



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Closure Notice: City administrative offices will be closed on the following days:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2024
- Wednesday, December 25, 2024
- Wednesday, January 1, 2025

HUMAN RESOURCES



25 Years with the City: Congratulations to Jennifer Bennett, who recently celebrated her 25th anniversary with the City of Smyrna!



Debra Adams
Part-Time Customer Service
Receptionist
Parks and Recreation
Hired: 12/16

≡ Welcome ≡
TO SMYRNA!

Important Payroll Announcement: The City of Smyrna will be closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on December 24 and December 25, 2024. HR will be processing payroll on Monday, December 23, for a pay date of Thursday, December 26. All timesheets must be submitted and approved by Monday morning, December 23, at 9:00 AM. Any missed timesheets may result in pay discrepancies for the final payroll of 2024. Please make sure to approve all time off requests, correct missed punches, and review total hours. Please reach out to Braxton Harris (bharris@smyrnaga.gov) with any questions.

ADMINISTRATION



Youth Council Holiday Celebration: Youth Council members met on Wednesday for their final meeting of the year. To celebrate the holidays, they decorated winter wonderland-themed cookies with Lindsy from Linnyer Sweets!

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Shop with a Hero: It's the most wonderful time of the year! Smyrna Public Safety Foundation's Shop with a Hero 2024 took place last week. Kiddos from several Cobb County Schools shopped with their local heroes and then enjoyed a Christmas party at the Atlanta Braves Stadium. The Smyrna Police Department partnered with several other agencies including the Austell Police Department for their first Shop with a Cop. It was a fun-filled three days of giving some awesome kiddos the Christmas they deserve.

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 17
Citations: 100
Warnings: 24
Calls for Service: 612



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,312
Museum: 30

Shop With a Hero: Each year Smyrna Library supports the Shop With a Hero event by providing each participant with a hand-selected, age-appropriate book. This year, the Library provided 83 books. Smyrna firefighters picked up the haul presented by Library Associate Hannah Ross.



Library Field Trip: On Thursday, December 12, the Library got a special treat! Seven kindergarteners from Legacy Academy visited to listen to *Bunny's Book Club* for storytime. They also met the Library's circulation staff, took a tour with Library Associate Amy Cuzzort, and settled in for some cozy reading.

Panther Tracks: A newly cataloged copy of *Panther Tracks*, Campbell High School's newspaper from December 1952, has a timely theme. On this page, the school's cheerleading team is recounting their activities and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. These snapshots of the school from the early 1950s go back to the very beginning of Campbell High School and show the low-tech illustrations and typesetting used at that time.

Museum Holiday Hours: The Smyrna Museum will be closed from Saturday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 25. We will reopen to the public on Thursday, December 26 at 10:00 AM. Happy holidays!

A CHEER FOR OUR CHEER LEADERS

'Twas the night before Xmas at
Campbell High School,
The lights were on Bright, and the
gym was packed full;

The crowd gave a cheer, as the
game was in sight,
We're sure we will win the big
game tonight;

All full of good cheer--our cheer-
leaders came, and we
whistled and shouted and
called them by name;

Now, Sarah and Ethel, and Becky
and Ann---
On Barbara, on Nancy, on Doris,
Jo Ann;

At the top of your voice, let's
hear you all call,
Now yell away, yell away, "Merry
Xmas to All!"

Our cheer leaders are Sarah Fage
Camp, Becky Day, Doris Day,
Nancy Duke, Ann Lewis, Jo Ann
Wimson, Barbara Gentry, and until
basket ball games began, Buck
Webb. Miss Marella Mitchell, our
physical education teacher, who
has never made anyone unhappy be-
fore, but is now, since she plans
to leave the hundreds who love
her here, for just one... (course
it's the one and only), is the
sponsor for this lively
group of girls.

Win or lose, you always know
they think their
team is tops.. the
editors of this
paper think our
cheer leading
group is tops, too.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Campbell --ettes will return
from the holidays, which begin
next Friday at one o'clock, with
five months and two weeks in
which to accomplish the goals
they have set for themselves
for the 52-53. Most of us now
have our feet on the ground and
are off to a good start.

Christmas is in the air all
around Campbell.. Mrs. White's
8th grade girls are displaying
beautiful things made for Christ-
mas decorations; Miss Vaughn's
and Miss Crook's girls are
making beautiful gifts, every-
body is "cleaning house" in
anticipation of the coming holi-
days.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US

to

ALL OF YOU.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 4
 Medical: 104
 Other: 63
 Total: 171

Santa Claus Visits Station 1: It looks like A-Shift is on the nice list this year! Station 1 got a surprise visit from Santa Claus over the weekend.



Shop With a Hero: The annual Smyrna Public Safety Foundation Shop with a Hero event was on Friday, December 13! This year, public safety employees, supporters, and volunteers were able to help provide Christmas gifts for 85 children! Following this event, the Atlanta Braves Foundation provided an amazing lunch celebration.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bring One for the Chipper: January 4: Save the date for KSB's annual Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling event at The Home Depot (2450 Cumberland Pkwy SE) from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM on January 4, 2025. Rather than ending up in a landfill, the thousands of trees taken at this event are chipped by Davey Tree Company who makes the mulch from the trees available to businesses, schools, and residents free of charge. Free seedlings will be available while supplies last!



Bring One for the Chipper!
CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

**SATURDAY
 JANUARY
 04**

10:00am
 until 2:00pm

The Home Depot
 2450 Cumberland Pkwy SE
 Atlanta, GA 30339

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Scan the QR code for more.



2025 MLK JR DAYS OF SERVICE



Scheduled Opportunities

Thursday, January 16: Community Cleanup
 Noon to 1:30pm

Friday, January 17: Habitat Rehabilitation
 Remove invasive, nonnative plants, 3pm to 5pm

Saturday, January 18: Community Cleanup
 (Same time as Adopt-a-Mile), 9am to 10:30am

Independent Volunteering

To-Go Cleanup Kit
 Check out a to-go cleanup kit for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Scan the QR code to visit KSB's volunteer page for links to the volunteer sign ups and to request a to-go cleanup kit.



2025 MLK Jr. Days of Service: Keep Smyrna Beautiful will have several opportunities for service during the week leading up to MLK Day including Community Cleanups, a Habitat Rehabilitation, and the opportunity to check out to-go cleanup kits. You can visit our [volunteer page](#) for links to the volunteer event registration and to request a cleanup kit.

Environmental Scholarship Applications Open: Keep Smyrna Beautiful offers a \$4,500 scholarship for a student currently pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in an environmentally related field. Applications are due on March 2, 2025. Applicants must be a resident of Smyrna or currently enrolled in Campbell High School or Whitefield Academy. [Visit our website for more details.](#)



**ENVIRONMENTAL
 Studies
 SCHOLARSHIP**

Application Open

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Smyrna Wondrous Winter Cleanup: Last Saturday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers removed 630 pounds of litter, including 105 pounds of recyclable material, from five miles of Smyrna roadway during the annual Smyrna Wondrous Winter Cleanup. Picking up litter helps protect local waterways and makes our city a more beautiful place to call home!

Adopt-a-Tree: Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers recently rescued about 35 plants including oaks, black cherry trees, and azaleas from a property slated for development on Fleming Street. Once established, these plants will become available to residents to take home at no cost to them. [Visit our website to learn more and to request a free tree.](#)



PUBLIC WORKS



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

- Began the demolition of Tolleson Pool (pictured above)
- Repaired sidewalk on Anderson Circle, Queensgate Drive, and Bank Street
- Repaired a block wall on Carolyn Drive
- Repaired curb and installed a block wall on Ridge Road
- Cleaned curbs and trimmed the right of way on various city streets

COURT SERVICES



Court on 12/10

Cases: 99
Failures to Appear: 10
Pre-Trials: 16
DUIs Completed: 1

Trials on 12/12

Cases: 1
Failures to Appear: 1

PARKS AND RECREATION



Upgrades at Ward Park: The Ward Park baseball field got a few small upgrades with new dugout benches and new bat and helmet racks for players to enjoy.

Community Center Maintenance: The Community Center will be closed for maintenance beginning Friday, December 20, and scheduled to reopen on Monday, January 6.

The Tap: If you haven't picked up the latest copy of The Tap, stop by any Parks and Recreation facility, City Hall, or the Library to grab your copy. The Tap has the most current information about events and programs coming in 2025.

Parks and Recreation wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

177 Inspections

71 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$627,274.46

Commercial (12)

(11) Interior Renovations

- Cortland at the Village x9 units (2079 Lake Park Dr SE)
- Ser Familia (1600 Roswell St STE 10-B)
- Word of His Grace Ministries (2282 Old Concord Rd SE)

(1) Solar Panels, Generators, Cell Towers

- Verizon Cell Tower (3075 Jonquil Dr SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$334,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (5)

(1) Addition

(4) Interior Renovation

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$140,774.46

Grading (5)

(3) Land Disturbance

- Taco T (1055 Windy Hill Rd SE)
- Residential

(2) Modular Block

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$152,500.00

Electrical (2) Tree (4) Plumbing (4) HVAC (8) Sign (4)

New Businesses

Revenue Cycle Consulting

Other Management Consulting Services
2428 Farmstead Circle
Ward 1

Marrakech Express

Limited-Service Restaurants
2450 Atlanta Road, STE 400
Ward 3

South Fulton Landscape & Nursery

Landscaping Services
Home Business
Ward 3

Step In Real Estate Investments, LLC

Real Estate Property
Home Business
Ward 3

The Doll House Nail Company

Nail Salons
3209 South Cobb Drive, STE G-6
Ward 3

Imanra Properties, LLC

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 4

Wild Be Wellness

Massage therapists' offices
1264 Concord Road, STE 203
Ward 6

OES Equipment, LLC

Other Building Material Dealers
1885 Mitchell Road, STE 300
Ward 7

Prohibition Liquor and Wine

Beer, Wine, and Liquor Retailers
3150 Highlands Parkway, STE 202
Ward 7

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