

Mayor and City Council Update August 23, 2019



To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads

Administration

City Administrator, Tammi Saddler Jones, was invited to have lunch with the Water/Sewer Division employees. The W/S Division has about 18 employees who are responsible for maintaining the water lines and sewer lines within the City. Operations include emergency repairs to lines, normal maintenance of lines, the installation of water and sewer taps, the operation of lift stations and the replacement of older lines. Everyone had a great time together. Thank you to the W/S Division employees for your hard work and dedication!



Library

Sustainability – The library met with Environmental Services intern, Fatima Tarawally about a display in the library to solicit community input about sustainability efforts. The display will be in the downstairs lobby starting Tuesday, September 3.

Teen Volunteers – Teen programming at the library this fall will focus on volunteering. The first event held Tuesday, August 20, brought out 29 teens to make bandanas for shelter animals. Next month, they will make Sock Buddies for the Children’s Hospital.

New Tutoring Policy – Over the past few years, tutors in the library have become so numerous that other patrons attempting to read, study and conduct research cannot find a table upstairs or downstairs. Starting September 1, the library will limit tutoring to four tables on the upper level. We have been aggressively advertising the policy in-house for a couple of weeks. So far, no one has submitted a complaint.

Construction – QDS started construction this week on an enclosure for the library’s garbage and recycling cans. Currently, the cans are stored right next to the employee/delivery entrance in the back of the building. This situation created an eyesore for anyone visiting the small park next to the library. QDS expects to complete work next week.



Human Resources

Select Vacancies of Note:

Police Officer (5) – Conducting interviews and backgrounds

Firefighter (3) – Conducting psychological exams and physicals

Detention Officer (2) – Interviewing

Assistant Public Works Director – Interviewing

Environmental Inspector – Accepting applications

Employee Benefits Coordinator – Interviewing

IT Systems Manager – Accepting applications

Upcoming New Hires and Promotions (8/26)

Firefighter Uncertified - Jordan Dyke, Brandon Tinney, Cody Hanna, Willis Selman

Firefighter Uncertified - Travis Rockwell (promoted from Equipment Operator)

Crew Worker/Recycling – Matthew Collett

Communication Officer – Jasmyne Potts

Police Officer (uncert) – Dakota Brokaw

Department of Environmental Services

Sustainability

Fatima Tarawally is joining the Environmental Services staff as an intern. She came to us through the Atlanta Regional Commission's Sustainable Intern Program. Her focus will be on development of a 5 year Sustainability Plan, the ARC Green Designation Program, and other sustainability factors.

KSB

Volunteer Fair:

The Volunteer Fair is coming together. The Fair will focus on volunteer opportunities within the City of Smyrna Government. Participants include: KSB, Parks, the Library, Smyrna Public Safety Foundation, Friends of the Smyrna Library, the Smyrna Museum, the Smyrna Visioning committees, the Tree Board, Smyrna Education Foundation, Police Explorers, Fire Department. The Fair is October 3rd, 5:30 – 7:30 in the evening at the Community Center. Questions? Please direct them to Julie Barwig.

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day:

Our first event was a HUGE success! Over 318 cars brought large, unwanted items to the Public Works Facility. Many thanks to Frank, Bo, and all the Sanitation guys who worked as well as to the volunteers from KSB. Rodney provided entertainment.



Parks & Recreation

In August, our contract labor programs have had the following participation:

- a. Piano lessons 2
- b. Fencing 6
- c. Tae Kwon Do 32
- d. Dance 121
- e. Gymnastics 197

We will be adding the following contract labor programs in September:

- f. Youth volleyball clinic
- g. Preschool Yoga

The Wolfe Center Fit Senior Class recently had 5 people in attendance ages 80 and over – ages ranged from 80 – 86! (photo attached).

The Wolfe Center is taking a group of 8 people on a trip to South Georgia. They will be enjoying Hwy 27, Thomasville, etc. They left Thursday morning and will be returning Sunday.

The Wolfe Center had a program from Wild Birds Unlimited this week. The members enjoyed pizza (provided by Wild Birds Unlimited) as they watched a presentation about backyard birds. This has become a monthly program that our members have enjoyed attending.

At the Wolfe Center, we not only focus on the physical health of the over 55 adults, but we also focus on healthy mental aging. We do this by providing activities throughout the week to challenge their thought processes as well as facilitate their social activities. This week they enjoyed BUNCO, Phase 10, Hand & Foot and MahJongg.

We will be hosting a Mother Son Night Out on Friday, September 6 at the Community Center.

Aside from your Parks Maintenance staff working hard on their daily “busy” season tasks, the past few weeks they have been busy on the Athletic Fields, getting them ready for Fall Leagues. They have been laying new Bermuda sod in worn out areas, edging, infield earthwork, inputting agronomic practices and the numerous other tedious items that come with providing quality athletic fields.

Another highlight and exciting update this past week, is regarding the continued progress on the North Cooper Lake Bike Park. Words do little to describe the awesomeness that is currently underway on the project and we encourage everyone to go and get a sneak peek. The finished product will include numerous components for all levels of riders. Below is a snap shot of things to come and currently being worked on.



The Community Center, Recreation Room, received some much needed updates. Repairs to walls, new paint and trim have brightened the space and made it welcoming to our guests.



The Grand Opening for the Bike Park at North Cooper Lake is set for October 19. Details TBA.

Public Works

Management Team

Director Ernest Martin and Assistant Director Bo Jones attended meeting with the Atlanta Regional Commission and Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District on joint water supplies for the AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment and Water Emergency Response Plan, this is an EPA mandated audit due mid-2021. Other topics of discussion Waste Water Infrastructure.

Director and Assistant Director attended pre bid meeting at city hall along with finance for the new water main install For Church Street. Bid opening will be August 27th, 2019.

Water /Sewer

Spring Street Water Line Rehab Project, main line has been tied into Roswell Street to complete the main line install, the entire project should be completed by the end of the month. Spring Street will be paved as part of the paving list for FY2020 after all the infrastructure is completed.

Water / Sewer division continues to CCTV (Videoing) and Jetting Ward 3 Sewer System this program will take several months to complete. This project 99% complete. Sub-basin 5 and Ward 4 CCTV sewer and storm drains structural issues will begin towards end of the month.

Sewer outfall cutting Sub Basin 5 has been completed. Sub Basin 6 will begin next week. The city has 12 sub-basins. Water Sewer will continue this yearly until completed, then preventively maintained yearly. The purpose for the cutting is to maintain and inspect the main sewer sub basins that carry sewerage to Cobb County's main sewer lines.

South Cobb water main started this week, KM Davis installing Case and Bores under South Cobb Drive to start the install of new water main.

Projects, Sub-Basin 3, notice to proceed September 4th, contractor mobilizing equipment on basin 3 easement and at Public Works yard to begin project.

Public Works

Fleet Management division has put the AIMS system on hold, waiting on the rest of the units to arrive for install.

Crews working on asphaltting potholes, concrete work orders, grass cutting and repairing curbing and gutter on the roads listed for this coming year resurfacing.

Durley Lane storm pipe project notice to proceed August 5th, contractor mobilizing equipment to job site.

Street department had Campbell Road surveyed, side walk install has started.

Street department repairing catch basin tops around the city.

Public Works, along with the IT department worked together this week disposing / destroying old hard drives.

Sanitation and Keep Smyrna Beautiful hosted the first Bulky Amnesty (Large Items) Trash day Saturday 17th with over 300 vehicles.

SPLOST

Roswell Street Roundabout:

Vertical Earth LLC has received notice to proceed September 10th to start construction on the roundabout. Atlanta Gas Light is installing new gas main in the new right of way of the roundabout.

Gann Road Bridge:

Matting for the bridge has been grouted to hold the main bed in place along with AJAX system. All AJAX systems have been installed, beams will be completely installed for main top structure this week.

Windy Hill Road:

675 Windy Hill Road demo completed, 999-1003 Windy Hill Road (one unit), demo on hold. 705 Windy Hill Rd demo completed.

CDBG project 2531 Davenport Street house has been demoed and final cleanup will be completed by end of the week.

Roadway resurfacing for 2019 has been awarded to Bartow Paving Company, Public Works lowering manholes and valves for milling of the roadway. Public works has completed all curb and gutter repair for resurfacing project.

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire – 1

Medical – 74

Other – 41

Total – 116

Public Safety Appreciation Week

Chief Acree and Deputy Chief Marcos are serving on the Public Safety Appreciation Committee through the Cobb Chamber. Please mark your calendar for the week of October 7-13th for “Public Safety Appreciation Week.” Additional information can be found at [cobbchamber.org/public safety](http://cobbchamber.org/public%20safety)

#CobbAppreciates



Police Department

Total number of arrests: 40

Total number of citations issued: 135

Total number of calls for service: 865

Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	4	\$1,091,152	1 – 2889 Forster St 1 – Windsor 2 – Grove at Forest Hills
Building Remodel/Residential	7	\$148,590	2 - Interior 3 – Remodel w/ Addition 1 – Accessory Building 1 - Demo
Building Remodel/Commercial	2	\$472,000	1-Remodel – 5080 Highlands Pkwy (KEH) 1 Cell Tower – 5253 Oakdale Rd
Electrical	1	-	-
Plumbing	5	-	-
HVAC	6	-	-
Signs	5	-	4 Wall Signs – 1155 Concord Rd (Fusion Autism Center), 2220 Atlanta Rd (All Care Health Clinic), 2590 Spring Rd (Biryani-N-Grill) & 3243 S Cobb Dr (Boost Mobile) 1 Face Change – 3243 S Cobb Dr (Boost Mobile)
Grading	-	-	-

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	130	85

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
GREYDALE GLOBAL LOGISTICS	LAKE PARK DRIVE	COMMERCIAL	PARKING FACILITY

Weekly Rental Report

August 14 - 20, 2019

	Resident	Non Resident	City Function	Allied Groups (Pro Bono)	Programmed Activity	Independent Contractor
Community Center						
Magnolia	2					
Dogwood	2	1				
Jonquil		1				
Sunflower	1	1			1	
Azelea		1				
Tulip	2	2				
Daisy					2	
Lily	1	1				
Orchid	1	1				
Large Gym					2	
Small Gym					1	
Wedding Gazebo						
Brawner Hall						
Banquet Hall	2	1				
Studio A	1	1				
Studio B	1	1				
Conference		1				
Taylor Brawner House		1				
Reed House	1					
Aunt Fanny's Cabin						
Tolleson Day Room	1					
Pavilions						
Brinkley (2)						
Chuck Camp		1				
Church Street						
Cobb (2)	1	1				
Jonquil						
Lake Court	1					
Riverline (2)						
Rose Garden (2)		1				
Taylor Brawner (3)	2					
Tolleson (2)	2					
Whitfield						
Sports Fields						
Brinkley					5	
Chuck Camp					2	
Jonquil					5	
Riverline					5	
Tolleson					7	
Cobb						
Ward					4	
Totals	21	16	0		34	