



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, January 12, 2026**

Traffic Calming Committee  
5:00 PM  
HR Training Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Monday, January 12, 2026**

Pre-Council Meeting  
6:30 PM  
Admin Conference Room  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Monday, January 12, 2026**

Mayor and Council Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
A. Max Bacon City Hall

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

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

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

Ward 7 Meeting  
7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Smyrna Public Safety  
Training Center

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

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

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVE AMET CERTIFICATION

Two of Smyrna Fire Department's finest have just earned their Advanced EMT National Certification! Congratulations to Firefighter Briggs Williams and Firefighter Abigail Bachman on this outstanding achievement.



**Firefighter  
Briggs Williams**



**Firefighter  
Abigail Bachman**

## RECRUIT CLASS 26-01

On January 5, Recruit Class 26-01 began their journey with the Smyrna Fire Department. This class is comprised of five recruits: Caleb Fowler, Steven Storey, Marques Artis, Stone Gholsby, and Hunter Scoggins. After completing their first week with SFD's Training Division, the recruits will travel to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia, where they will participate in several weeks of intensive, hands-on training. Their efforts will culminate in a graduation ceremony on March 20.



### WEEKLY FIRE TOTALS

Fire: 0  
 Medical: 40  
 Other: 24  
 Total: 64

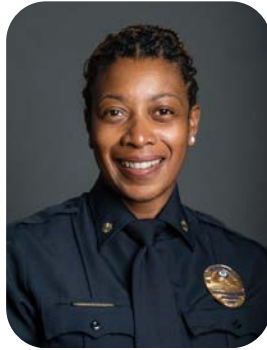
# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

Please join us in congratulating Major Rick James, Major Latonda Harris, and Lieutenant Mike Montgomery on their many years of dedicated service to the Smyrna Police Department.



**Major Mike Montgomery**  
25 Years



**Major Latonda Harris**  
26 Years



**Major Rick James**  
27 Years

### WEEKLY POLICE TOTALS

Arrests: 35  
Traffic Stops: 273  
Citations: 212  
Warnings: 104  
Service Calls: 781



## SERGEANT BILL TURNER RETIRES

After 31 years of dedicated service to the Smyrna Police Department and the City of Smyrna, it is with great honor and sincere appreciation that we extend our gratitude to Sergeant Bill Turner. Please join us in celebrating his well-earned retirement.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## WINTER BREAK CAMP

Registration is now open for Winter Break Camp 2026! Campers are invited to join the fun February 16–20 at the Smyrna Community Center. This action-packed week will feature nonstop excitement, including arts and crafts, sports activities such as kickball and basketball tournaments, and an unforgettable ice-skating field trip. Register today for one of the most exhilarating weeks of fun!

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## WINTER BREAK CAMP

**FEBRUARY 16-20, 9AM-4PM**  
**SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**\$250 PER CAMPER, AGES 6-11**

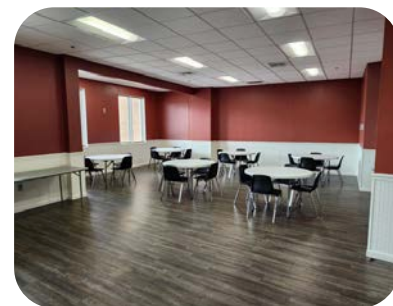
Campers will have a blast at our Winter Break ARTventure Camp, where we have a line-up of non-stop excitement planned! We'll be designing masterpieces with engaging arts and crafts, enjoying brilliant winter activities, and taking an unforgettable ice skating field trip. And for our sports stars? Get ready for some serious action in our kickball and basketball tournaments!

Register today at [SMYRNAGA.GOV](http://SMYRNAGA.GOV)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## ANNUAL BUILDING REFRESH

The Community Center and Brawner Hall received their annual refresh during the holiday season. At Brawner Hall, the first-level floors were refinished, providing a much-needed renewal to this heavily used space. At the Community Center, all hardwood floors (including both gyms, the racquetball courts, and the dance studio) were refinished in preparation for another busy year. In addition, three event spaces and the lobby were repainted, brightening the areas and addressing minor wear and tear from daily use.



## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Enjoy a night out on Friday, January 9! Drop off your children, ages 5-12, at 5:00 p.m. at the Smyrna Community Center for an evening of fun with friends. Activities include cooking, knockout basketball contests, and an exciting counselor vs. kid kickball game. Dinner will be provided for all participants. **Register your child today!**

Looking for an evening without the kids? Let us handle the childcare at the Smyrna Community Center, January 9th 5pm-8pm! We're having fun with cooking, knockout basketball contests, and get ready for a Counselor versus Kid Kickball Game! Dinner is provided.

Cost is \$35 per child, ages 5-12. Children must be potty trained.

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**ROARING 20s**

**DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6**  
**5:30-8:30PM**

**SMYRNA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
\$70 PER COUPLE, \$25 PER ADDITIONAL SIBLING

REGISTER TODAY AT [SMYRNAGA.GOV](http://SMYRNAGA.GOV)

## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Join Parks & Recreation for the annual Daddy Daughter Dance, featuring a Roaring '20s theme, on Friday, February 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Registration is now open** for this unforgettable evening of fun and delight for dads and their daughters!

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

## CURBSIDE PICKUP

The Smyrna Library was closed for scheduled maintenance on Monday, December 22, and Tuesday, December 23; however, library staff continued to serve the community by offering curbside pickup from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pictured is Library Aide Aliana Wong delivering books to a happy customer.



## DONATION TO GENEALOGY COLLECTION

Dianne Barfield of the Colonial Dames 17th Century visited the library on Sunday, December 28, to donate a book to the library's genealogy collection. The volume features biographical sketches of immigrants to New England during the Colonial period. As the library did not have the first edition in its collection, the second, corrected edition was a welcome addition.

## SMYRNA LIBRARY BREAKS RECORD

2025 was a great year for the Smyrna Library. For the first time, the library circulated more than 400,000 items in a single year. This record-breaking milestone represents an 11% increase in material circulation compared to 2024. Every category saw growth—including adult, children's, and teen materials, as well as print, audiovisual, and digital formats. Smyrna readers were busy!

**WEEKLY VISITORS**  
 Library: 2964  
 Museum: 15

A blue graphic with white and yellow text and colorful confetti. The text reads: "CHEERS! Smyrna Library checked out OVER 401,000 ITEMS IN 2025 Thank you, Smyrna! Keep Reading!". There are illustrations of hands clapping and a hand holding a pencil.

# LIBRARY AND MUSEUM CELEBRATING NELLIE MAE ROWE

A new year brings new projects, and the Smyrna Museum is busy conducting research and fieldwork for upcoming 2026 exhibits. This late summer, a new temporary exhibit will spotlight Nellie Mae Rowe, a 20th-century Black folk artist who lived in Vinings. The exhibit will feature one of her original works and explore how her local surroundings influenced her art. Recently, museum staff visited the site of Nellie's Playhouse in Vinings, now marked with a small outdoor exhibit and bench outside Hotel Indigo on Paces Ferry Road. Just up the hill, the Vinings Cemetery holds the grave of Nellie's second husband, Henry Rowe. Staff will continue exploring local sites connected to Nellie Mae Rowe's life as they prepare to bring this important local story to the Smyrna Museum.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## HAWTHORNE CENTER GARDEN WORK DAY

Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers recently weeded and tidied the community garden located in the courtyard of the Hawthorne Adult Education Center in the Williams Park neighborhood. KSB partners with the center to maintain the garden, which serves as both a hands-on learning space and a source of fresh produce for the facility's adult learners.



## MLK JR DAYS OF SERVICE

Keep Smyrna Beautiful will host its 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Service from January 19–24, 2026, offering a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout Smyrna. Projects include multiple litter cleanups as well as a habitat rehabilitation effort focused on removing invasive, non-native plants. Registration is required through Hands On Atlanta. For full event details and registration links, visit [https://x.gldn.io/e/Keep Smyrna Beautiful](https://x.gldn.io/e/Keep_Smyrna_Beautiful). For those who prefer to volunteer independently, KSB is also offering a to-go cleanup kit option. Kits may be checked out from the Smyrna Public Library or borrowed directly from Keep Smyrna Beautiful while supplies last.

### Scheduled Opportunities

**Monday, January 19: Community Cleanup**  
9am to 10:30am

**Tuesday, January 20: Community Cleanup**  
Noon to 1:30pm

**Thursday, January 22: Habitat Rehabilitation**  
Remove invasive, nonnative plants, 2:30pm to 4:30pm

**Saturday, January 24: Community Cleanup**  
(Same day as Adopt-a-Mile), 9am to 10:30am

### Independent Volunteering

#### To-Go Cleanup Kit

Check out a to-go cleanup kit for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## RECYCLING CENTER 2025 SUMMARY

Thanks to an average of 2,500 visitors each month in 2025, the Smyrna Recycling Center processed 1.2 million pounds of material, keeping it out of landfills and putting it back into the circular economy!



## BRING ONE FOR THE CHIPPER

On Saturday, January 3, 17 Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers helped unload Christmas trees from 236 cars. Instead of ending up in a landfill, the trees will be chipped and transformed into mulch for the community. Participants also had the opportunity to take home catalpa and bald cypress seedlings, helping support and grow Smyrna's tree canopy. Any remaining seedlings will be made available later this month through the Adopt-a-Tree program.



# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Upcoming employee birthdays:

Deajah Robinson	<b>01/06</b>	Audrey Mudge	<b>01/15</b>
Richard Garland	<b>01/08</b>	Cameron Gloster	<b>01/15</b>
Robbie Lewis	<b>01/08</b>	Truman Foster	<b>01/16</b>
Evie Ramsey	<b>01/10</b>	Alvaro Alvarez	<b>01/17</b>
Gregory Caldwell	<b>01/11</b>	Jeffrey Loner	<b>01/17</b>
Shequita Howard	<b>01/11</b>	Kendra White	<b>01/17</b>
Jackson Stephens	<b>01/13</b>		



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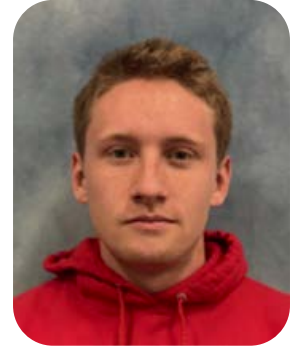
**Robbie Lewis**  
Lifeguard  
Parks & Recreation



**Jennifer Johnson**  
Lifeguard  
Parks & Recreation



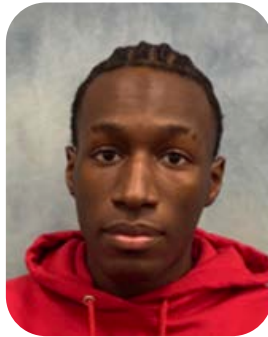
**Jiji Olu-Amoda**  
Lifeguard  
Parks & Recreation



**Caleb Fowler**  
Firefighter  
Fire Department



**Stone Gholsby**  
Firefighter  
Fire Department



**Marquez Artis**  
Firefighter  
Fire Department



**Hunter Scroggins**  
Firefighter  
Fire Department



**Steven Storey**  
Firefighter  
Fire Department



**Zab Puebla**  
Information Systems Specialist  
Information Technology



**Robin Blackwell**  
Communications Officer I  
Police Department

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## WEEKLY INSPECTIONS:

173 Inspections  
12 Sites



## TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION:

\$1,254,510.00

### Commercial (1)

(1) Interior Renovation

- Carver State Bank (5300 United Dr SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$350,000.00

### Building Remodel/Residential (7)

(2) Additions

(2) Interior Renovations

(1) New Construction

(1) Roof Replacement/Re-roof

(1) Window Replacements

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$904,510.00

**Electrical (3)**

**Plumbing (7)**

**HVAC (7)**

**Sign (2)**

**Tree (2)**

## NEW BUSINESSES

### **English Design Laboratory**

Fine Arts Schools  
Home Business  
Ward 1

### **OLA Language School**

Language Schools  
Home Business  
Ward 6

### **Rack and Roll Films LLC**

Motion Picture and Video Production  
Home Business  
Ward 3

### **Diamond Transport, LLC**

Limousine Service  
Home Business  
Ward 7

### **LWS Enterprises, LLC**

Audio visual equipment installation  
Home Business  
Ward 4

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