



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



**CANCELLED**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

Civil Service Board  
4:00 PM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

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

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

Downtown Redevelopment Committee  
4:30 - 5:30 PM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

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

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

Smyrna Public Art Committee  
11:30 AM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

DDA / UDC Meeting  
12:00 - 1:00 PM  
Admin Conference Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

The Smyrna Fire Department was honored to participate in the Annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Truist Park on Saturday, September 6. Joined by hundreds of fellow firefighters and community members, our team climbed in solemn remembrance of the 343 FDNY firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001.

### WEEKLY FIRE TOTALS

Fire: 2  
Medical: 91  
Other: 78  
Total: 171

## AEMT SCHOOL BEGINS

On Monday, September 8, the Smyrna Fire Department Training Division launched its second EMS certification class of 2025. Twelve firefighters will meet twice weekly through December 17 to complete their Advanced EMT training.



## COBB YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

Captain Ronald Sadowski has been accepted into the prestigious Cobb Young Professionals Cultivate program offered by the Cobb Chamber. This eight-month leadership and mentoring initiative is designed to empower young professionals like Capt. Sadowski to grow as leaders, excel in their careers, and forge meaningful connections within the community. Through a series of skills development workshops and one-on-one pairings with seasoned mentors, participants embark on a journey of personal and professional transformation. The program kicks off in September and culminates in May, providing ample opportunities for growth and networking.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 City of Smyrna  
**Citizen Police Academy**



## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Smyrna Police Department is excited to announce that the Citizens Police Academy will begin on Thursday, October 9! For application information and other details, email **Officer Marshall** or call 678-631-5155.

### RESIDENTS WANTED!

Learn about the daily activities of your local police officers.



**Information**

- 7 Week program starting on October 9th, 2025
- Meeting Thursday evenings from 6PM-8PM
- Must complete the background packet

**Activities**

- Civilian Response to Active Shooter
- DUI Task Force
- S.T.E.P Unit
- Patrol Functions
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene, Detectives, and Real Time Crime Center

**Apply Today**

E-Mail: [amarshall@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:amarshall@smyrnaga.gov) or  
 Call: 678-631-5155 for additional details.

Application Deadline: 09/30/2025

### WEEKLY

### POLICE TOTALS

Arrests: 26  
 Traffic Stops: 203  
 Citations: 158  
 Warnings: 94  
 Service Calls: 744

# ADMINISTRATION

## PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN SURVEY

The City of Smyrna is developing a comprehensive Public Art Master Plan, and we want to hear from you. Share your thoughts on how public art can enhance our community, from murals and sculptures to creative installations in everyday spaces. **Take the survey today** and let your voice be part of Smyrna's artistic future!

**SMYRNA**  
**PUBLIC ART**  
**PLAN**

SHARE YOUR VISION  
 FOR PUBLIC ART

"Drawn to Life" by Leah Abucayan

# PUBLIC WORKS

The Streets Department has been working on the following projects:

- Completing new driveway installations at Fire Station 4
- Beginning new curb installations on Debra Drive
- Completing a new curb installation on Pebblebrook Road
- Repairing sidewalks on Camp Highland Road and Burbank Circle
- Repairing a curb on Springleaf Circle
- Repairing a sinkhole in the roadway on Isoline Way
- Trimming debris from the roadways on Mill Pond Road and Lake Drive
- Removing a fallen tree from the roadway on Derrybrooke Walk
- Continuing work on the monthly right-of-way mowing list



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## BILL HARDAGE EARNS NOTABLE CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to Bill Hardage for obtaining his Level 3 – Combination Chief Inspector certification from the Building Officials Association of Georgia. This certification provides Bill the credentials to do commercial building inspections. Now all three inspectors in Community Development can do both residential and commercial inspections. This provides the department greater efficiency and flexibility, which in turn provides our customers greater value and cost savings. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to excellence, Bill!



# COURT SERVICES

## COURT ON 9/2

Cases: 105  
 Failure to Appear: 25  
 Pre-Trials: 40  
 DUI's Completed: 1



## COURT ON 9/4

Cases: 59  
 Failure to Appear: 15  
 Pre-Trials: 10  
 DUI's Completed: 2

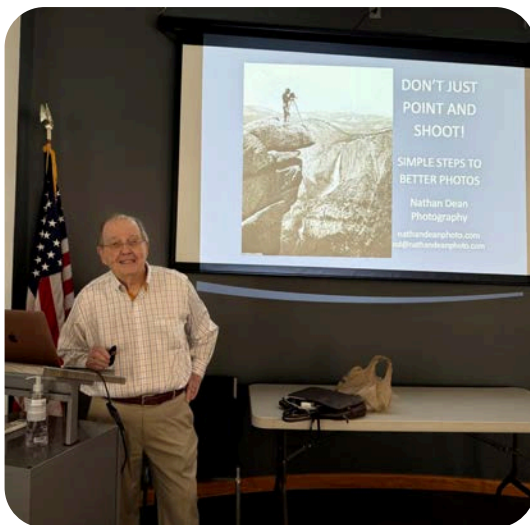
# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## UPCOMING BOOK SALE

The Friends of Smyrna Library are hosting a book sale on both Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Sunday, September 14, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Smyrna Library meeting room. This book sale selection includes hardbacks and paperbacks for all ages. Prices will range from \$1-\$5 with cash, check, Venmo, and PayPal as acceptable payment options.

## READY, SET, PLAY!

On Wednesday, September 3, the Smyrna Library's Youth Services team launched a new program. Young readers ages 5-7 kicked off the first afternoon of "Ready, Set, Play!" They jumped into games like "Build or Boom" and "Trouble," built "Jenga" towers, and got tangled up in "Twister." Best of all, each participant modeled great sportsmanship!



## PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Dr. Nathan Dean, an award-winning photographer with a distinguished academic career, presented an informative photography workshop at the Smyrna Library on Friday, September 5. He explained the five basic steps of photography by sharing the creative and technical aspects of his photographs. Dr. Dean is currently the featured artist on exhibit in the library's art gallery for September and October. Thank you to the Friends of Smyrna Library for mounting the exhibit and providing Dr. Dean an honorarium!

## SUNDAY LECTURE

Local author and railroad historian, Todd DeFeo presented a "First Sunday Lecture" on September 7. His lecture, "Smyrna & the Railroad: The People Who Ran (and Rode) the Trains," featured stories of love and loss on the railroad.



# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## LIONESS CLUB PIN HISTORY

This Lioness Club pin from 1984 was recently added to the Museum's collection. It features a jonquil design, a fitting tribute to Smyrna's signature flower. For those who are new to the city, jonquils are a type of daffodil, always blooming with cheerful yellow petals. The story of the jonquil in Smyrna traces back to the 1890s, when the Taylor family of Atlanta's West End built a summer cottage here to escape the busy city. Their home still stands today as the white, one-story Taylor-Brawner House in Taylor-Brawner Park. Mary and Micajah Taylor had a nephew who moved to Spokane, Washington, to begin his railroad career. From there, he shipped a bag of jonquil bulbs home by train as a gift to his family. The Taylors planted the bulbs, shared them with friends and neighbors, and before long, Smyrna's beloved jonquils took root; beginning a tradition that still blooms today.



**Saturday, September 13**  
**9 am - 12 pm**

**Cemetery Volunteer Opportunity**

**Daniell Cemetery**  
 3761 Cloudland Drive

## UPCOMING CEMETERY CLEANUP

Learn about local history and how to properly clean cemetery stones at the next Cemetery Cleanup event on Saturday, September 13, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This cleanup will beautify Daniell Cemetery. Email [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov) for more information!

**WEEKLY VISITORS**

Library: 4277  
 Museum: 13

# HUMAN RESOURCES

## WELCOME TO SMYRNA



**Sherick Seats**  
 Public Works  
 Streets Maintenance

## Upcoming City Employee Birthdays:



Ashley Bryant	<b>9/15</b>	Emma Garnel	<b>9/18</b>
Vincent Cunningham	<b>9/15</b>	Bert Turnell	<b>9/20</b>
Marckenzy L. Jeune	<b>9/16</b>	Francis Romano	<b>9/20</b>
William Hardage	<b>9/18</b>	Brandon Smith	<b>9/21</b>
Kyler Pitts	<b>9/18</b>	Lorenz Harper	<b>9/21</b>

# 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](http://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

The Smyrna Kids Market was held on Saturday, September 6, at the Smyrna Community Center. Fifty young entrepreneurs set up booths in the large gym and sold their handcrafted products. Shoppers found a variety of delicious items like cookies and lemonade, while others selected creative items such as jewelry, bookmarks, crocheted items and paper flowers. The Handmade Kids Market was a successful event thanks to the imaginative creators behind each booth!



## SMYRNA MARKET

There are only six weeks left to enjoy the Smyrna Market! The market is open 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 the Smyrna Market Village from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM!



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## 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!**



**CANCELLED**

## 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.

## PARKS MAINTENANCE NEWS

Parks Maintenance staff recently repaired the pitching mounds at Brinkley Park. To restore them, clay bricks are installed in front of the pitching rubber after digging out the area. The bricks are set side by side, watered, and allowed to dry before being covered with mound dirt. This process is necessary after pitchers wear down the area in front of the mound, creating holes that can become a safety hazard.



## RIVERLINE PROJECT UPDATE



The building at Riverline Park Splash Pad is moving along on schedule. This week, crews have been working on siding installation.

## TOLLESON PROJECT UPDATE



Work is underway on the bridges at Tolleson Park, along with improvements to the trails and sidewalks. The project will continue until all upgrades are complete and the area is fully safe for visitors.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



## HAWTHORNE CENTER GARDEN WORKDAY

On Tuesday, September 9, six Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers participated in a garden workday to ensure the Hawthorne Adult Education Center garden is well-maintained. The garden is a learning space as well as a source of fresh produce for the school's adult learners.

## STORM DRAIN MARKING: INDEPENDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS

An independent volunteer recently placed 54 storm drain markers near local Smyrna storm drains. This activity helps remind people that whatever is dumped down the storm drain ends up in the nearest creek or stream. To learn more about marking storm drains, [click here!](#)



## COBB COUNTY RIVERS ALIVE STREAM CLEANUP



October 11, 2025

From 9am-12pm  
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Paces Mill Unit  
Registration Required



## RIVERS ALIVE: OCTOBER 11

The Keep Smyrna Beautiful annual waterway cleanup in partnership with Cobb Water and the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area is taking place on Saturday, October 11. Spaces are limited, so sign up today! [Visit the website](#) for event details and registration information.

## DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Join Keep Smyrna Beautiful on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to securely shred and recycle your documents! Our spring Document Shredding event takes place at the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center in Smyrna. This event is free, but donations are always welcome. Visit our website for [Document Shredding event details](#).



## Document Shredding

September 20, 2025 9am-12pm

884 Church St. Smyrna, GA



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



## RECYCLING TIP: DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLING

Did you know that plastic bags are one of the most common contaminants in curbside recycling bins? You shouldn't put curbside recycling in a plastic bag because bags tangle the sorting equipment at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and can cause your recyclables to be thrown away. In Smyrna, the only exception for this rule is to bag your hard-to-recycle plastics in the **Hefty Renew** bags.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## GOVERNMENT-TO-BUSINESS AWARD

The City of Smyrna recently earned the Government-to-Business Award at both the state level (Georgia GMIS) and nationally from GMIS International which is one of the largest public-sector IT organizations. The award recognized the successful launch of Smyrna's Electronic Permitting and Licensing System in December 2022; a yearlong effort led by Community Development with support from IT, the Fire Marshal's Office, Public Works, and Engineering. Powered by OpenGov, the new system replaced an outdated process with one that's faster, smarter, and more user-friendly. Contractors and businesses now enjoy quicker reviews, less paperwork, and fewer trips to City Hall. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and other cities are looking to Smyrna as a model for modern digital services.



# 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: 5  
 Sewer Backups: 4  
 Resolved Work Orders: 72

## SEWER CCTV AND JETTING

Sewer crews are currently in Wards 1, 3, and 6 conducting visual inspections of sewer mains and service laterals:

- Ward 1: Afton Way and Bell Drive
- Ward 3: Alexander Street and Lake Court
- Ward 6: Lee Street



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Staff have been working on the following projects:



- Preparing to perform a CCTV inspection of a sanitary sewer water main and manhole that was installed between the mid-to-late 1950s (pictured left)
- Replacing an older 8-inch water main valve showing signs of tuberculation, which can prevent it from sealing properly or lead to complete failure (pictured right)



## 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.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## WEEKLY INSPECTIONS:

192 Inspections

11 Sites



## TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION:

\$384,105.86

## Building Remodel/Residential (12)

(1) Addition

(1) Other

(1) Interior Renovation

(1) Window Replacements

(8) Roof Replacements/Re-roofs

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$319,105.86

## Commercial (1)

(1) Interior Renovation

- Bricks & Minifigs (821 Concord Road Suite H)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$65,000.00

**Electrical (4)**

**Plumbing (5)**

**HVAC (7)**

**Tree (6)**

**Sign (3)**

## NEW BUSINESSES

### Music magic arts LLC

Independent Artists

Home Business

Ward 3

### Bren X Enterprises LLC

Residential Property Managers

Home Business

Ward 5

### VHC Quality Solutions LLC

Staffing Services

2655 S Cobb Dr SE, Unit STE-200 -

Room A, Smyrna, GA 30080

Ward 5

### ESR Body & Balance LLC

Massage Therapists Offices

3240 S Cobb Dr SE, Unit STE 850 - RM 202,

Smyrna, GA 30082

Ward 6

### Turner Express Logistics, LLC

Other Management Consulting

Services

Home Business

Ward 7

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