



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, August 11, 2025**

Planning and Zoning Commission  
6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

Keep Smyrna Beautiful  
6:30 PM  
Jonquil Room  
Smyrna Community Center

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

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

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

Committee of the Whole  
6:00 PM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

# ADMINISTRATION

## SMYRNA YOUTH COUNCIL RECRUITMENT

On Friday, August 1, several members of the 2024-2025 Smyrna Youth Council hosted an informational booth at Campbell High School "This is Sparta" orientation event. Applications for the 2025-2026 Smyrna Youth Council program are now open, apply [here](#) before August 22!



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**STAY CONNECTED WITH THE SMYRNA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

 FACEBOOK  
  
 INSTAGRAM  
  
 YOUTUBE  


*"A Tradition of Excellence"*

## FOLLOW SMYRNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Subscribe to Smyrna Fire Department's [social media channels](#) for updates, behind-the-scenes content, helpful tips, and more!

### WEEKLY FIRE TOTALS

Fire: 0  
 Medical: 91  
 Other: 52  
 Total: 143

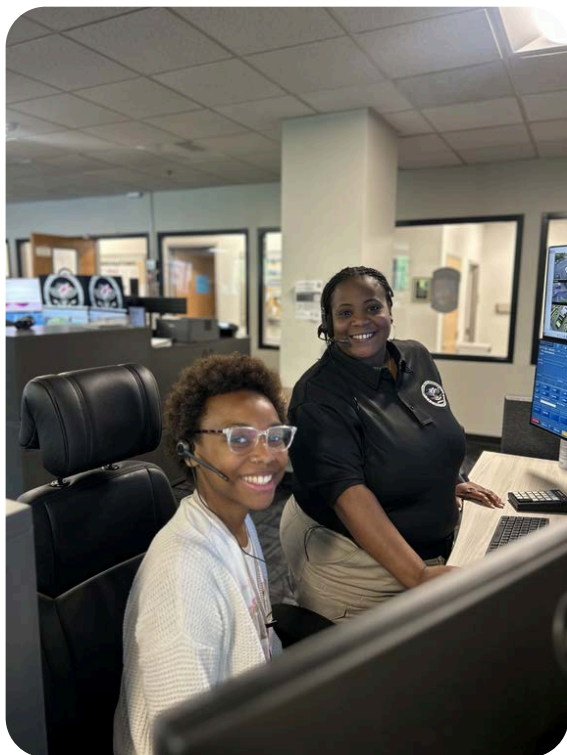
## WE'RE HIRING

Join a team committed to service, safety, and excellence. Smyrna Fire Department [applications](#) are open from August 4 through August 31, so don't miss your opportunity to apply!

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**APPLY HERE: [WWW.SMYRNAGA.GOV](http://WWW.SMYRNAGA.GOV)**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## SUCCESSFUL SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Our summer 2025 intern, Lauryn Harris, successfully completed her internship on August 2. During her time with us, Lauryn engaged in multiple community interactions, learned how to safely handle and fire a weapon under the guidance of our Firearms Instructor, visited the city jail and city court, shadowed detectives and crime scene technicians, explored 911 Communications, and participated in ride-alongs. She also completed various assignments designed to provide a deeper understanding of law enforcement operations and the structure of the Smyrna Police Department. We thank Lauryn for her hard work and enthusiasm throughout the summer and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors!

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 5, Smyrna Police Department hosted National Night Out 2025 during Food Truck Tuesday. Even with a little rain, the event was a success! Thank you to everyone who came out and made the evening memorable, we appreciate your support and community spirit.



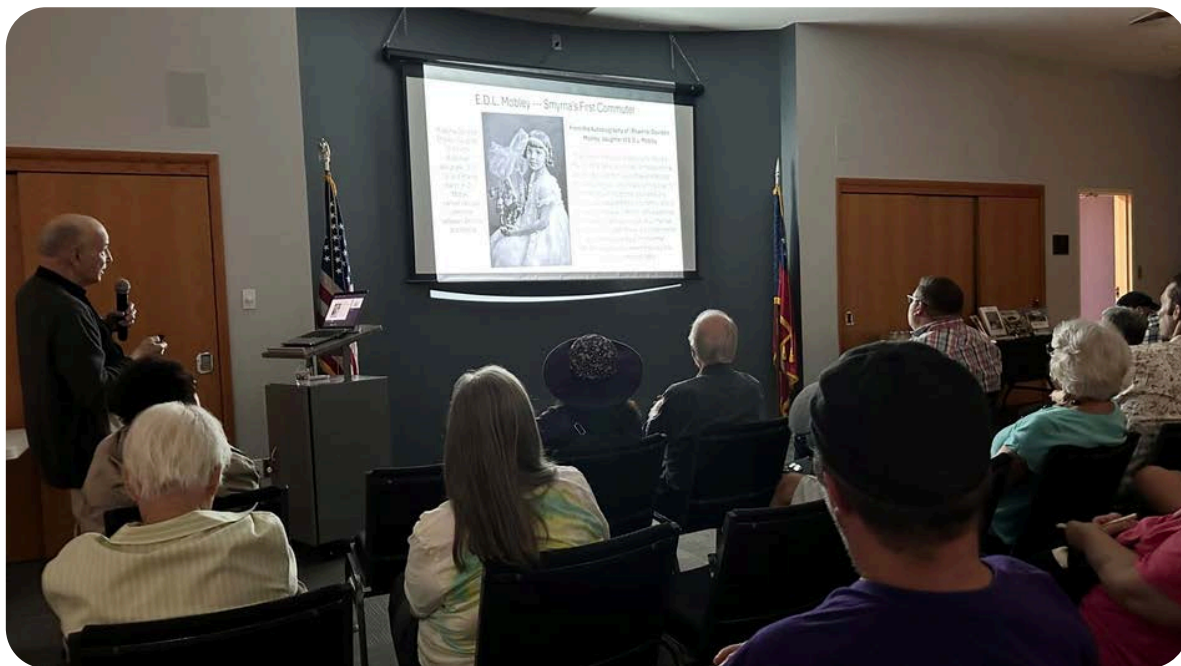
### WEEKLY POLICE TOTALS

Arrests: 15  
Traffic Stops: 235  
Citations: 116  
Warnings: 97  
Calls for Service: 675

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## SUNDAY LECTURE

Local historian Dr. William Marchione spent over a year conducting original research into Smyrna's 19th-century history. On Sunday, August 3, he presented his findings in a talk titled "The City That Never Was," in which he argued that Smyrna did not function as a true municipality until the 20th century.



### WEEKLY VISITORS

Library: 4716

Museum: 15

## LIBRARY ART GALLERIES

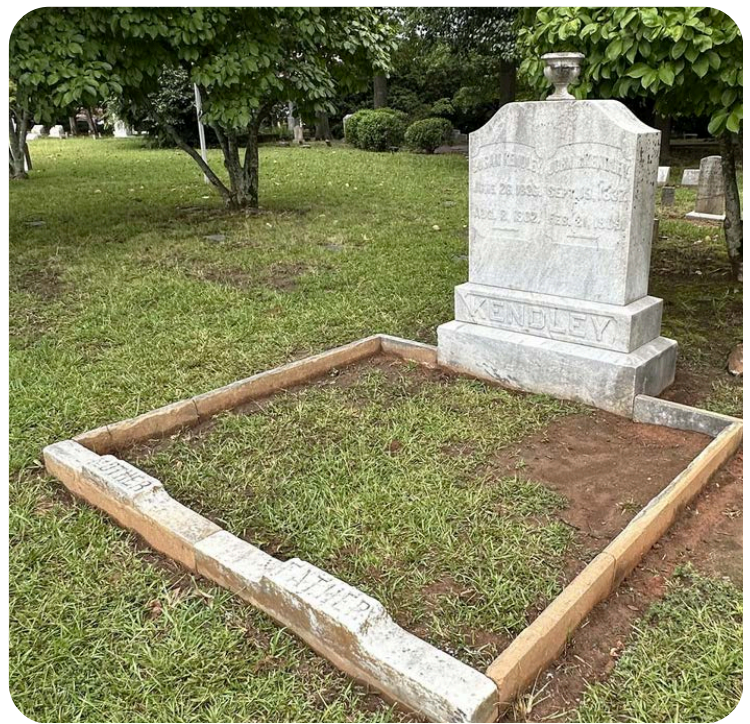
The Smyrna Public Library is currently showcasing various whimsical crochet creations by Arthur Douglas Thayer (1950–2022) in the display cases. Along with this exhibit, Vicki Bethel's striking photography and acrylic paintings are available for view in the gallery. Be sure to come visit this extraordinary artwork before it leaves at the end of August!



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## CEMETERY PRESERVATION

Over the weekend, Ashley Shares, Director of Preservation at Oakland Cemetery, and her assistant completed restoration work at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery. Using scaffolding and a pulley system, they reset the Kendley monument and repaired the cradling around John Randall and Susan Ann Faulkner Kendley's graves. Ashley will soon continue preservation efforts at Daniell Cemetery. Want to get involved? Join our Cemetery Cleaning Workshop on Saturday, August 30, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Mount Zion Cemetery, Smyrna's historic African American cemetery on Hawthorne Avenue. For more details, email Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge at [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov).



## COURT SERVICES

### COURT ON 7/29

Cases: 74  
 Failure to Appear: 24  
 Pre-Trials: 15  
 DUI's Completed: 1



### COURT ON 7/31

Cases: 94  
 Failure to Appear: 28  
 Pre-Trials: 29  
 DUI's Completed: 2

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING

Join us on Monday, August 18, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Large Gym at the Smyrna Community Center for our next Community Update (Meeting 2) of the Downtown Redevelopment Project. This meeting will focus on community visioning and input for the plan concerning the Smyrna First Baptist property. Stay informed by visiting the project [website!](#)

# HUMAN RESOURCES

## WELCOME TO SMYRNA



**Antonio Thomas**  
Police Officer  
Police Department



**Jared Phillips**  
Sanitation Worker  
Public Works



**Sheldon White**  
Sanitation Worker  
Public Works

### Upcoming City employee birthdays:

George Dantzler	<b>8/11</b>	Glenn Panter	<b>8/15</b>
Christian Echols	<b>8/12</b>	Jess Heglund	<b>8/16</b>
Rickey Oglesby	<b>8/13</b>	Kim Chase	<b>8/16</b>
William McElheney	<b>8/13</b>	Josiah Davis	<b>8/16</b>
Anthony Cohran	<b>8/14</b>	Derek Lahr	<b>8/16</b>
Paige Bauer	<b>8/14</b>	Sharon Woodgett	<b>8/17</b>
Nicholas Mordaunt	<b>8/15</b>		



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## SMYRNA HANDMADE KIDS MARKET

The Parks and Recreation Department will host the Smyrna Handmade Kids Market on Saturday, September 6, at the Smyrna Community Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Applications** are open for children between the ages of 5 – 15 years old.



## FALL BREAK CAMP

**SPORTS MANIA & COOKING CLASSES**

**Sept. 22nd - 26th**  
**9:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Smyrna Community Center**

Lace up your sneakers and grab your aprons- we're ready to cook up some fun and then run run run! Join us for a week filled with excitement and discovery as we explore the world of sports and culinary arts.

Cost is \$250 per Camper, Ages 6-12

Register at [smyrnaga.gov](http://smyrnaga.gov) today!

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PARKS & RECREATION

## FALL BREAK CAMP

The Smyrna Community Center will be hosting Fall Break Camp with a “Sports Mania and Cooking Classes” theme the week of September 22-26. **Registration** is now open, so don't miss the opportunity to sign your child up for a fun-filled fall break!

## NEW ROCKING CHAIRS AT BRAWNER HALL

The front porch at Brawner Hall has been a long time favorite spot to relax and enjoy the building's outdoor greenspace. Now, guests can enjoy it even more comfortably with the addition of new rocking chairs, delivered just last week. Stop by, take a seat, and soak in the view!



## WOLFE ADULT RECREATION CENTER NEWS

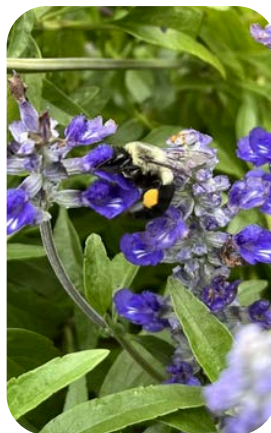
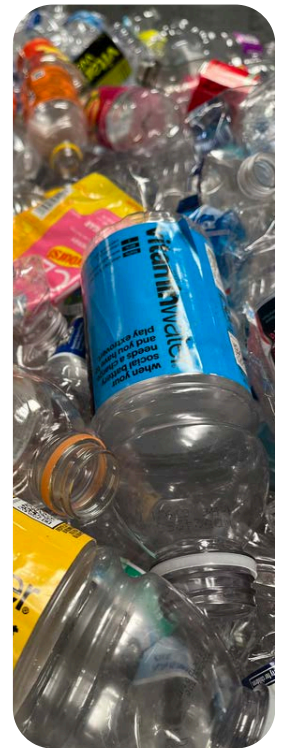
Lifeguard staff at the Wolfe Center participated in an in-service training session on Friday, August 1. The Smyrna Fire Department made a special appearance to assist with hands-on preparation for medical emergencies that may occur while lifeguards are on duty at the pool.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## JULY RECYCLING ROUND UP

In July, the Smyrna Recycling Center shipped out:

- 43,060 pounds of glass
- 33,842 pounds of cardboard
- 12,120 pounds of mixed metal
- 11,394 pounds of mixed paper
- 10,190 pounds of electronics
- 2,020 pounds of paint
- 1,968 pounds of cooking oil
- 1,953 pounds of #1 plastic
- 1,786 pounds of office paper
- 1,700 aluminum
- 1,624 pounds of hard-to-recycle plastics
- 1,600 pounds of books
- 1,520 pounds of motor oil
- 776 pounds of #2 color plastic
- 170 pounds of reusable clothing



## COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKDAY

On Saturday, August 2, Environmental Services held a Community Garden Workday. Gardeners weeded common areas, spread mulch, repaired beds, and transplanted plants. Thank you to everyone who came out to help keep our garden areas beautiful!

## JULY ADOPT-A-MILE ROUND UP

In July, 110 volunteers came together to clean over 20 miles of roadway, collecting more than 1,000 pounds of litter! Cleaner streets not only boost community pride and well-being, but also help protect our environment. By reducing litter that ends up in stormwater drains, we're making a meaningful difference in the health of our local waterways.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



## COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Last Wednesday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 134 pounds of litter, including 64 pounds of recyclable material, on a cleanup along Benson Poole Road. Picking up litter protects wildlife and water sources while keeping our City clean, green, and beautiful!

## HAWTHORNE CENTER WORK DAY

On Tuesday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful hosted its monthly workday at the Hawthorne Adult Education Center community garden. Volunteers spent the day weeding and maintaining the space to keep it thriving as both a learning garden and a valuable food source for the center's adult students and their families.



TAKE A TOUR

OF THE SMYRNA RECYCLING CENTER

## MONTHLY RECYCLING CENTER TOURS

Curious about what happens to your recyclables? Join us for a free tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 AM. Learn about recycling best practices, ask questions, and see where materials go after they leave the center. The next tour is on Friday, August 18. **Register** today and gain a new perspective on recycling!

# 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: 9  
 Sewer Backups: 0  
 Resolved Work Orders: 35



## SEWER CCTV AND JETTING

Sewer crews are currently in Wards 1, 4, and 5 conducting visual inspections of sewer mains and service laterals:

- Ward 1: Afton Way
- Ward 4: Alpine Drive
- Ward 5: Parkway Drive, Parkway Court, Hickory Acres, Hickory Springs Drive, Robin Lane, Natalie Lane, Hickory Lane, and Kennesaw Way

## 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.

Punch list items for the following areas have reached 90% completion: Honeysuckle Drive, Green Forest Parkway, Doeskin Lane, and Doeskin Trail.

## MAINTENANCE AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Staff has been working on the following projects:

- Inspecting a protruding tap with roots in a sewer main (pictured on the left)
- Replacing a 1.5 inch meter for a townhome (pictured on the right)



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## WEEKLY INSPECTIONS:

99 Inspections  
8 Sites



## TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION:

\$1,639,628.53

### Grading (3)

(2) Land Disturbances

- Bulldog Electric (2433 Ventura Place SE)
- Residential

(1) Cinder Block

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$871,000.00

### Commercial (3)

(3) Interior Renovation

- Public Works Construction Projects (2620 Atlanta Road SE)
- Natural Smarts (200 Technology Court, STE E)
- Regional Finance (2758 Cumberland Boulevard)

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$261,121.53

### Building Remodel/Residential (7)

(1) Addition

(1) Window Replacement

(2) Interior Renovations

(3) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:  
\$507,507.00

**Electrical (3) Plumbing (2)  
HVAC (11) Tree (6) Sign (2)**

## NEW BUSINESSES

### **RJ Pizzeria LLC**

Full-Service Restaurants  
5350 United Drive SE, Unit STE 106,  
Smyrna, GA 30082  
Ward 7

### **RaceTrac, Inc.**

Corporate, Subsidiary, and Regional  
Managing Offices  
500 Lake Ridge Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30082  
Ward 7

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