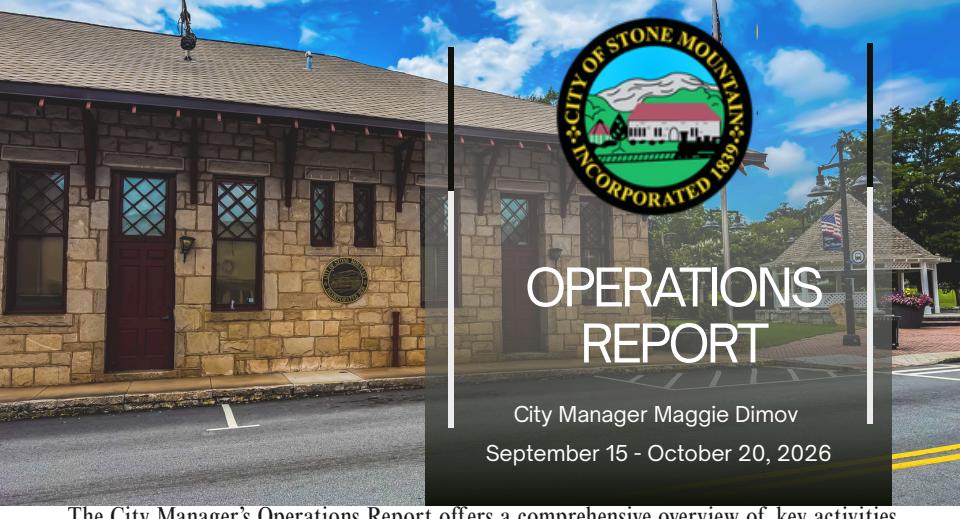


The City Manager's Operations Report offers a comprehensive overview of key activities, upcoming projects, and community events that help to shape the future of Stone Mountain. The report highlights interdepartmental collaboration, infrastructure improvements, and strategic initiatives designed to enhance connectivity and strengthen community engagement. The information reflects current operations and project updates across the city of Stone Mountain.

CITY HALL

On Sept. 30, the City of Stone Mountain's Ambassadors welcomed DeKalb County Commissioner Chakira Johnson at its monthly meeting. The District 4 Commissioner shared updates on several issues important to the community, including the revitalization and safety of Memorial Drive and home repair assistance for seniors. Thank you, Commissioner Johnson, for spending the evening with our Ambassadors and for engaging with the Stone Mountain community! (Additional photos on Page 8.)



City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames

Business Licenses

- New licenses issued - 1
- Renewed licenses issued - 0

JustFOIA (Open Records Requests)

63 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain (September 15, 2026 - October 15, 2026)

Human Resources

The City of Stone Mountain is currently accepting applications for the position of Deputy Court Clerk! View the job description and apply online: Stone Mountain Careers

City Clerk

The Office of the City Clerk had the pleasure of attending the Fall Clerks' Conference in Athens, Georgia! The conference provided a great opportunity for professional development, collaboration, and connecting with fellow clerks from across the state.

Congratulations to Deputy City Clerk Nakeya Burton on completing her Mandated Clerks Training! City Clerk Shavala Ames, who serves as the District 3 Clerk Director, for facilitated the 1st Annual Team Event! District 3 proudly took home 2nd Place in participation! 🥈



Public Works Sept. 2026 Update

Department Head: Public Works Director Mike Helton

Public Works continued aiding the Stone Mountain Museum project. Among other items, this month included coordinating various electrical improvements.

Public Works and IParametrics Company assisted in the preparation and submission process of the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for VFW Park.

Public Works began the process of the Second Street curb painting project. This project will be occurring in phases for the next several weeks.

Public Works completed cleanup of the Fourth Street detention pond clean up. Our goal is to acquire engineering services to evaluate the structure so an accurate finding of any needed repairs can be determined.

Public Works began street-sign cleaning in various parts of the city. See photos below. This will be an ongoing process as it is usually performed as time allows between other tasks.





Public Works Sept. 2026 Update

Department Head: Public Works Director Mike Helton

Public Works continues our daily and weekly tasks of maintaining our public restrooms, green spaces, rights of way, mowing, and facilities maintenance. The restrooms behind the caboose were found to receive vandalism. Our Public Works addressed this issue the same day it was located.

Our Stormwater Administrator oversaw the waterline relocation at the JBR sinkhole. The JBR project is in the closeout inspection process. Stormwater and communications coordinated messaging to ensure the public were kept up to date with essential information.

Stormwater and Public Works met with engineers and the citizens at 1058 Sheppard Road to plan for future remediation actions. Stormwater performed another field assessment of the Oak Ridge Drive drainage area and storm pond.

Public Works completed another course toward LAP certification, Local Administered Projects Training. Public Works dedicated considerable time toward budget planning.

Court Services Sept. 2026 Update

Kristie Tucker, Clerk of Court

Municipal Court Activity

SEPT.-2026

Code Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPT.-10, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Presiding Judge
Judge L. Wiggins

Defendants Scheduled
10

Total Citations
18

Failed to Appear
3
Notice was sent.

Arraignment Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPT.-17, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Presiding Judge
Judge W. Hoffman

Defendants Scheduled
80

Total Citations
97

Failed to Appear
7
One defendant had failed to appear prior.
A warrant was issued.

Arraignment Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPT.-17, 2026
1:00 P.M.

Presiding Judge
Judge W. Hoffman

Defendants Scheduled
71

Total Citations
95

Failed to Appear
10
Three defendants had failed to appear prior.
A warrant was issued.

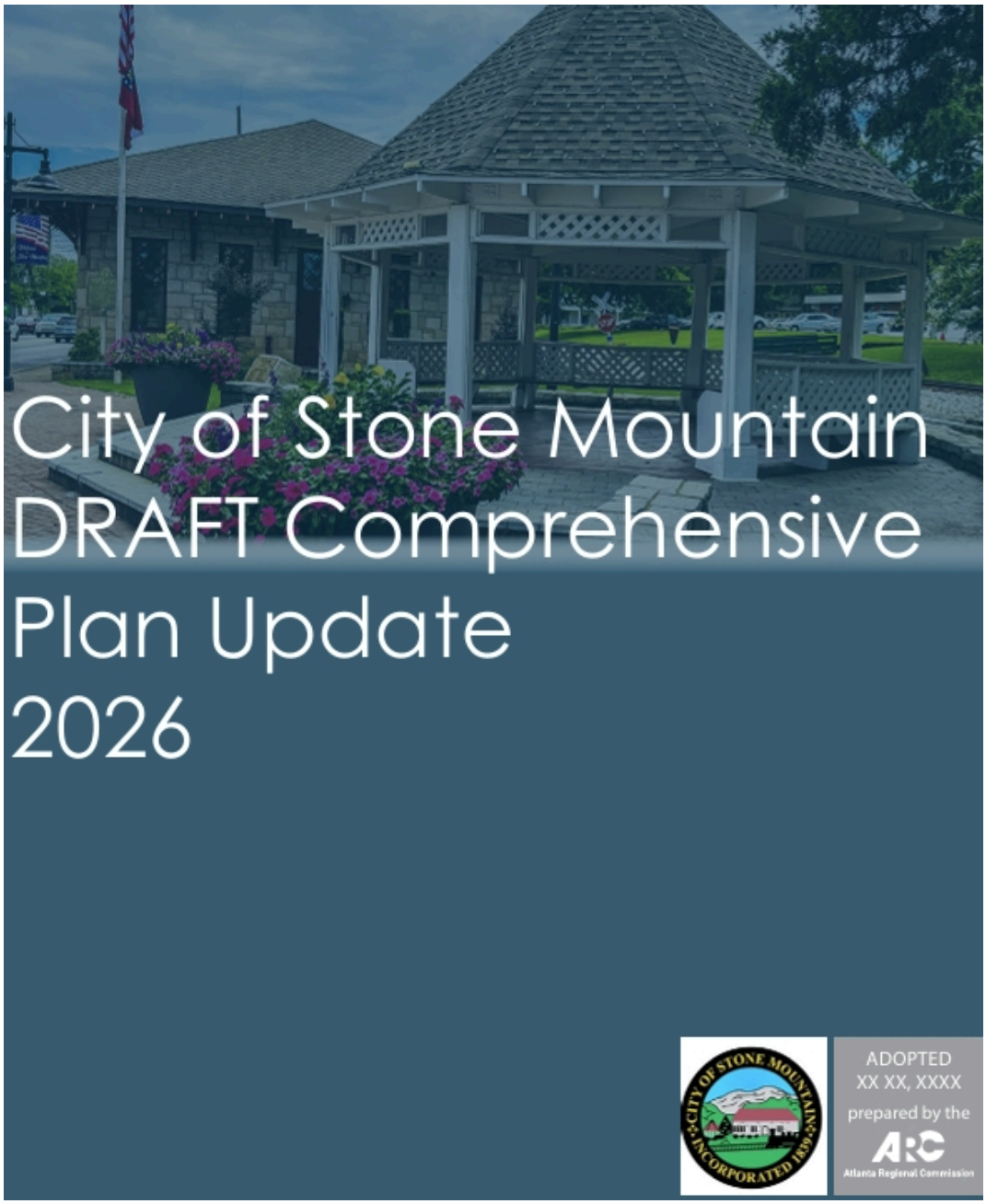
Probation
8 revocation hearings held.

Additional Activity

6 First appearance inmate court sessions were held throughout the month for arrests made.

Planning and Development September 2026 Update

Thatcher Hart, Community Development Director



This past year, the City of Stone Mountain partnered with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to update its Comprehensive Plan. This update is in accordance with the State of Georgia's requirement for local governments to update their comprehensive plans every five years in order to maintain Cities Qualified Local Government (QLG) status and retain eligibility for state funding, grants and loans.

The City reviewed and updated community data and research, the community vision, goals and objectives, identified needs and opportunities, land-use planning, priority areas, and implementation strategies and action items. Other updates were related to broadband and the Character Areas Map of the city.

The update incorporated community input through public meetings, stakeholder engagement, and an online survey to help ensure that the plan reflects current conditions, community priorities, and the City's long-term vision. The resulting plan establishes an updated framework for guiding future growth and development and identifying priorities for implementation over the 20 years.

Permitting Report September 2026 Update

Angela Newborn, Building Permits Manager



Communications September 2026 Update

Rick Badie, Communications Specialist



Several September Facebook postings generated strong public engagement, led by the Sept. 18 Major Shirl Parks photo collage, which recorded 12,949 views, and the Downtown Entertainment District announcement, with 9,768 views. Other top-performing content included the Mardi Gras 2027 request for proposals (2,190 views); Commissioner Chakira Johnson's guest-speaker announcement (2,003 views); and the Chief's Corner public safety feature (1,710 views).


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City Scenes

Commissioner Chakira Johnson with attendees of the Sept. 30 Ambassadors Meeting








EXIT
CHAK'RA'S CORNER
DEKALB COUNTY DISTRICT 4 UPDATES
YOUTUBE
SPOTIFY
EMAIL
SUBSCRIBE TO BE NOTIFIED OF NEW EPISODES