm strength and relentless drive to be the best firefighter push everyone around him to be a better firefighter and person."  
- Anonymous Smyrna Firefighter

**ENGINEER EMANUEL MOORE**

"...highly coachable and receptive to feedback, and actively sought opportunities for professional development"  
- Anonymous Smyrna Firefighter





**ENGINEER GIOVANNI RIVAS**

"...is an obvious next generation leader of the Fire Service."  
- Anonymous Smyrna Firefighter

**ENGINEER TRAVIS ROCKWELL**

"...is an asset to the department. He understands the importance of his position and is passionate about becoming better each day."  
- Anonymous Smyrna Firefighter



**TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**

**Weekly Fire Totals**

Fire: 2  
Medical: 114  
Other: 51  
Total: 167

**Promotions:** This month, Smyrna Fire Department celebrated the promotion of one Lieutenant and five Engineers. These promotions went into effect on Monday, October 14. Congratulations to:

- Lieutenant Justin Tucker
- Engineer Samuel Counts
- Engineer Marshal Dixon
- Engineer Emanuel Moore
- Engineer Giovanni Rivas
- Engineer Travis Rockwell

# COURT SERVICES



**Court on 10/8**

Cases: 82  
Failures to Appear: 24  
Pre-Trials: 22  
DUIs Completed: 4

**Trials on 10/10**

Cases: 5  
Failures to Appear: 0  
Pre-Trials: 1  
DUIs Completed: 0

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Smyrna Birthday: Litter-Free Event:** Last Saturday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful handed out 306 litter bags and 255 recycling bags to help people keep Smyrna clean, green, and beautiful for the birthday celebration! In total, 218 pounds of recycling were collected at the event.



**Storm Drain Marking:** Last Thursday, volunteers from Murata Electronics took time out of their workday to mark storm drains in the neighborhoods around Ridge Road to let passersby know that anything dumped down drains goes straight to the local creek or stream. Marking storm drains is one component of our public stormwater education program.



**Campbell High School Cleanup:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful provided trash bags, pickers, and safety vests for last Saturday's Campbell High School campus cleanup by members of the National Honor Society. Forty students participated and picked up 15 bags of litter!

**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](#).

# 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.](#)

**Adopt-a-Mile on October 19:** At the same time that Smyrna residents will be dropping off their bulky trash items at public works, KSB volunteers will be cleaning the streets of Smyrna for the final quarterly Adopt-a-Mile cleanup of the year on October 19. If you see them out, give them a little honk and wave of appreciation!

## 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.




**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!**



**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. They are \$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs. They will also be available for purchase at the Crafts & Drafts Festival at the end of the month while supplies last.

**Community Cleanup:** Yesterday on East-West Connector, KSB volunteers picked up 64 pounds of litter, including a whopping 30 pounds of recyclable material! These are materials that won't end up polluting our waterways and in the case of the recycling, filling our landfills. Thank you, volunteers!



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

## Work Orders

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 2
- Water Service Leaks: 3
- Resolved Work Orders: 27

**Birthday Celebration:** Water Distribution staff assisted the Streets Department with the Smyrna birthday celebration on Saturday, October 12. They worked throughout the day and night to ensure the event was successful. Thank you to Public Works for allowing us to be a part of their team during this event!

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Meeting with Local Businesses:** City Economic Development staff, along with our regional partners, recently participated in a day dedicated to meeting with key local businesses. This is done so that all community resources are in the room to understand the issues of our existing business community, to quickly identify firms on the brink of expansion or those businesses that may require assistance, and to increase awareness of the programs offered by our economic development partners. Participants included representatives from Cobb County's Economic Development office, Cobb Chamber of Commerce, City of Marietta, City of Smyrna, Georgia Department of Economic Development, Work Source Cobb, our two school systems, and our utility partners. In Smyrna, the team toured two large manufacturers located along Highlands Parkway: Crown Bakeries (bakery goods) and Cenveo (envelopes). Together, these two firms employ over 380 people and generate more than \$117,000 in annual revenue for the City of Smyrna.





# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,794

Museum: 13

**Silly Spell Night:** Tween Night on Tuesday, October 8, was magical! Smyrna Library kids created silly spell books filled with invention, including spells that make you float, cover you in ice, and make you take a trip down a slide covered in milk. So creative!



**Tinker Lab:** What's a tensegrity table? Parents and kids found out on Wednesday, October 9 at the monthly Tinker Lab program. Participants built tables which used the forces of tension to create stable structures.

**Genealogy Workshop:** On Friday, October 11, professional genealogist Laura Halls presented a workshop at Smyrna Library called "Where There's a Will, There's Genealogy." She highlighted specific aspects of wills and their implications for genealogical research. Her thorough explanations and examples clarified these research concepts for participants.



**Library Promotion:** Library Associate in Technical Services, Alexandria Rawls, was promoted to Technical Services Librarian on Monday, October 14. Please congratulate Alex the next time you are in the library!

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



**Smyrna History:** The building in the center of both photos is King Chapel AME Church, founded by Hattie King. The church building was completed in 1940, dating the black and white photo sometime between 1940 and 1953. The recent photo shows the brick foyer addition on to the front of the church, but the steeple and original wood roofline marks the building as the same structure on Davenport Street.

**Kid's Pop-Up Craft Event:** On Saturday, October 19, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, come by the museum to make a craft celebrating Halloween, Dia de los Muertos, and all things spooky! This craft is suitable for ages three and up.



# 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!

# PARKS AND RECREATION

**Girls Night Out:** Registration is now open for Smyrna's second annual Girls Night Out on November 15 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Smyrna Market Village! Businesses will be open late and providing giveaways and discounts to the ladies! The first 50 women over the age of 21 to register will receive a Smyrna swag bag that will include:

- Coupons and giveaways from Smyrna businesses
- Smyrna goodies and gear provided by Parks and Recreation
- A free wine tumbler and tote bag

Even if you are not one of the first 50 to register, you are welcome to still register for this free event! We will have extra giveaways located at the Smyrna tent. Businesses and vendors will also have plenty of discounts and specials running throughout that evening!



**November Parents Night Out:** On November 22, let us handle the childcare for the evening. Participants will create fake snow, cut-out paper snowflakes, enjoy a hot chocolate bar, be served dinner, and watch an exciting winter themed movie! The event is from 5:00-8:00 PM and the cost is \$30 per child.

**Kids Handmade Market:** Get ready to be amazed by the creativity and talent of our young entrepreneurs at the Kids Handmade Market. Join Parks and Recreation for a day of fun and discovery as talented kids showcase their handmade products such as jewelry, imaginative artwork, delicious homemade treats, and so much more! Celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship and creativity as you interact with these inspiring young minds on Saturday, November 16, from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**Weekly Inspections:**

171 Inspections  
65 Sites

**Total Estimated Cost of Construction:**

\$17,347,166.76

**Commercial (14)**

(11) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x 5 units (2075 Lake Park Dr SE)
- New Tenants x5 Units (2233 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Breast Body Beauty Plastic Surgery (1300 Hawthorne Ave SE)

(1) New Construction

- Kingsley Senior (790 Smyrna Hill Dr)

(2) Solar Panels/Generators

- 2646 Atlanta Rd SE
- 5253 Oakdale Rd SE

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$17,031,278.00

**Building Remodel/Residential (12)**

(5) Additions

(7) Re-roof/Roof Replacements

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$315,888.76

**Electrical (1) Tree (1) Plumbing (3) HVAC (6) Sign (3)**

**New Businesses**

**CuriousTechWorld**

All Other Miscellaneous Retailers  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**Ruskee Porterfield**

**Counseling, LLC**

Offices of Mental Health  
Practitioners (except Physicians)  
Home Business  
Ward 2

**AMERICAN DELI SMYRNA 2**

Limited-Service Restaurants  
822 Concord Road, STE 101  
Ward 3

**Mangos Beauty Bar**

Beauty Salons  
4454 South Cobb Drive, STE 102  
Ward 6

**ERA AESTHETICS**

Offices of All Other Miscellaneous  
Health Practitioners  
3150 Highlands Parkway, STE 107  
Ward 7

**MKC Sparkle Shine Power Wash**

Pressure washing (e.g., buildings,  
decks, fences)  
Home Business  
Ward 7

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