



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 2, 2025
Parks and Recreation Commission
6:30 PM
Oak Room
Smyrna Community Center


CLOSURE NOTICE

City administrative offices will be closed Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

ADMINISTRATION

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Smyrna Youth Council will host a canned food drive booth at this year's Home for the Holidays event on December 2! Help support families in need by donating items such as canned green beans, canned corn, stuffing, and macaroni and cheese. Please bring your contributions to the Smyrna Youth Council booth during the event. All donations will benefit the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation's "Shop With a Hero" program.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CANNED FOOD DRIVE!

PROCEEDS TO SMYRNA PUBLIC SAFETY "SHOP WITH A HERO" PROGRAM

PROVIDING HOLIDAY MEALS TO FAMILIES IN NEED

CANNED GREEN BEANS CANNED CORN
STUFFING MAC + CHEESE

PRESENTED BY SMYRNA YOUTH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2ND, 2025
5 - 9 PM
SMYRNA MARKET VILLAGE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWLY SWORN-IN OFFICERS

We are proud to officially welcome our newest graduates Officers Purdy, Calloway, Cargyle, and Byron to the Smyrna Police Department. These officers were sworn in by Chief Zgonc and will now begin the field training process with one of our experienced Field Training Officers. This hands-on training will equip them with the skills and confidence needed to serve our community with excellence. Congratulations to each of them on this achievement!



WEEKLY POLICE TOTALS

Arrests: 29
Traffic Stops: 225
Citations: 98
Warnings: 105
Service Calls: 702

COURT SERVICES

NO COURT 11/18

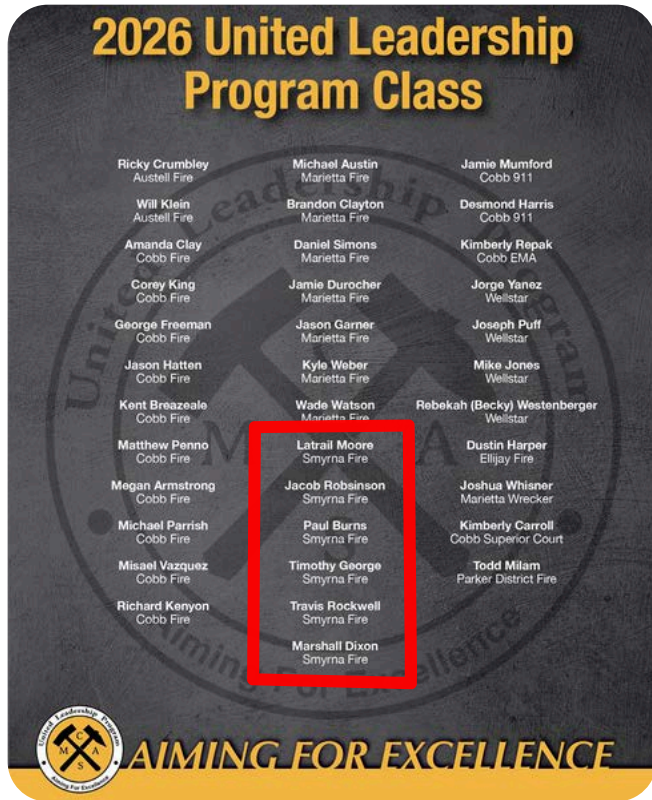
Cases: 87
Cases Completed: 55



COURT ON 11/20

Cases: 52
Cases Completed: 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT



2026 UNITED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that six Smyrna Fire Department professionals have been selected to participate in the 2026 United Leadership Program. We look forward to the excellence they will bring to this distinguished development opportunity.

WEEKLY FIRE TOTALS

Fire: 3
 Medical: 109
 Other: 62
 Total: 174

HUMAN RESOURCES

Upcoming City Employee Birthdays:

Julie Barwig	12/1	Tyler Cooper	12/5
Latonia P. Hines	12/1	Sydney Johnson	12/6
Joshua Rusher	12/2	Morris Sims	12/7
Rebecca Power	12/3		
Jonathan Rolin	12/3		
Brian Pyle	12/3		
Freddie Coleman	12/4		

Happy Birthday

Upcoming Employee Anniversaries:

Gwen Spuriell	12/14/2020	5 years
Gary King	12/19/2005	20 years
Dustin Evans	12/21/2015	10 years

Congratulations!

WELCOME TO SMYRNA

Vernon Young
 Community Center Attendant
 Parks and Recreation Department
 11/19/2025



PARKS AND RECREATION

SMYRNA BRIGHT NIGHTS

The Smyrna Bright Nights event **registration** is now open! Do you have an amazing holiday light display to share with the community? Add your home to the **interactive map** that families will use to find all the festive displays around Smyrna. The map goes live on December 2, so don't miss your chance to help spread some holiday cheer!



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Home for the Holidays
 TUESDAY, DEC. 2 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM
 Market Village & Village Green Park

7:00 PM - Santa arrives and lights the giant Christmas Tree!

Come along with us to kickoff the holiday season! Enjoy music and songs, plus, shop the Kris Kringle Market.

Visit with Santa in the Market Village after the tree lighting ceremony.

Come celebrate the season at Smyrna's annual Home for the Holidays Extravaganza on Tuesday, December 2, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Market Village! Enjoy live music, the Kris Kringle Market, and the highlight of the evening, Santa lighting the city's beautiful Christmas tree. Don't miss this festive community tradition!

KRIS KRINGLE MARKET

December 2 5pm-8pm
 Village Green Park

Santa Stops By
 Make this a Christmas to remember!

Register and Santa Claus will come to your home with a small surprise and lots of joy!

During his visit at your front door or porch, Santa will pose for pictures with your children and family.

Don't forget your letter to Santa!

This is open to City of Smyrna Residents ONLY.

Register with the QR code or on smyrnaga.gov

SANTA STOPS BY 2025

Slots are filling quickly for Santa Stops By 2025. Visit **our website** for details and to secure your spot for this popular annual event.

PARKS AND RECREATION

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY RECAP

Join Smyrna Parks and Recreation for the final College Football Saturday on December 6 at 3:00 PM. We'll also be showing the SEC Championship Game, which kicks off at 4:00 PM. Don't miss your chance to show your team pride and help us close out the season together! Check out the excitement of past gatherings; photos from previous events capture the spirit, energy, and community that make College Football Saturday a fan favorite.



TOLLESON TRAIL BRIDGE UPDATE

The Tolleson Park trail bridge project is nearing completion. This exciting upgrade will enhance the trail with improved safety, smoother crossings, and a more scenic experience for all visitors. We anticipate construction to be fully completed by mid-December, allowing the community to soon enjoy a safer and more accessible route along the trail.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RECYCLING CENTER TOUR: HOMESCHOOL GROUP

Last week, a group of homeschool students and their parents visited the Smyrna Recycling Center on Monday to participate in a paper recycling activity and learn how the center operates.



HABITAT REHABILITATION

On Saturday, November 22, seven Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers cared for native riparian trees and removed invasive, nonnative plants including privet, wisteria, and kudzu from a piece of City-owned land in the Cheney Woods neighborhood. This work supports local biodiversity by making space for native plants to thrive and helps beautify the surrounding community.



COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKDAY

Two gardeners and staff completed a garden workday on November 19. They spread mulch around multiple plots and made necessary repairs. The transition from gravel to mulch is now 90% complete and will help improve long-term weed management.



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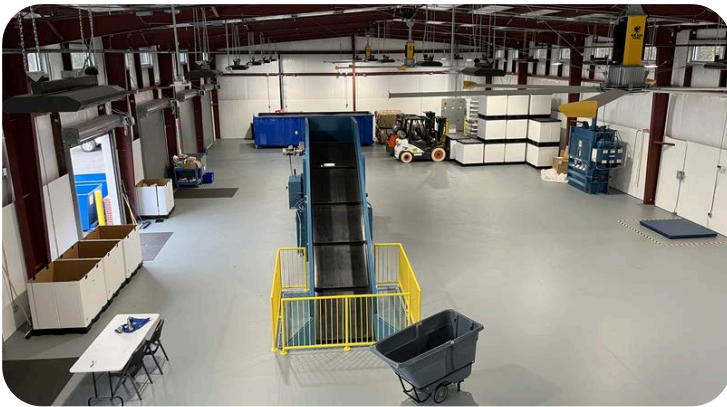
SCHOOL GRANT PROPOSALS DUE DECEMBER 1

Help spread the word! Through December 1, 2025, Keep Smyrna Beautiful is accepting applications for KSB School Grants up to \$2,500 for K-12 schools within the City of Smyrna! Funding can support tree planting, school gardens, environmental education, and campus beautification projects. Learn more and download the guidelines: keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/school-partnerships.



VISIT TO DOUGLASVILLE RECYCLING CENTER

On Friday afternoon, Keep Smyrna Beautiful and the Smyrna Recycling Center staff visited the new drop-off recycling facility in Douglasville. Environmental Services Director Julie Barwig and Smyrna Recycling Center Coordinator Jerod Stewart provided input and feedback throughout the planning and construction phases, so it was exciting to see the new center fully operational.



MONTHLY RECYCLING CENTER TOUR RECAP

Last Friday, fourteen visitors participated in the monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center, where they learned about recycling best practices and what happens to materials after they leave the facility. Monthly tours are held on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. [Click here to learn more!](#)



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

FRIENDS OF SMYRNA LIBRARY ART EXHIBIT

The Friends of Smyrna Library installed two new exhibits in the upstairs Library gallery and display cases for November and December. The display cases feature Dr. David Byers's epoxy and wood-turned bowls, vases, and cups, while the gallery walls showcase NancyJeanette Long's acrylic landscapes and portraits.



NEW "LIBRARY OF THINGS" COLLECTIONS

The Smyrna Library has introduced two new collections of nontraditional materials. The **Tools Collection** features small, infrequently used tools such as a stud sensor, combination square, and bicycle repair kit. **The Household Collection** debuts with three teacup kits, each containing a teacup and saucer set that can be used for small holiday gatherings or special events.

PSC LEARNING CENTER VISIT

On November 14, Youth Services Associate Amy Cuzzort visited preschool students at Preferred School Care Learning Center for a special autumn story time. The preschoolers shared what they knew about the harvest and gave Ms. Amy advice on what to do if she found a big pile of leaves. They ended the visit by singing softly to a sleeping pumpkin and wiggling it awake.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

ADULTING 101

Ask any of the teens who attended Smyrna Library's 'Adulting 101' credit and saving program on November 18, and they'll tell you the truth; using credit cards can lead to poor financial decisions. During the session, teens played 'Fact or Cap,' brainstormed how credit card companies market to young consumers, and discussed the importance of saving money early. This financial literacy program is part of the library's Adulting 101 series designed specifically for teens.



CROY ENGINEERING STEM GRANT FOR LIBRARY

Croy Engineering awarded Smyrna Library a \$1,500 grant this fall to purchase new materials for its STEM classes, Tinker Lab and Tinker Lab Jr. The library used the funds to acquire three large sets of a STEM toy called Rail Cubes. The new resource debuted at a special Tinker Lab session on Thursday, November 20, where participants designed their own train tracks using the cubes before setting a tiny train engine loose on the magnetic rails.

KIDS POP-UP CRAFT EVENT

Join the Smyrna History Museum for a kids pop-up craft event on December 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Kids ages 3+ will enjoy making a free craft while learning about various holidays from many cultures that are celebrated during the winter!



Saturday, Dec. 13
10 AM - 4 PM



This event will introduce kids to the various holidays from many cultures that are celebrated in winter. Kids will have their choice of making a craft related to holidays from around the world like Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice, and others. Ages 3+

SMYRNA
HISTORY MUSEUM
2881 Atlanta Rd. Smyrna 30080
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WEEKLY VISITORS
Library: 4254
Museum: 16

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

NATIVE AMERICAN LEARNING KITS

The holiday slowdown gives Museum staff time to focus on projects such as expanding our Native American heritage trunks. We are currently duplicating this hands-on learning kit so it can be shared with local elementary schools. Some components (like corn husk dolls and turtle shell rattles) require a bit of assembly, but they offer powerful teaching opportunities. These items highlight how Cherokee and Muscogee Creek people made purposeful use of materials that might otherwise be discarded, such as corn husks left after processing or turtle shells remaining after scavenging or hunting. Corn husk dolls were used to entertain children while teaching lessons about vanity and responsibility through the traditional story of the “doll with no face.” Turtle shell rattles played an essential role in ceremonies; women often wore them on their legs and helped keep the rhythm during tribal dances.



MUSEUM CLOSURE

The Smyrna Museum will be closed from Thanksgiving Day through Saturday, November 29. We will reopen for regular hours on Wednesday, December 3.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NEW BUSINESSES

ILE GA Smyrna

Used Merchandise Retailers
2700 Cobb Pkwy SE, Unit STE B7, Smyrna, GA
30080
Ward 1

Corvidae inc.

Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers
4425 S Cobb DR SE, Unit STE H, Smyrna, GA 30080
Ward 6

PUPARAZI BOUTIQUE

Pet Care (except Veterinary) Services
3209 S Cobb DR SE, Unit STE F2, Smyrna, GA
30080
Ward 3

Studio P 4:19


Beauty Salons
3836 Highlands Pkwy SE, Smyrna, GA 30082
Ward 7


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