



# CITY MANAGER

Monthly Report – September 2024



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The September 2024 City Manager's Monthly Report provides a comprehensive overview of key activities, upcoming projects, and community events shaping the future of Stone Mountain. This report highlights collaborative meetings, ongoing infrastructure improvements, and strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing the city's connectivity.



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This month's report details significant meetings, including various council and committee sessions designed to drive positive change. Notable updates include progress on city signage projects, park renovations, and SPLOST resurfacing efforts. Additionally, the report covers ongoing LCI engagement to boost walkability and connectivity, upcoming community events, and recent achievements in social media and web performance. These elements collectively demonstrate our commitment to fostering a thriving, engaged community.



- Key Meetings:** August includes pivotal meetings such as the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, Mayor & Council sessions, and special meetings focusing on city developments and community engagement.
- City Signage Projects:** Initiatives include reviewing and replacing city entry point signage, evaluating park entryway signs, and exploring electronic signage. Current installations are in progress.
- SPLOST Projects:** The SPLOST I Resurfacing Project contracted vendor has been instructed to resume work without addressing the subgrade repairs.. SPLOST II is out to bid for resurfacing 12 additional streets. The Stone Mountain Parking Lot project is also moving forward with a new survey and design concepts.
- LCI Engagement:** Efforts are focused on enhancing walkability and connectivity among city parks and trails, with data collection, site visits, and stakeholder engagement underway. A PAG survey complete with approximately 150 responses to gather broader community input.
- Upcoming Events:** Key events in September include the Stone Mountain Community Garden Workday on September 14. These events are designed to foster community engagement and celebrate local achievements.



The key meetings listed shape the outcomes of our discussions and showcase how collaborative efforts between city officials, community stakeholders, and residents are driving positive changes in Stone Mountain.

- September 02, 2024, | Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting In-Person
- September 03, 2024, | Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- September 09, 2024, | Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting In-Person
- September 14, 2024, | Stone Mountain Community Garden Mini Talk
- September 17, 2024, | Mayor & Council Regular Meeting



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### **PARK RENOVATIONS** – The target completion date is on track for 10/15/2024.

- **VFW PARK** - Renovation of existing restroom building at Veterans Park to include interior and exterior painting, new roofing and repair of existing power weatherhead in progress.
- **MEDLOCK PARK** – Renovation of existing concessions/restroom building to include restroom addition to provide ADA compliant facilities, new counters at Concessions Area, new code compliant exterior stair to 2nd floor, replacement of exterior siding at 2nd and 3rd floors, new interior finishes, new paved H/C accessible parking spaces and new sidewalks in progress.
- **LEILA MASON PARK** - Renovation of existing restroom building to include interior modification of restrooms with new plumbing fixtures to achieve ADA compliance, new finishes at interior and exterior, new doors and new roofing in progress.
- **MCCURDY PARK** - Renovation of existing concessions/restroom building to include modification of restrooms and new plumbing fixtures to provide ADA compliant facilities, new counters at Concessions Area, replacement of exterior siding, new interior finishes, and new roofing in progress.



## SPLOST I

**Resurfacing Project - Phase 1:** The SPLOST I Resurfacing Project - Phase 1 includes comprehensive roadwork involving asphalt milling, paving, replacement of distressed pavement areas, and subgrade repairs. During the project, significant issues with the subbase were discovered, necessitating stabilization measures on several streets.

**Current Status:** Paving efforts scheduled to resume week of September 23.

Main Street	Poole Street to JBR/Memorial Drive	Pending - Start date TBA
Main Street On-street parking, both sides	Poole to West Mountain	Complete
Churchill Court		Complete
Baltic Court		Complete
Leland Drive		On hold due to subgrade issue
Brittany Drive, 5052		Complete
Ridge Avenue, 559		Complete
Silver Hill Road	E Ponce de Leon to City Limit	Complete



## SPLOST II

**Resurfacing Project - Phase 2:** This phase is currently out to bid, targeting resurfacing work on 12 additional streets within the city limits. Bidding period closes September 2024

Redwood Court	Pepperwood Trail to Cul-de-sac
Zachary Court	Zachary Drive to Cul-de-sac
Rosewood Drive	Lucille Avenue to Pepperwood Trail
Ridgemere Court	Ridgeforest Drive to Cul-de-sac
VFW Drive	Sheppard Way to W. Mountain Street
Veal Street	James B Rives to Central
Leon Street	Mimosa to Manor
San Pablo Drive	Ridge Avenue to Sheppard Road
West Rockborough Court	Rockborough Drive to Cul-de-sac
East Rockborough Court	Rockborough Drive to Cul-de-sac
North Rockborough Court	Rockborough Drive to Cul-de-sac
Cemetery Circle	Silver Hill Rd to Ponce de Leon Ave





## SPLOST II

**4th Street Traffic Calming:** Installation of traffic-calming measures is expected to mitigate speeding and cut-through traffic, enhancing the safety of the neighborhood. Status: Equipment purchase in progress.

**Stone Mountain Parking Lot:** A task order for the Stone Mountain Parking Lot project has been signed. A survey of the area has been ordered to gather necessary data. The results from the updated survey will be incorporated into our plans. Following discussions with the staff, new design concepts will be developed.



## LCI ENGAGEMENT

- **Connecting and Creating Walkability:** The current focus is on enhancing walkability and connectivity **among** the city's four parks, PATH trails, and Stone Mountain Park
- **Baptist Lawn Project:** Efforts are underway to complete an updated RFP to conduct a site plan, feasibility study, and design for the Baptist Lawn area with LCI.

### Current Status:

- Data collection for the projects is currently in progress.
- Site visits are being conducted to assess the specific needs and possibilities.
- Ongoing stakeholder engagement activities with the Executive Committee to gather insights and feedback
- Public Engagement: A PAG (Project Advisory Group) meeting is scheduled with the Community for September 25, 2024.



## CITY SIGNAGE

- **City Entry Points Signage:** The signage replacements at the city's eight entry points are complete, ensuring a consistent and welcoming appearance for both visitors and residents.
- **Park Entryways:** An initiative is underway to evaluate the replacement of all park entryway signs.
- **City Name Signage:** The Rockborough street signs have been received, and installation is set to begin in the coming weeks. We will assess and identify additional streets for replacement, with signs being ordered and scheduled for installation accordingly.
- **Lawn on the Main Signage:** Signs displaying the rules for Lawn on the Main have been installed.
- **Solar Powered Flashing Crosswalk Signs:** One solar-powered flashing crosswalk sign, located on Main Street closest to the lawn, has been installed. The sign on the opposite side is in progress,
- **Electronic Signage Discussion:** This initiative is set to explore the potential for electronic signage.

## GRANTS

**Connecting and Creating Walkability for City Parks and Trails:** This project aims to connect the city's four parks (DFW Park, Medlock Park, Leila Mason Park, and McCurdy Park) with the PATH trails and Stone Mountain Park, improving accessibility and encouraging outdoor activity. A \$160,000 LCI grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has been awarded, with a \$40,000 local match, bringing the total project cost to \$200,000.

**VFW Park Improvements:** Funded through a \$300,000 CDBG via DeKalb County, the project includes a 30'x80' pavilion with a lawn, natural play area, walking path, shaded seating, and various aesthetic and infrastructure upgrades. Enhancements will feature new landscaping, a secondary entrance with a concrete apron, a new parking area, and a fieldstone entry with a split-rail fence for the community garden. The project also addresses drainage, stormwater, and irrigation improvements. Final HUD determination expected in September/October.



## GRANTS

**Medlock Park Improvements:** A \$1,000,000 request through Congressional Project Funding (CPF) via Rep. Johnson's office includes parking, erosion control, and drainage upgrades. Planned work involves removing gravel and trees, grading, constructing a detention pond, installing storm drainage piping, concrete curbs, asphalt paving, striping, and landscaping. Engineering services are estimated at \$30,000. The project is chosen for funding, with final determination from the Congressional committee pending.

**Body-Worn Camera Grant Program:** The police department has been approved for a second-round, noncompetitive grant of \$8,000 to acquire 4 new body-worn cameras.



These events are designed not only to entertain and engage but also to foster community spirit and enhance the cultural life of our city. We are eager to share the innovative and inclusive events that bring our residents together, strengthen our community bonds, and create lasting memories for everyone involved.

## September

- Sep 14, 2024, | Stone Mountain Community Garden Workday

## Vicki Tucker: Career & Personal Highlights

- **Background:** DeKalb County native, Auburn University Criminal Justice graduate (1985).
- **Career:**
  - **1985:** Joined DeKalb County Police as ID/Evidence Technician, later Crime Scene Investigator.
  - **1989:** Promoted to Shift Supervisor.
  - **1993:** Moved to Senior Clerk/Investigative Aide for family reasons.
  - **1998-2010:** Worked in Internal Affairs, creating databases and the Early Warning System.
  - **2010-2014:** Pawn Unit Coordinator, improving stolen goods recovery.
  - **2015-Present:** Stone Mountain Police Records Specialist, now Records Manager (2024). Expert in GCIC and NIBRS. Digitized 100+ boxes of records.
- **Personal Life:**
  - Faith-driven, teaches Bible study.
  - Proud grandmother of Ezra and Josephine.
  - Values: Grateful for family, career, and law enforcement.



**Quote:** "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips." - Psalm 141:3

- Council Member Shawnette Bryant is leading a meeting hosted by Georgia Power to discuss recent power outages and other pertinent information with the Community.

**Calendar Name:** Master  
**Event Name:** Community Meeting (Georgia Power)

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Date:	Sep 19, 2024
Day:	Thu
Time:	06:00 pm - 07:00 pm
Duration:	1 Hour
Detail:	This meeting will be hosted by Georgia Power to discuss recent power outages and other pertinent information
Contact Name:	Shawnette Bryant
Event updated:	Tuesday September 10, 2024 09:11:38 pm



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