



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, July 21, 2025

Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council - Millage Rate Public Hearing #2
 8:30 AM
 Council Chambers
 A. Max Bacon City Hall

Monday, July 21, 2025

Pre-Council Meeting
 6:00 PM
 Admin Conference Room
 A. Max Bacon City Hall

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mayor and Council Meeting
 6:30 PM
 Council Chambers
 A. Max Bacon City Hall

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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

CANCELLED

Friday, July 25, 2025

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

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE

Library Director Mary Moore attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia from June 26-30. Mary visited over 600 vendors to explore new library products, technology, supplies, and books. During the visit she heard presentations by authors, publishers, and librarians about forthcoming books and new program ideas. One of Mary's favorite presenters was bestselling author and motivational speaker, Brené Brown, author of *Daring Greatly* and *Dare to Lead*. One of the take-aways: Brown made a point that good leaders care more about "getting it right" than "being right."



SMYRNA LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER

Elise Barnes joined the Youth Services team at Smyrna Library this summer. She performed her first Infant & Toddler Story Time on July 8. Elise read many wonderful stories such as *10 Black Dots* by Donald Crews featuring the color black as part of Smyrna Library's "Color Your World" theme. Welcome, Elise! We are so glad you are here.

EXPLORING ART THROUGH MAGIC

"Jeffini the Great" used magic and puppets to encourage kids to "READ & Explore the World of Art and Artists" during his magic show held on Monday, July 7. Summer reading has been extremely successful this year. Rebecca Power reported, "We have already surpassed last year's total amount read, with over 241,000 minutes by the first week of July." And over 80 children have already completed the reading challenge!



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

FRIENDS OF SMYRNA LIBRARY LAUNCH NEW WEBSITE

The Friends of Smyrna Library redesigned their logo, website, and branding and are currently working on new merchandise such as book bags and t-shirts. Click [here](#) to visit the website and learn more!

WEEKLY VISITORS

Library: 5366
Museum: 12



SMYRNA MUSEUM Kid's Pop-Up Craft Event

BACK TO SCHOOL POP-UP EVENT

Smyrna Museum will be hosting another exciting pop-up event on Saturday, July 26 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM with a back to school theme! Kids will learn about school during the early 1900s and enjoy a related craft. Click [here](#) for more information.



Saturday, July 26
10 am - 4 pm

FIRE DEPARTMENT



BUDWEISER CLYDESDALE HORSES

Smyrna welcomed the magnificent Budweiser Clydesdales as they arrived in town for Major League Baseball's All-Star Week festivities! Meanwhile, the Smyrna Fire Department's incredible partners at Cobb Travel & Tourism were spotted enjoying the excitement and helping set the stage for an unforgettable week of baseball and fun.



WEEKLY FIRE TOTALS

Fire: 0
Medical: 104
Other: 61
Total: 165

POLICE DEPARTMENT

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS

This year, the Smyrna Police Department is launching a new initiative to support local students and families as they head into the school year. In partnership with our local schools, we're collecting essential items such as toiletries, hygiene products, and laundry supplies to help those in need. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Smyrna Police Department. If you're unable to drop off items in person, email Officer Marshall at amarshall@smyrnaga.gov to coordinate a pickup, or call 678-631-5155.

Back to School Donate Today

Support your community schools and donate any essential items:

- Aluminum free deodorant
- Body soap/Body wash
- Laundry detergent
- Lotions
- Socks & undergarments (sizes: 4T - 16 plus)
- Shampoo & Conditioner (all hair types)
- Basic Hygiene Products

We appreciate your support!

Contact: Officer Marshall
amarshall@smyrnaga.gov /
 678-631-5155

SMYRNA WELCOMES BUDWEISER CLYDESDALE HORSES

Friday, July 11, was a memorable day filled with smiles, photos, and hometown pride as residents and visitors joined together in welcoming the iconic Budweiser Clydesdales to town. The Smyrna Police Department enjoyed connecting with the community during such an exciting event!



WEEKLY POLICE TOTALS

Arrests: 22
 Traffic Stops: 423
 Citations: 193
 Warnings: 189
 Calls for Service: 924

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



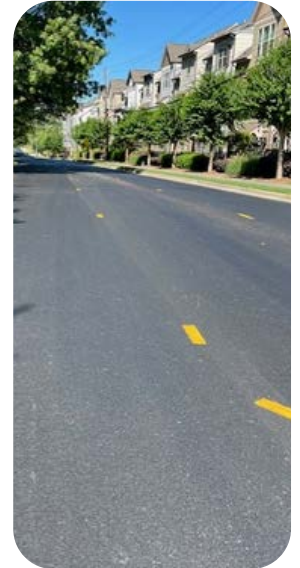
Last week, the Smyrna Business Association proudly celebrated two grand openings with ceremonial ribbon cuttings! We welcomed **The Academy** (pictured left), a new addition to Smyrna's academic landscape, and **Caribou Coffee** (pictured right), a welcoming new spot for coffee lovers right off South Cobb Drive.



PUBLIC WORKS

The Street Department has been hard at work on the following projects:

- Continuing work on the annual paving list in multiple wards (pictured)
- Completing work on concrete islands in the Market Village
- Repairing roadway issues at South Cobb Drive and Brawner Hall
- Repairing potholes on Spring Road, Windy Hill Road, Village Parkway, and South Cobb Drive
- Beginning a storm water pipe replacement on Shawnee Trail
- Continuing work on the monthly right-of-way mowing schedule



COURT SERVICES

COURT ON 7/8

Cases: 84
 Failure to Appear: 25
 Pre-Trials: 19
 DUI's Completed: 1



COURT ON 7/10 Bench Trials

Trials Conducted: 5
 Failure to Appear: 0

PARKS AND RECREATION



SUMMER CAMP

Campers have been enjoying an action-packed summer filled with weekly activities ranging from sports and cooking, to arts and crafts. One highlight was Superheroes Week, where campers transformed old camp shirts into their very own superhero capes! Summer Camp runs through July 25, and while we're sad to see it end, we're already looking forward to the Fall Break "Mad Scientist" Camp, happening the week of September 22-26. Registration opens on August 4, so don't miss out!

SMYRNA MARKET

Join us at the Smyrna Market every Sunday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Discover one-of-a-kind treasures from unique artwork and handcrafted jewelry to delicious treats perfect for cooking or snacking. Whether you're shopping for your home or your tastebuds, the market has something special for everyone. We will see you on Sundays now through October 19!



UPCOMING ATHLETICS PROGRAMS



Registration is now open for **Adult Softball**, **Basketball**, and **Pickleball**! League play begins the week of August 4, so be sure to secure your spot. Fall Youth League play, including **Smyrna Little League** and **NASA Top Hat Soccer**, will also begin their season on August 4.



FACILITY RESERVATIONS

As fall approaches, now is the perfect time to start planning your holiday gatherings. Whether you're hosting a Halloween-themed wedding, a cozy Thanksgiving celebration, or a festive get-together with friends, Smyrna Parks & Recreation has the ideal space for you. Event spaces book quickly (especially during the holidays) so be sure to reserve your preferred venue early. Choose from beautiful rooms at the Smyrna Community Center or one of our historic venues like Brawner Hall, Reed House, or the Taylor-Brawner House. **Visit our website** to explore facilities, view updated pricing, and find the perfect spot for your event! We would love to host you.

PARKS AND RECREATION

SMYRNA RESIDENT TO COMPETE IN WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES



On July 10, WSB-TV's Wendy Corona interviewed Smyrna resident Prashant Desai and Gainesville resident Lewis Hagedorn on the basketball courts at the Smyrna Community Center. Prashant and Lewis are kidney transplant recipients who will represent the U.S. at the World Transplant Games this August in Dresden, Germany. During the interview, Prashant and Lewis shared their life-changing transplant journeys and the second chances they've received through the gift of organ donation. John Lilley, Associate Executive Director of LifeLink of Georgia, emphasized the critical role of organ donors, highlighting how one donor can save or improve the lives of more than 75 people. For more information about leaving a legacy and becoming an organ donor, visit mystorycontinues.com.

HUMAN RESOURCES

WELCOME TO SMYRNA



Cedrick Thomas
Parks and Recreation
Open Gym Attendant
7/14/2025



Jonathan Werle
Police Department
Communications Officer
7/14/2025

The following employees will celebrate their birthday next week:

- Douglas Murry **7/22**
- Jalen Jackson **7/23**
- Byran Peisel **7/23**
- Damon O'Bryan **7/25**
- Justin Purdy **7/26**



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

MULCHING AND IRRIGATION WORKSHOP



The Smyrna Community Garden hosted an educational workshop on Mulching and Nontraditional Irrigation on Wednesday, July 9, as part of Food Well Alliance and the Atlanta Botanical Garden's *Plant. Eat. Repeat.* series. Twenty-five community members attended and learned about drip irrigation and how to use mulch to conserve water.



ADOPT-A-MILE THIS WEEKEND

Our official quarterly Adopt-a-Mile cleanup takes place this Saturday, July 19! While many groups choose alternative dates, 16 groups and counting plan to be out Saturday morning picking up litter on their adopted mile of Smyrna roadway. If you see them out and about, give them a friendly wave!

REPORT LITTER

Calling all Smyrna residents! Help us choose the location of our next litter cleanup by filling out our online **Report Litter Form**! Let's work together to keep Smyrna clean and green.



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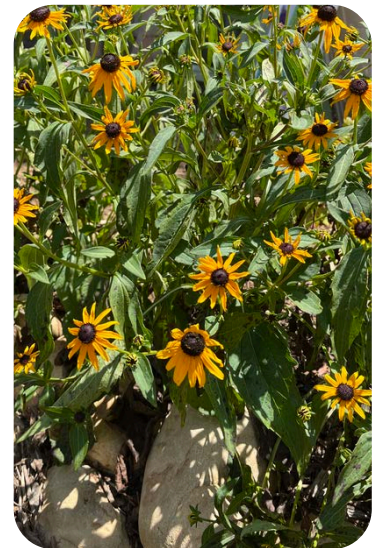
HABITAT REHABILITATION

Last Saturday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers removed invasive, nonnative plants like Wisteria and Kudzu at our city-owned habitat rehabilitation site. Volunteers also cared for native trees planted by Keep Smyrna Beautiful and protected mature trees that were being covered with vines. Removing invasive species helps natural areas remain hospitable for native plants and wildlife, protecting the local ecosystem!



POLLINATOR POCKET WORK DAY

Last Friday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers spent the morning weeding and tending to our first Pollinator Pocket garden located at the Smyrna Recycling Center. By deadheading and staking plants, volunteers cleared the walking path for visitors who want to learn about pollinators and how to support them with a pollinator garden. Learn more about the Pollinator Pocket program on our [website](#).



RECYCLING TIP: TETRA PAK

Although they have not always been, Tetra Pak cartons (such as juice boxes, soup cartons, plant-based milk containers) are recyclable in Smyrna! Feel free to put them in your curbside bin or recycle them at the Smyrna Recycling Center. Help us keep cartons out of the landfill!

WATER DISTRIBUTION

The City of Smyrna Water/Sewer and Utilities office is committed to its fundamental objectives:

- 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
 Water Service Leaks: 4
 Sewer Backups: 2
 Resolved Work Orders: 54



SEWER CCTV AND JETTING

Sewer crews are currently in Ward 5 conducting visual inspections of sewer mains and service laterals. The following areas have received these services: Parkway Drive, Old Concord Road, Inglewood Drive, and Pine Hill Drive.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS SUMMARY

Various waterline replacements are happening around the City. Contractors complete these projects as part of the ongoing thirty-year waterline replacement program. Staff members select lines based on criteria such as age, size, and pipe material.

Water Distribution will hold substantial completion meeting and punch list items to complete the project for the following areas: Honeysuckle Drive, Green Forest Parkway, Doeskin Lane, and Doeskin Trail.

MAINTENANCE AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Water Distribution staff have been working on the following projects:

- Repairing a broken water main on Friday, July 11 (pictured left)
- Rerouting a sewer main (pictured right)



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS:

209 Inspections
9 Sites



TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION:

\$1,247,152.91

Grading (5)

- (3) Land Disturbance
 - Rio Volleyball Club (5350 Oakdale Rd)
 - Smyrna Presbyterian (3130 Atlanta Rd)
 - Amana Academy (2200 Lake Park Dr)

(2) Retaining Wall

- The Square Church (1009 Powder Springs St)
- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$864,800.00

Commercial (1)

- (1) Interior Renovation
 - La Suprema Bakery (2135 S Cobb Dr, STE A)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$60,000.00

Building Remodel/Residential (11)

- 1) Interior Renovation
- (2) Additions
- (4) Roof Replacements/Re-roof
- (4) Window Replacement

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$322,352.91

Electrical (2) Plumbing (2) HVAC (16) Tree (3) Sign (1)

NEW BUSINESSES

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Retail Bakeries
Home Business
Ward 1

Atl Run Tours, LLV

All Other Personal Services
Home Business
Ward 3

VN Sandwich

Full-Service Restaurants
821 Concord Road SE, Unit STE F, Smyrna, GA 30080
Ward 3

KTZ Squared Business Services LLC

Human Resources Consulting Services
Home Business
Ward 4

2800 Sherwood

Residential Property Managers
Home Business
Ward 5

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