



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Committee of the Whole

6:00 PM

HR Training Room

A. Max Bacon City Hall

FIRE DEPARTMENT



AMANA PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING

Lieutenant Frank Romano represented the Fire Department at the Amana Academy West ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new playground on August 8. In addition to leading business licenses, Frank also serves as Deputy Fire Marshal, with school and daycare inspections as one of his primary responsibilities. Thank you, Lieutenant Romano, for going above and beyond for the Smyrna Community!

WEEKLY FIRE TOTALS

Fire: 3
 Medical: 101
 Other: 59
 Total: 163

NEW RECRUITS ARE A FLAMING SUCCESS

Smyrna Fire Department's recruit class 25-02 is doing fantastic at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, having completed their first live fire burn. Thank you to Chief Durden, Captain Paul, and Lieutenant Tucker for assisting.



PROMOTION TO ENGINEER

Josh Paul has recently been promoted to Engineer! He has demonstrated dedication, professionalism, and a strong commitment to serving our community throughout his time with the Smyrna Fire Department. Congratulations on your promotion, Josh!



SMYRNA SAFE BUSINESS

The Smyrna Safe Business Program recently hosted its fourth session, focusing on Workplace Security. Participants learned key principles for strengthening facility security, recognizing potentially hostile behavior, de-escalating tense situations, and taking appropriate emergency actions if their business is compromised.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SMYRNA SAFE RIVERVIEW PROJECT

As part of the Smyrna Safe Riverview Project, Smyrna Emergency Management Agency hosted a tabletop exercise with leaders from Fire, Police, Public Works, and Community Relations. The session focused on reviewing capabilities and coordinating plans to address potential flooding in the Riverview Landing area.

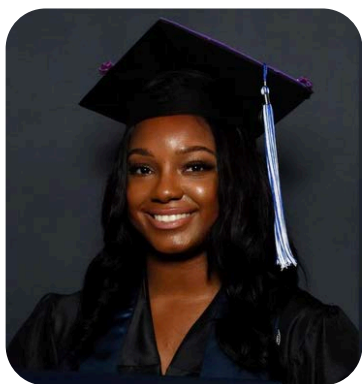


AMERICAN RED CROSS VISIT

Recently, Smyrna Fire Department welcomed representatives from the American Red Cross to present their service capabilities for disaster victims.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE RECIPIENT



Join us in congratulating Officer Dillard, who earned a degree in Criminal Justice on August 15. We're proud of your academic accomplishment, Officer Dillard, and grateful for your continued commitment to excellence at the Smyrna Police Department.

SERGEANT PETTIS PROMOTION



Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Pettis on her recent promotion!

WEEKLY POLICE TOTALS

Arrests: 16
 Traffic Stops: 250
 Citations: 155
 Warnings: 149
 Calls for Service: 828

BATTLE OF THE BADGES

Bring the family out to Battle of the Badges and watch Smyrna Fire and Police play a friendly game of kickball. This free event will take place on Saturday, September 20, at Smyrna First Baptist Church. Don't miss out!

"Kickball Game"
Battle of the Badges
& Hotrods and Heroes Car Show

Free! Fun for the whole family!

Saturday, September 20
 Police vs. Fire Kickball Game at 10 a.m.
 Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Smyrna First Baptist Church
 1275 Church Street, Smyrna, GA 30080

SmyrnaPSF.org

Register your car today!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING # 2

The second Downtown Master Plan Community Meeting took place on Monday, August 18, at the Smyrna Community Center, drawing more than 200 attendees. Following the presentation, participants shared feedback on three preliminary concepts. For those who were unable to attend, the online survey will be open through September 6. Before taking the survey, please take a few moments to watch the meeting presentation recording, available along with the survey link at www.downtownsmyrnaredevelopment.com.



SMYRNA REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TOUR TRILITH AND CHAMBLEE

Members of Smyrna's Downtown Redevelopment Committee, along with City staff and several Council members, recently toured two metro Atlanta developments; Trilith and Chamblee. During the visits, the group explored the urban design features of each area and spoke with local officials about lessons learned through their redevelopment efforts. These tours follow previous site visits to Woodstock and Alpharetta.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



TWEENS BREAK RECORDS

On Tuesday, August 12, Library tweens circled through crazy challenges to try and break Guinness World Records! Whether they were sorting M&Ms with chopsticks or sticking Post-It notes to their faces, they showed terrific teamwork and were champions through each challenge.

DADDY DAUGHTER HAIR ACADEMY

On Monday, August 18, Smyrna dads stepped up. This group of dads learned how to brush hair with minimal “ouches”, and how to style braids, buns, and ponytails. Thank you to our outstanding volunteer, Lexi, a licensed stylist!



ADULTING 101

Smyrna Police Officer Aria Marshall visited the Smyrna Library on Tuesday, August 19, for the teen “Adulting 101” series. The session focused on public safety, and Officer Marshall covered topics such as building confidence, situational awareness, personal and public safety, safe driving, peer pressure, and the effects of drugs and alcohol. She also shared tips for having positive and respectful interactions with law enforcement.

BUSINESS IDEA WORKSHOP

Cobb County Business Bootcamp returned to the Smyrna Library on Friday, August 15, to present another “Business Idea Generation Workshop.” Participants explored the potential of their business ideas and gained clarity on next steps.

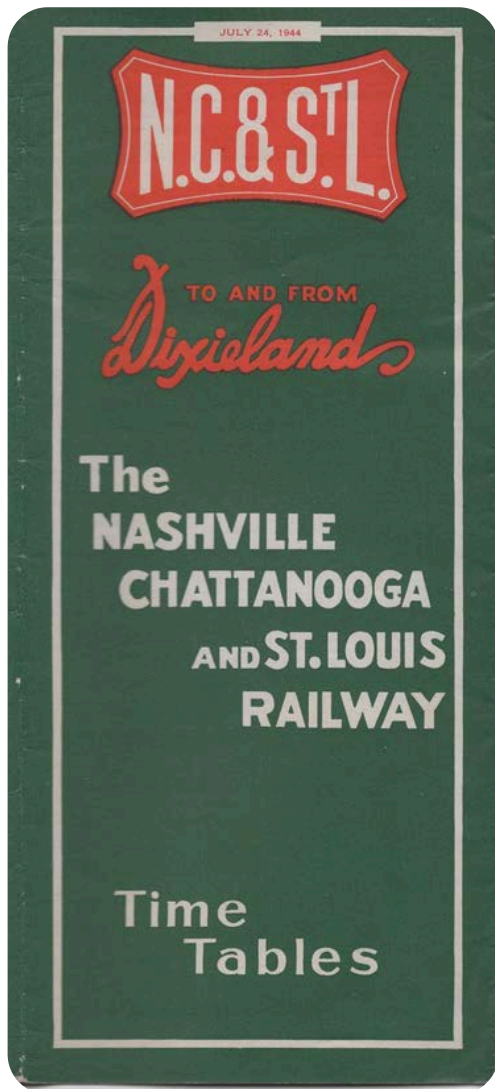


CROCHET 101

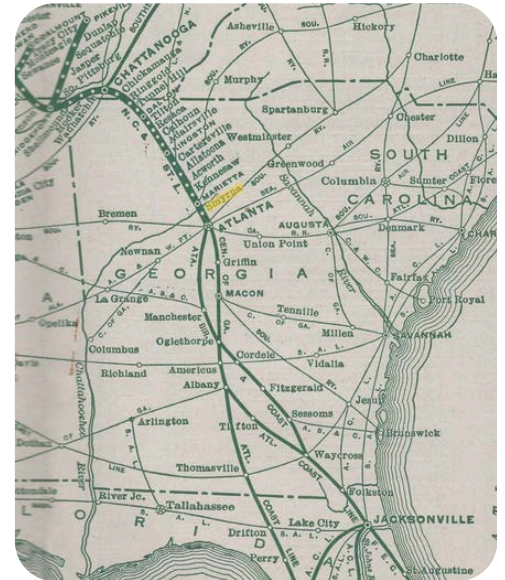
On Friday, August 22, Smyrna adults visited the world of crochet, learning the slip knot, chain stitch, and single crochet. With these basics, they're ready to begin simple projects and grow their skills. Special thanks to Amy Cuzzort, Youth Services, for leading the class and coordinating staff volunteers, and to HR Director Carol Sicard for lending her time and support.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

SMYRNA LOCOMOTIVE HISTORY IN ST. AUGUSTINE



History is all around us, and historians never truly “turn off.” While vacationing in St. Augustine, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge spotted a piece of Smyrna’s past in a vintage shop; a booklet of railroad timetables from the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, dated July 24, 1944. This railway built the Smyrna Train Depot in 1907, the very building the Smyrna History Museum is modeled after. Though the N.C. & St. L. Railway formally ended in the 1950s (around the same time the Smyrna Depot was demolished) some of its track segments are still in use today under CSX management.

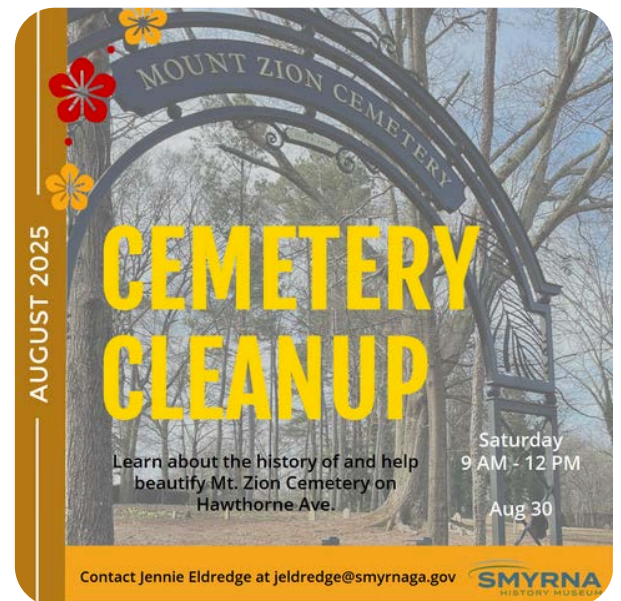


CEMETERY CLEANUP

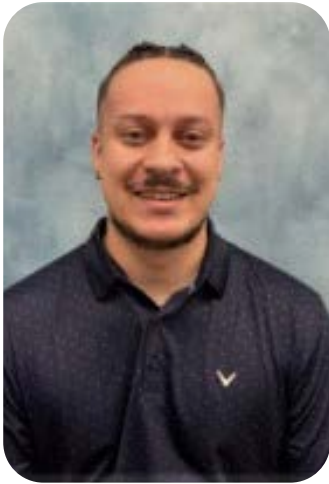
Learn about the history of Mount Zion Cemetery while helping beautify the area on Saturday, August 30! This cemetery cleanup will last from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Contact jedredge@smyrnaga.gov for more information!

WEEKLY VISITORS

Library: 4290
Museum: 19



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



IT WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming Cain Wilson to Smyrna's IT family! Cain discovered his passion for technology early, inspired by his family of IT professionals. With experience supporting users across networks, end-user devices, and IoT systems, along with an A+ certification and pursuit of Network+, he has excelled in previous roles. In Smyrna, Cain will manage and maintain the City's network infrastructure and server systems by overseeing performance, upgrades, and troubleshooting to ensure reliable and secure connectivity. Welcome to the team, Cain!

PUBLIC WORKS



TRAFFIC ENGINEERING UPDATES

Traffic Engineering staff recently refreshed the crosswalk in front of Griffin Middle School and repainted stop bars in the Vinings Glen neighborhood, helping improve safety for students, residents, and drivers.



COURT SERVICES

COURT ON 8/19

Cases: 63
Failure to Appear: 23
Pre-Trials: 22
DUI's Completed: 5



COURT ON 8/21

Cases: 72
Failure to Appear: 14
Pre-Trials: 19
DUI's Completed: 0

HUMAN RESOURCES

WELCOME TO SMYRNA



Cain Wilson

Information Technology
Network and Server Engineer



Jonathan Rolin

Sanitation Worker II
Public Works



Kiontee Peoples

Streets Maintenance Worker
Public Works



Thaddius Earls

Water and Sewer Technician I
Water Distribution



Ashley Currin

Community Center Attendant
Parks and Recreation



Brian Roach

Water and Sewer Technician I
Water Distribution

City employee birthdays:

This week:

Brian Marcos	8/25
Rodshem Venisee-Cosby	8/25
Shaakira Harewood	8/25
Susan Baker	8/26
Samyr Santos	8/26
Eric Schum	8/27
Virginia Hrushka	8/27
Anissa Williams	8/30
Aavonte Sparks	8/30

Happy Birthday

Next week:

Kathe Roper	9/1
Donna Cox	9/1
Mark Evans	9/2
Carl Gordijn	9/2
Valery Raymond	9/2
Chad Ramsey	9/3
Pat Flood	9/4
Shanaiah Payne	9/4
Timothy George	9/5
Patrick Barnette	9/5
Jeff Moss	9/7

September Anniversaries:

Congratulations!

Marshall Dixon	9/7/20
5 years	
Gerardo G. Buenrostro	9/7/20
5 years	
Joshua Rusher	9/7/20
5 years	
Shekedria Holt	9/28/20
5 years	

PARKS AND RECREATION



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 today!

SMYRNA
PARKS & RECREATION

FALL BREAK CAMP

Registration is open for Fall Break Camp, happening the week of September 22 – 26. The theme for the week is “Sports Mania and Cooking Classes.” Don't miss the opportunity for your child to participate in this fun-filled week, register **today!**

SMYRNA HANDMADE KIDS MARKET

Stop by the Smyrna Community Center on Saturday, September 6, to support young entrepreneurs at the Kids Handmade Market. Young creators, ages 5-15 will be ready to showcase their handmade products from stunning jewelry and artwork to delicious homemade treats!



KIDS Smyrna Market

Sept 6th 10AM - 2PM, Smyrna Community Center



SMYRNA MARKET

The Smyrna Market, one of the City's most popular seasonal events, runs every Sunday from now through October 19. Each week brings new vendors with fresh finds, unique gifts, and fun snacks you will not want to miss. See you on Sundays in Smyrna Market Village from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM!



PARKS AND RECREATION

RIVERLINE PROJECT UPDATE

The Riverline Park Splash Pad and building construction are moving along well. Walls of the building are up and many splash pad elements are in place.



TOLLESON PROJECT UPDATE

The Tolleson Aquatic Center site is being graded and prepared for the next steps of construction.



DATE NIGHT PAINT AND SIP

Paint and Sip returns to the Community Center on Friday, September 12, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Make date night special by exploring your artistic side while enjoying delicious drinks and mingling with other couples. **Sign up here today!**



PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

Parent's Night Out will be held on Friday, September 12, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Drop the kids off for inflatable fall fun with friends. Take the evening off, **sign your child up today!**

WOLFE CENTER TRIP

Last week, members of the Smyrna Wolfe Center enjoyed a delightful trip to Dickey Farms. They browsed fresh fruits and vegetables, took in the scenic views, and capped off the day with ice cream while relaxing in rocking chairs.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

MONTHLY RECYCLING CENTER TOUR

Four residents joined us for our monthly behind-the-scenes tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center on August 15. Participants learned how recycling works at the facility and had the chance to ask questions. These free tours are offered on the third Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Space is limited, and registration is required. To learn more or sign up for a tour, click [here!](#)



HABITAT REHABILITATION

Last weekend, nine volunteers joined Environmental Services in removing invasive plants and caring for trees at the Habitat Rehabilitation site on Powder Springs Road. Removing invasive plants makes way for native plants that are beneficial for the ecosystem and support local wildlife!

KSU VOLUNTEER FAIR

Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful staff participated in Kennesaw State University's Volunteer Fair. We enjoyed connecting with students who are eager to get involved and make a positive impact in their community.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

GREAT SOUTHEAST POLLINATOR CENSUS

On August 22 and 23, Keep Smyrna Beautiful supported the community science project to count local pollinators as part of the annual Great Southeast Pollinator Census. This initiative helps scientists collect valuable data to better protect the vital members of our ecosystems.



WHITEFIELD ACADEMY GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Last Saturday, 11 Whitefield Academy students and parents picked up litter along Buckner Road to help keep their school and the surrounding area clean, green, and beautiful. The group picked up eight bags of trash, totaling 120 pounds of litter removed from the streets.



COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Four Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers picked up 72 pounds of litter (including 18 pounds of recyclable material) at last week's Community Cleanup on Windy Hill Road. Removing litter protects wildlife and local water sources. Thank you to our volunteers for keeping Smyrna a beautiful place to live!

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: 8
 Sewer Backups: 2
 Resolved Work Orders: 27

SEWER CCTV AND JETTING

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

- Ward 1: Afton Way
- Ward 2: Bates Street
- Ward 3: Flemming Street
- Ward 4: Alpine Drive
- Ward 5: Still Pine Drive, Smyrna Grove Place, Powder Springs Street



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.

All ARPA projects have been completed. Management and administration are now working on the next list of water mains to be replaced as part of the ong 30 year CIP replacement plan.

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