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### **The Jonquil City**

Smyrna is celebrated for more than its pleasant, small-town charm and thriving economy. It is also a site to see in spring, when beautiful yellow flowers known as jonquils sprout all over the city. Legend has it that jonquils were introduced to Smyrna by the Taylor family, who moved to the area from Atlanta in 1883. The Taylors' son, who lived in Washington state, sent his parents a burlap sack containing what is believed to be Smyrna's first jonquil bulbs. The Taylors then shared the bulbs with their neighbors and friends, and the rest is history. Residents continue to celebrate this striking flower during the annual spring Jonquil Festival, which features arts and crafts, music, food and more.

### **Live, Work, Play**

As a past recipient of the Urban Land Institute's Award for Excellence, Smyrna is a city that values smart growth. The downtown area's Market Village is the site for townhomes, stores and offices, redefining what it means to live, work and play. This mixed-use development model got an early start in Smyrna, causing other suburban cities to take notice and implement similar mixed-use town centers. Recently, the city was selected as a feature tour location for the Congress of New Urbanism.

### **Open for Business**

As a city that prides itself on its abundant opportunities for commercial success, Smyrna commits to business by actively recruiting both local and national companies. With a population that is younger and has a higher income than most metro Atlanta communities, it isn't hard to see why the Jonquil City is so attractive to business owners.

By recognizing the need for space to accommodate small businesses, as well as encouraging developments to include commercial space that can be utilized both now and in the future, Smyrna has made it clear that small and big businesses alike are valuable assets.

### **Green Expanse**

Within just one mile of the lively downtown exist 33 acres of parks and green space surrounding Smyrna's Village Green. Also located in the city center is a pond where an array of wildlife, including giant koi fish, can be spotted. With 304 acres of parks and green space spread throughout the city, there is never a shortage of nature. Even with the many concerts, festivals and activities that take place in Village Green, Smyrna continuously researches new ways to use its hundreds of acres of space. It is no wonder why Smyrna has been recognized as a Tree City, USA by the Arbor Day Foundation and has also received two tree grant awards from the state of Georgia.

### **A City of Neighborhoods**

Voted one of the top 10 places to live in the Atlanta area by Atlanta magazine, Smyrna's more than 47,000 residents are situated throughout the town's various neighborhoods. Known as Smyrna's oldest neighborhood, Williams Park offers everything from Victorian homes to contemporary lofts. Bennett Woods is characterized by traditional 1960s and '70s brick ranches, while Forest Hills is home to countless trees and community events, including a fall festival and Halloween activities.

Although Smyrna has many charming neighborhoods, the city is located just 10 miles northwest of Atlanta and provides many different modes of transportation to help residents venture outside of Smyrna. The Cobb Community Transit (CCT) provides bus service and links to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) rail system as well as two other major railroads.