



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Church Redevelopment Advisory Committee
5:00-6:00 PM
1st Floor Banquet Room
Brawner Hall

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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

ADMINISTRATION



Racial Trust Building Initiative: Breakfast Speaker Series: The Racial Trust Building Breakfast Speaker Series was held Wednesday morning at the Community Center. Guest speaker Bridges Holmes of The Adecco Group North America led an engaging talk about his life story. Thank you to Bridges for speaking to a packed house!



Crosswalk Mural: Visual artist and Smyrna resident [Lela Brunet](#) installed a crosswalk mural in front of City Hall titled "Butterfly Dance." This is the first public art project implemented since the new Public Art Committee was formed in August. Be sure to check out the mural while visiting downtown!



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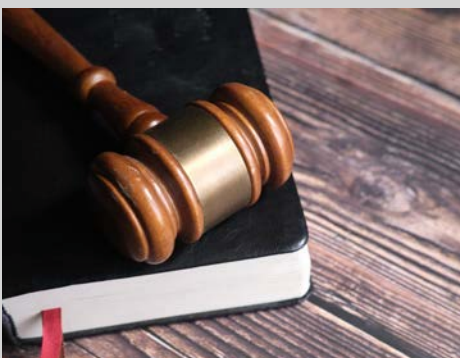
Smyrna Youth Council's Oath of Office: On Monday, October 21, the 2024-2025 Smyrna Youth Council students had a Meet & Greet with City Council and Department Heads. Afterwards, Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Gould gave them their oath of office at the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Derek Norton invited Youth Council Mayor Fiona McDermott to help him run the remainder of the meeting.

We are very excited to see what this year's Youth Council accomplishes!



COURT SERVICES



Court on 10/15

Cases: 69
Failures to Appear: 13
Pre-Trials: 15
DUIs Completed: 0

Court on 10/17

Cases: 60
Failures to Appear: 22
Pre-Trials: 11
DUIs Completed: 2

FIRE DEPARTMENT



FIRE SAFETY EVENT

Join Kidde to talk about the importance of fire safety.

Bring your family and friends for an exciting afternoon featuring fire trucks, interactive activities, delicious brunch bites, and a special appearance by Atlanta Falcons Quarterback, **Kirk Cousins!**

Kidde will be donating smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to local fire departments. Don't miss out on this opportunity for fun, safety, and community!

*Please be aware press photography and filming will be taking place at the event

October 21, 2024
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST
Marietta Fire Museum,
112 Haynes Street, Marietta, GA

PLEASE RSVP TO CARRIER@CITIZENRELATIONS BY 10/9



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Donation from Kidde: On October 20, Captain Tim Grubaugh and Lieutenant Frank Romano of Smyrna Fire Department's Bureau of Fire Prevention joined fire marshals from other departments to receive a bulk donation of brand-new DETECT (combination smoke and carbon monoxide 10-year battery-powered alarms) alarms from Kidde at a public event at Marietta's Fire Station 51 and Fire Museum. These smoke detectors will be distributed to Smyrna residents upon request and through our community outreach programs.

Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 1
Medical: 82
Other: 57
Total: 140

Smyrna Fire Awards: On Saturday, October 19, Smyrna Public Safety Foundation hosted the Smyrna Fire Awards, held at Hotel Indigo in Vinings. It was a beautiful night celebrating our incredible Fire Department.



Firefighter of the Year: Luis Luna



POLICE DEPARTMENT

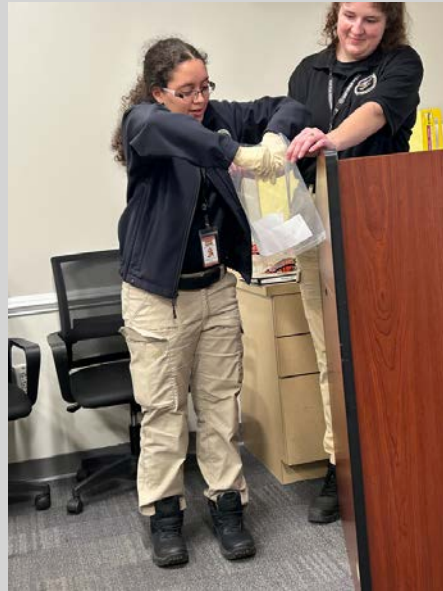


Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 23
Citations: 108
Warnings: 30
Calls for Service: 651

Welcome: Congratulations to Recruit Cruz, as he graduated from the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy and will move on to field training.

Citizens Police Academy: Last week our Citizens Police Academy students learned about property and evidence, crime scene processing, and the selective traffic enforcement program (STEP) unit.



Cobb Business Association Fall Expo: Officer Marshall and 911 Communications Director Danielle Fortner participated in the South Cobb Business Association Fall Expo at Six Flags where they had the opportunity to network with several businesses and small business owners in Cobb County.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Adopt-a-Mile: On Saturday, KSB Adopt-a-Mile volunteers cleaned the streets of Smyrna for the final quarterly Adopt-a-Mile cleanup of the year. We're still gathering all the data from the day, but so far just over 100 volunteers spent 150+ hours picking up 1,000+ pounds of litter on Saturday!



Monthly Recycling Center Tour: Last Friday, three patrons toured the Smyrna Recycling Center during our monthly tour. Tour participants get a behind-the-scenes look at the center and learn how to recycle better and what materials go on to become in their next life. Tours are free and open to the public and take place the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. [Register for an upcoming tour.](#)

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day: On Saturday, KSB partnered with Smyrna Public Works to serve 471 cars during Bulky Trash Amnesty Day for Smyrna residents. The purpose of this event is to provide a needed service for residents and to discourage and prevent illegal dumping.



Teasley Elementary Career Day: On Friday, KSB Coordinator Eloise Holland visited a classroom of first graders at Teasley Elementary to talk about litter, recycling, and how they can make the world a better place. KSB visits classrooms of all ages throughout Smyrna to talk about KSB's work, recycling, environmental education, and more!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



School Tour and Water Monitoring Activity: Amana Academy: On Tuesday, thirty 6th grade students and teachers from Amana Academy toured the Smyrna Recycling Center and took part in a chemical water monitoring activity to learn about how statewide Adopt-a-Stream volunteers help scientists protect the health of our waterways.

Jonquil Bulb Sale: The annual KSB Jonquil Bulb Sale is coming to a close. With less than two dozen bags left, we encourage you to visit the Smyrna Recycling Center this week to purchase yours (\$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs) before we sell out! Any remaining bags will be sold this Saturday and Sunday at the Crafts & Drafts Festival.

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](#).

JONQUIL BULB SALE



Available Now!

\$20 for a bag of 40 bulbs
Grab a bag at the Smyrna
Recycling Center



PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department: The Street Department has been working on the following tasks:

- Assisted with the Smyrna Birthday Celebration set up and break down
- Installed a concrete slab at the Public Works facility for a storage structure
- Repaired drainage issues on Concord Road, North Thomas Lane, Hickory Mill Drive, Powder Springs Street, Mill Pond Road, and Gilbert Street (pictured right)
- Repaired potholes on Spring Road, Village Parkway, Highlands Parkway, McCoba Drive, Prestwick Place, and the Smyrna Museum parking lot
- Continued work on monthly right of way mowing schedule



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: 6
- Water Service Leaks: 4
- Resolved Work Orders: 31

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

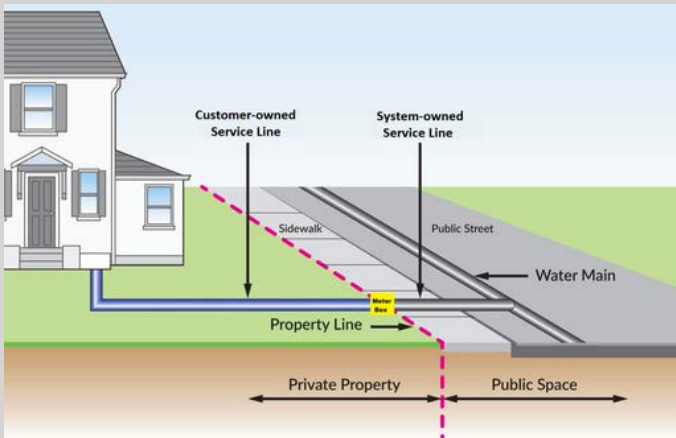


Water Leak Repairs: Staff has been working on a water leak that has surfaced on Spring Road. We are currently in the process of having a leak detection company, with the assistance of Cobb County Water System, determine where the leak is coming from. When the leak is located, repairs will be made to rectify the issue.

Sewer Manhole Installation: Staff has been working to install a new sewer manhole and 700 feet of sewer main at River Line Park for a future development. This process is being completed in house to ensure that the sewer system is up to date.



WATER DISTRIBUTION



Lead-Free Water System: Water Distribution has completed inventorying the material for public and customer-owned service lines in our distribution system including residential and non-residential customers and has determined that our system is lead-free.

[We have published that inventory here.](#)

Please note that if you have had the customer line replaced for any reason from the meter to you home, please contact Water System Administrative Coordinator Donna Cox at 678-631-5449 or dcox@smyrnaga.gov so we may update our inventory.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Weekly Visitors

Library: 4533

Museum: 61

Craft Pop-Up: Fifty-five participants came to our Spooky Season Craft Pop-Up. Kids and parents had fun making sugar skull masks for Dia de los Muertos, and bats and spiders for Halloween. Our next craft pop-up will be in November for Native American Heritage Month.

Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site: On Monday, October 21, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge traveled to Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site. Photographs from this trip will be featured in an exhibit at the Smyrna Library from November to December. This view is of Mounds A and B and the central Plaza.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Spooky Festival: On Friday, October 18, Parks and Recreation was joined by Smyrna ghosts and ghouls at the 2024 Spooky Festival. Participants enjoyed food and craft vendors, free face painting, trick or treating with local Smyrna businesses, a 30-foot inflatable obstacle course, and the 2023 Haunted Mansion movie, which was shown on the giant LED screen. The Smyrna Market Village area was filled with Halloween decorations, festive lights, and Halloween spirit. Everyone left happy and excited for this year's spooky season!

College Football Saturday: Parks and Recreation hosted the second College Football Saturday event of 2024 in the Market Village on Saturday, October 19. Friends and families came out to watch games throughout the day on the big screens while enjoying food, raffle prizes, and great music. The next event is on Saturday, November 16. See you there!



Blanket Concert Series: On Saturday, October 19, Parks and Recreation hosted the last Blanket Concert Series event for the 2024 season. Funk Cake entertained the crowd at the new amphitheater in the Village Green area with fun music that had everyone dancing. The 2025 Blanket Concert Series will start next April. Performers will be announced as the dates get closer.



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, and 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!

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.



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. Children must be potty trained and ages 4-12. Register today!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

202 Inspections

75 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$5,904,401.75

Commercial (14)

(11) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x7 units (2139 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Cobb County School District Projects (1870 Teasley Dr SE)
- Solace Early Learning Academy (1322 Concord Rd)
- Be Dance with Ms. Reggy (2750 Atlanta Rd STE 101)
- Georgia Luxury Automotive (802 Smyrna Hill Dr)

(1) Modular Construction Office/Trailer

- Kingsley Senior (790 Smyrna Hill Dr)
- (1) New Construction
- Chastain Vet Hospital (940 Concord Rd)

(1) Other

- EV Charging Stations for Belmont Apartments (400 Belmont Pl SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$4,191,041.75

Building Remodel/Residential (8)

(2) Additions

(3) Interior Renovations

(2) Roof Replacements/ Re-Roofs

(1) New Construction

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$714,360.00

Demolition (1)

(1) Full Demolition

- Cumberland Pointe Apartments (1202 Wexford Hills Pkwy SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$45,000.00

Grading (1)

(1) Land Disturbance

- Chastain Vet Hospital (940 Concord RD)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$954,000.00

Electrical (1) Tree (3) Plumbing (5) HVAC (4) Sign (3)

New Businesses

Elaine's Cleaning Solutions

Janitorial Services
Home Business
Ward 2

Angel's Tattoos, LLC

Tattoo parlors
860 Concord Road
Ward 3

Rolling Restrooms, LLC

Toilet renting and/or servicing, portable
Home Business
Ward 4

Hosts With The Most

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 2

Preferred Armory

Firearms - Sales
1295 West Spring Street, STE 110
Ward 3

Unique Cutz

Barber Shops
3240 South Cobb Drive, STE 850,
Room 131
Ward 5

Eran Industrial

Office Administrative Services
4200 Highlands Parkway, STE B
Ward 7

3Duquesas LLC

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 2

Total Wireless

Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)
3315 South Cobb Drive, STE 1200
Ward 3

DPR Construction

General Contractor
1885 Mitchell Road, STE 100
Ward 7

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