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STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, July 15, 2024
Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting
(Millage Rate – 1st of 3 meetings)
8:00 AM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Monday, July 15, 2024
Pre-Council Meeting
6:00 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Admin Conference Room

Monday, July 15, 2024
Mayor and Council Meeting
(Millage Rate – 2nd of 3 meetings)
6:45 PM
A. Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
City/County Mediation
Marietta Conference Center

Thursday, July 18, 2024
(If needed)
City/County Mediation
Marietta Conference Center

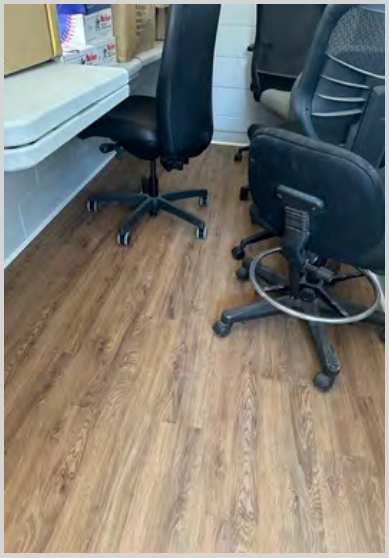
PARKS AND RECREATION

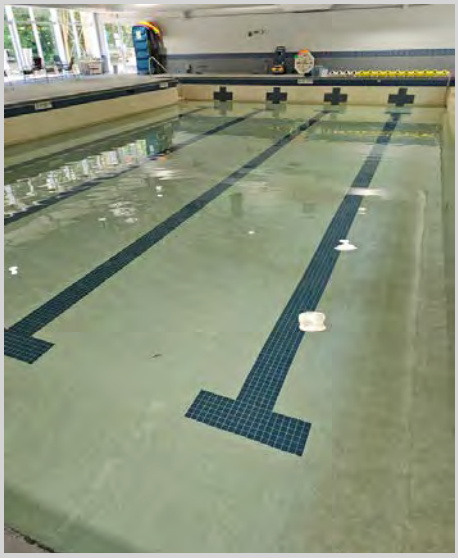


Tolleson Pool: With the heat soaring outside, Tolleson Pool is the coolest place in Smyrna right now! Bring your family and enjoy the refreshing water at Tolleson Pool all summer long. Pool passes are still available. We'll see you Monday through Friday from 1:00–6:00 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM. Concessions are available for purchase.

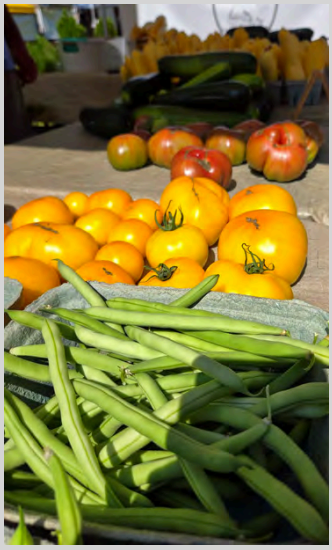
Press Box Refresh: The Tolleson Park press box got a refresh last week. YNZ installed new flooring in the space and gave it a clean and updated look.

Therapy Pool: The Wolfe Center Therapy Pool is closed for two weeks for the installation of a new Pool Pak dehumidification system. While the pool is closed, the pool staff will be doing a deep cleaning of the entire pool facility. Public Works is also taking this time to get the lights above the pool replaced.













Smyrna Market: The Smyrna Market continues each Sunday through October 20. Visit the market to find special treats like homemade jellies, fresh-grown produce, and delicious meat rubs for the cooking fanatic in your house. Along with popular food vendors, there are many others like hand-crafted dolls for that special person. Stop by from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM in the Market Village and see what treasure you might find!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Theater Camp: Introducing our newest summer camp: Theater Camp! Parks and Recreation has teamed up with a local performing arts school, Michael Karl Studios, to provide children with an exceptional theater experience the week of July 22-26! Theater Camp will be an exclusive one-week camp at the end of the summer that your theater-loving campers won't want to miss! End the summer on an impactful and positive note that will have your campers talking about all they learned and how much fun they had at camp! Sign up here.





Parent's Night Out: Join Parks and Recreation for Parent's Night Out, on Friday, July 12 from 5:00–8:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Children ages 4-12 will enjoy an evening filled with fun competitions like kickball, dodgeball, and basketball, as well as an art competition for those who prefer something other than sports. Participants will dine on sandwiches together for dinner. Registration is open and space is limited, so don't miss the fun!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Camp News: During the week of June 17–21, campers joined the fun of Parks Discovery week. Each day they visited a new park to enjoy themed days. Monday and Thursday campers were excited to participate in Art in the Park & Sports Day, while on Tuesday and Friday they put their thinking caps on for Mystery and Clue Day & Nature Camp. It was another fantastic week of camp, and everyone is looking forward to what's to come the rest of the summer







Georgia Explorers Camp: Come along and explore all the excitement Georgia has to offer. This exciting camp runs from July 8 through 12 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day. Campers will visit nature preserves, hike to one of the largest waterfalls in the state, visit museums, and discover the wonders of art and culture. Register your camper for the field trips that allow them to explore! Cost varies depending upon the field trip.

- Monday: Fernbank Museum
- Tuesday: Marietta Cobb Museum of Art
- Wednesday: Rope's Course & Ziplining
- Thursday: Chick-fil-A Hall of Fame
- Friday: Amicalola Falls



PARKS AND RECREATION



JoyShop Workshop: Join Parks and Recreation on Saturday, July 20, at the Smyrna Community Center for a sugar scrub class! KinJoy is a small business based in Georgia dedicated to promoting wellness and joy through interactive workshops and programs. Their JoyShops are designed to provide an inclusive approach to well-being by incorporating elements of crafting, mindfulness, and community engagement. July's JoyShop is "Radiant Glow" an instructor-led sugar scrub workshop that will take place 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. The class is $55 per person and all materials are included in the cost of the class. Register today!







Summer Camp 2024: Summer Camp 2024 is winding down with only a week and a half left for campers to enjoy the fun of the summer. This week, campers are embarking on different field trips around Georgia in our "Georgia Explorers" camp. On Monday, campers attended the Fernbank Science Museum where they learned new facts about the world of science, watched a documentary on the T.rex, and explored the new Illusions exhibit.



Tolleson Pool: Tolleson Pool is open through Labor Day! Bring your family and enjoy the refreshing water at Tolleson Pool all summer long. Pool passes are available for adults for $7 and for children under 16 for $5. We'll see you Monday through Friday from 1:00–6:00 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM. Concessions are available for purchase.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Senior News: Wolfe Center members took a trip to Barnstormers Grill in Williamson, Georgia. After enjoying a delicious meal, they got a private tour of a hangar that belongs to a friend of a Wolfe Center member. As part of the fun experience, members were able to sit in some of the airplanes and enjoy a private airshow.





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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

New Program Assistant: Environmental Services is happy to introduce Carrie Kelleher as our new Part-Time Program Assistant! She'll be assisting with the community garden and Keep Smyrna Beautiful events. Carrie has been a volunteer with KSB for the past two years (pictured here at a 2022 cleanup) and we're excited to have her join the team!



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Leadership Cobb 24 Chair Recognition: Smyrna Fire Chief Brian Marcos was recognized this week by the President and CEO of the Braves Development Company, Mike Plant, at the Chamber Marquee Monday lunch.



R.A.D. Kids at Station 1: The Fire Department hosted the Police Department's R.A.D. Kidz Day Camp at Station 1 on Monday, July 8.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals
Arrests: 18
Citations: 146
Warnings: 41
Calls for Service: 667



COURT SERVICES



Court on 06/25

Cases: 104
Failures to Appear: 25
Pre-Trials: 35
DUIs Completed: 5

Court on 06/27

Cases: 77
Failures to Appear: 16
Pre-Trials: 14
DUIs Completed: 4

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department at Pride Festival: Several officers from the Police Department attended the Smyrna is Fabulous Pride Festival for community outreach and recruiting.







Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 18
Citations: 185
Warnings: 56
Calls for Service: 686

Welcome to Smyrna: Please welcome our newest officers: Austin Holliday and Cameron Johnson. They graduated from North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy on June 24 and are ready to start their training program in the field.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors

Library: 3,843
Museum: 14

Arts Consultant Visits Library: Library Director Mary Moore had the opportunity to meet Arts Consultant Anna Talarico on Thursday, June 20, while she was touring the City with Richard Garland and Ashley Youmans. Mary showed her the Friends of Smyrna Library art gallery and discussed the contributions of the Friends.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Totals (Last Two Weeks)

Fire: 8
Medical: 192
Other: 140
Total: 340

Retiree Visit: On June 26, some Smyrna Fire Department retirees got together for lunch and to check out the new Truck 4. The lowest helmet number in the group is #13 (the current highest one is #286).







Bike Parade: On June 28, there was a neighborhood bike parade held in the Vinings Estates, where our Station 4 crew led with the fire truck and engaged with the families of the neighborhood.

2024 Southeastern Association of Fire Chief's Conference: Smyrna Fire Department is hosting a sold-out conference in July! Over 400 fire service professionals from across the Southeast will be attending.



COURT SERVICES



Red Light Camera Court on 06/18

Cases: 5
Trials: 3

Trials on 06/20

Cases: 125
Failures to Appear: 27
Pre-Trials: 19
DUIs Completed: 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT





New Truck 4 in Service: Smyrna Fire Department replaced a 2009 ladder truck with a 2023 Pierce Enforcer. The fire truck will be assigned to Fire Station 4 on South Cobb Drive. A "push-in ceremony" was completed to officially put the truck in service.

Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 7
Medical: 100
Other: 46
Total: 153



Deputy Chief Davey Receives Fire Marshal Designation: Deputy Fire Chief Dustin Davey just received his Fire Marshal designation from the Commission on Professional Credentialing. Chief Davey is one of only 8 fire marshals in the state of Georgia to achieve this designation.

COURT SERVICES



Court on 06/11

Cases: 72
Failures to Appear: 28
Pre-Trials: 19
DUIs Completed: 1

Trials on 06/13

Cases: 72
Failures to Appear: 30
Pre-Trials: 27
DUIs Completed: 2

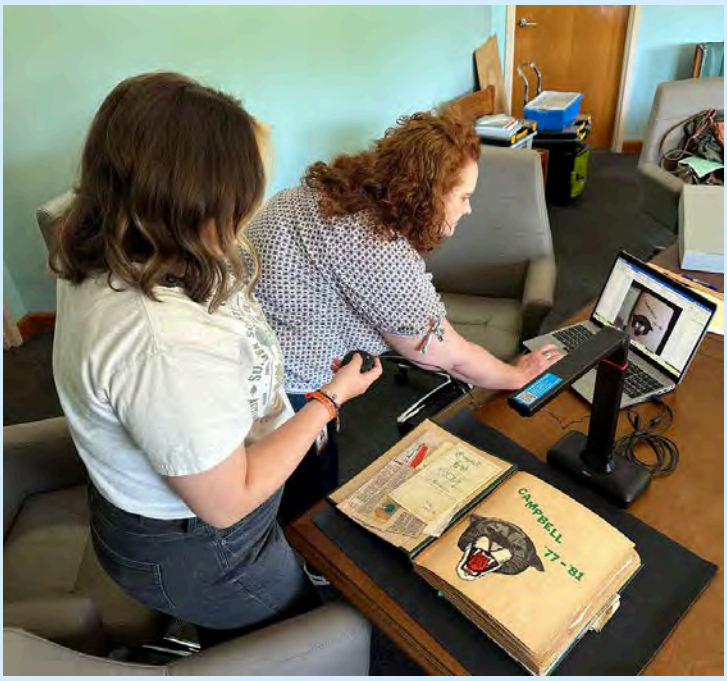
PUBLIC WORKS

Streets Department: The Streets Department has been working on the following projects:

- Continuing work on a stormwater pipe replacement on Norton Place
- Continuing work on the concrete pad at the Public Works facility
- Continuing work on ADA access to the Brinkley Park batting cages
- Installed new ADA ramps at the entrance of the Queensgate subdivision
- Continued on monthly right-of-way mowing schedule

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Digital Scanners: The Smyrna Museum and the Smyrna Library have purchased new overhead digital scanners to help catalog and preserve large items like scrapbooks and newspapers. Museum intern Fiona Rainwater is getting to work on digitizing a Campbell High School scrapbook from a student who attended from 1977 to 1981. This large format scanner will greatly aid in the project.



Children's Tour: Last week the Museum debuted a new children's tour that focuses on transportation changes through time in Smyrna. A homeschool group of 11 were the first visitors to take this tour. Any groups interested in the tour can contact Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge at 678-631-5424.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 34
Citations: 108
Warnings: 26
Calls for Service: 663



FIRE DEPARTMENT





Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 0
Medical: 88
Other: 40
Total: 128



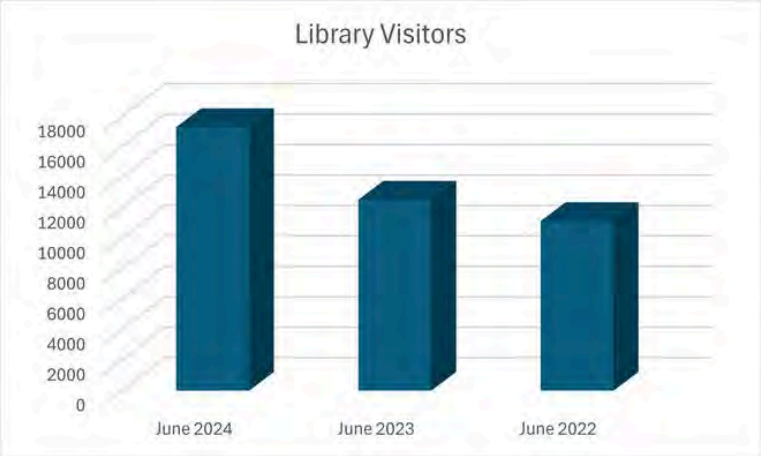
United Leadership Program at The Georgia National Guard: The Georgia National Guard hosted the June 2024 United Leadership Program session. The day featured a military senior leader panel with Georgia Army National Guard and Georgia Air National Guard military experts. The vision of The United Leadership Program is to design and deliver an exceptional leadership program to help public safety professionals reach their full potential as leaders, innovators, and community change agents. The 2024 class is comprised of public safety personnel from the Smyrna, Marietta, Austell, and Cartersville Fire Departments as well as Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services, MetroAtlanta Ambulance Services, and Wellstar Health Services.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors (Last Two Weeks)

Library: 7,403

Museum: 26



Summer is Busy: We are halfway through summer and our readers have already logged over 120,000 minutes of reading! June circulation of materials was the highest month of usage in library history, with a 15% increase over June 2023 circulation. June 2024 saw a 38% increase in walk-in traffic over June 2023. FY2024 circulation of materials finished very strong with an 8.61% increase over FY2023.

Cemetery Cleanup: On Saturday, June 29, five volunteers took part in a cemetery cleaning workshop at Daniell Cemetery. This was the first clean-up in this cemetery that sits in the middle of Bennett Woods. A few of our volunteers live in Bennett Woods and were very helpful and enthusiastic about keeping their neighborhood cemetery clean.

The next cemetery clean-up workshop will be held on Saturday, July 20, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Smyrna Memorial Cemetery.







Daniell Cemetery History: The stone for Naomi Daniell marks the first burial in Daniell Cemetery. Naomi died of smallpox and nervous residents did not want her husband Robert Daniell to transport her body to the traditional family burial ground at Maloney Springs Cemetery. Therefore, he buried her on his property and started Daniell Cemetery in 1862.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Bench Ceremony in Concord Covered Bridge Historic District: On Tuesday, June 18, Library Director Mary Moore, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge, Museum Intern Fiona Rainwater, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, and Councilmember Rickey Oglesby all attended the dedication ceremony for the new "Bench by the Road" located at the Silver Comet Trailhead in the Concord Covered Bridge Historic District. The commemorative bench and plaque honor the formerly enslaved African Americans of Cobb County and their contributions to our area. Researcher Pat Burns discussed the history of the project as well as Matilda Ruff and her family who had worked at Ruff's Mill and continued to live in the area after emancipation. Susan Wilkinson pulled double-duty at the ceremony as she was also representing the Jonquil Garden Club which helped with Matilda's Garden.





Cemetery Volunteer Opportunity: Come beautify your community by helping to clean up historic Daniell Cemetery (3761 Cloudland Drive) in the Bennett Woods neighborhood on Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Volunteers will learn how to clean graves in this cemetery established in 1862. Please wear close-toe shoes and other clothes you don't mind getting a bit dirty. We recommend you bring gloves and plenty of water to drink. Contact jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov to sign up.

Special Visitor at the Museum: Dr. James N. Brawner III, the grandson of Dr. James Newton Brawner who first opened the Brawner Sanitarium in 1910, visited the museum with his wife last week. Mike Terry gave the couple a tour of the Taylor-Brawner House, where Dr. Albert Brawner (the current Dr. Brawner's great-uncle) once lived with his family. They then came to view the new exhibit, *A Mind Without Rhythm: Brawner Hospital and Mental Health in Smyrna.* This exhibit is free to view and will be on display until May 2025.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

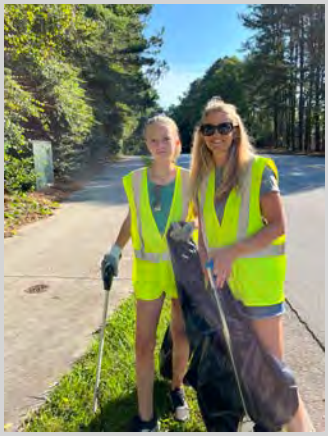






Campers Tour the Recycling Center: Last Wednesday and Thursday, 51 campers and counselors from the Smyrna Parks and Recreation Camp visited the Smyrna Recycling Center. Campers toured the center, learned about recycling, and participated in a paper recycling activity.







Community Cleanup: On Friday, KSB volunteers picked up 52 pounds of litter, including 12 pounds of recyclable material, on Village Parkway during a community cleanup!

Volunteers Needed: Keep Smyrna Beautiful is always looking for volunteers to help keep Smyrna clean, green, and beautiful! Individual and group opportunities are available, including storm drain marking, invasive species removal, litter cleanups, and community events. Learn more at https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/volunteer/.

Monthly Recycling Center Tour: The Smyrna Recycling Center offers free monthly tours from 9:00-10:00 AM on the third Friday of every month. The next tour is coming up this Friday, June 21. Sign up for an upcoming tour here!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES





Community Cleanup: On Tuesday, six KSB volunteers picked up 67 pounds of litter, including 14 pounds of recycling, during a Community Cleanup on Pat Mell Road. This is material that won't end up in our waterways, harming wildlife and polluting water sources.



Monthly Recycling Center Tour: Three adults and three children joined our monthly tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center last Friday. Participants got to look behind the scenes at how the center operates, learn about recycling best practices, and participate in a paper recycling activity. Monthly tours are free and open to the public, but registration is required. They take place on the third Friday of the month from 9:00-10:00 AM. Register for a tour.

Litter Index: Last Monday, Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers and staff surveyed every ward in the City of Smyrna to report on the annual Litter Index. The Litter Index rates the city based on a series of metrics provided by Keep America Beautiful and helps Keep Smyrna Beautiful to plan programs, projects, and educational efforts. Learn more at https://keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/litter-index/.

Environmental Scholarship Recipients: This spring, Keep Smyrna Beautiful awarded Environmental Studies Scholarships to two Campbell High School seniors. The purpose of the $1,500 scholarships is to support students who are planning to pursue a degree in an environmentally related field. Congratulations to the 2024 recipients, Emma Daxe and Hannah Hoeh! Read more about these two impressive young scholars on the KSB blog.



WATER DISTRIBUTION



Water and Sewer staff take immense pride in the installation, repair, and upkeep of 150 miles of sewer pipes and 250 miles of water main pipes throughout the city. Currently serving 15,237 customers, our staff is committed to delivering exceptional service that goes above and beyond, ensuring a safe and clean water supply to every customer.

Work Orders

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 3
- Water Service Leaks: 4
- Resolved Work Orders: 30

Atlanta Gas Light Cross Bore Project: Atlanta Gas Light is starting a CCTV project in Wards 2 and 3. The project will begin in Ward 2 on a small section and then move on to Ward 3. They will be video-inspecting the sewer mains and laterals to ensure no gas lines are going through our sewer system.

Crossed gas and sewer lines become a concern if a plumber or resident tries to fix a clogged pipe using a mechanical rotary device and puncture the gas pipeline.



Water Service Inventory Verification: This project is almost complete as staff wraps up the last of the inventory.

Current Projects: There are various water main and line replacements happening around the city.

- KM Davis Contracting has initiated the replacement of the water main along South Cobb Drive. They have installed 300 feet of 12-inch pipe and are currently identifying all utilities between King Springs Road and the Emory doctor's office. Upon project completion, they will replace a 20-inch asbestos cement (A/C) water main, currently at a depth of over 25 feet, with a 12-inch ductile iron water main at a depth of 5 feet. The depth of these water mains is critical for maintenance and repair purposes.
- Ardito Construction is actively engaged in a water line replacement endeavor within the Creatwood subdivision. They are in the process of installing services on Mohawk Place and conducting boring activities on driveways along Creatwood Trail. This project encompasses the replacement of 10,000 linear feet of water main and service lines, forming a crucial part of the project.
- Smith Pipeline is currently replacing the water main and services on Carolyn Drive, Rolling View Drive, Brenda Drive, and Spring Drive. This water main replacement project is part of Water Distribution's 30-year replacement plan.

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Work Orders

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 3
- Water Service Leaks: 5
- Resolved Work Orders: 44

Sewer and Camera Inspection: This technology enables staff to monitor pipelines in real time, assess pipe conditions, and implement corrections as needed.

- Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are completed
- Ward 3 is being completed by a contractor

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Water Service Inventory Verification: This project is almost complete as staff wraps up the last of the inventory.

South Cobb Drive Water Main Replacement: KM Davis Contracting has initiated the replacement of the water main along South Cobb Drive. They have installed 2500 feet of 12-inch pipe and are currently identifying all utilities between King Springs Road and the Emory doctor's office. Upon project completion, they will replace a 20-inch asbestos cement (A/C) water main, currently at a depth of over 25 feet, with a 12-inch ductile iron water main at a depth of 5 feet. The depth of these water mains is critical for maintenance and repair purposes.

Creatwood Water Line Replacement: Ardito Construction is actively engaged in a water line replacement endeavor within the Creatwood subdivision. They are in the process of installing services on Mohawk Place and conducting boring activities on driveways along Creatwood Trail. This project encompasses the replacement of 10,000 linear feet of water main and service lines, forming a crucial part of the project. Please see the project schedule below for further details.

ACTIVITY	PLAN START	PLAN DURATION	JANUARY					FEBRUARY				MARCH				APRIL				MAY					JUNE			
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
Shawnee Trail	4-Jan	6																										
Creat Trail (Shawnee to Navaho)	10-Jan	14																										
Navaho Trail (Creat Trl to Creatwood Trl)	27-Jan	7																										
Creatwood Trail (Navaho to Mohawk)	3-Feb	9																										
Mohawk (Creatwood Trl to Shawnee)	21-Feb	7																										
Creat Trail (Navaho to Tecumseh)	5-Mar	4																										
Tecumseh Trail	13-Mar	10																										
Creatwood Trail (Tecumseh to Navaho)	27-Mar	16																										
Navaho Trail (Creatwood to Mackinaw)	11-Apr	6																										
Creat Trail (Tecumseh to Creatwood)	17-Apr	10																										
Creatwood Trail (Tecumseh to Ridge)	1-May	5																										
Creatwood Trail (Mohawk to Shawnee Pl)	8-May	9																										
Shawnee Place	22-May	3																										
Creatwood Trail (Shawnee Pl to Atlanta Rd)	29-May	6																										

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Monthly Recycling Tour: The Smyrna Recycling Center offers free monthly tours from 9:00-10:00 AM on the third Friday of every month. The next tour is coming up Friday, July 19. Register here!

June Recycling Center: In June, the recycling center processed over 72,000 lbs. of material and saw over 2,200

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

186 Inspections

65 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

$3,940,778.20

Commercial (17)

(1) Accessory Building
- Terrace at Riverview Landing (6140 Riverview Rd SE)

(1) Other
- Kiddie Academy (3383 S Cobb Dr)

(3) Modular Sales Office/Trailer
- Amana Academy (2200 Lake Park Dr)

(12) Interior Renovation
- Smyrna First United Methodist Church (1315 Concord Rd SE)
- Eran Industrial (4200 Highlands Pwky SE, STE B)
- Cortland at the Village x10 units (2133 Lake Park Dr)

Estimated Cost of Construction: $1,422,141.00

Building Remodel/Residential (27)

(9) Additions

(8) Interior Renovations

(8) Roof Replacement/Re-roof

(2) New Construction

Estimated Cost of Construction: $1,592,294.20

Grading (3)

(1) Land Disturbance
- Amana Academy (2200 Lake Park Dr)

(2) Retaining Wall
- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction: $926,343.00

Electrical (6) HVAC (23) Plumbing (5) Sign (2) Tree (9)