



CITY OF
**STONE
MOUNTAIN, GA**

Operations Report

**Presented by: Interim City
Manager, Maggie Dimov**

**Time Period:
July 14th-31st, 2025**

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

City Personnel

- City Clerk Shavala Ames was awarded the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). This prestigious designation is granted only to municipal clerks who complete rigorous education requirements and demonstrate a strong record of significant contributions to their local government, community, and state. The award reflects Clerk Ames' dedication to professional excellence and public service.

Finance Department

Department Head: Adam Kurt, Finance Director

The Finance Department has completed the financial statements for June. The city is now preparing a budget amendment covering the period from January through June.

Additionally, the City's Finance Director attended the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) annual conference. This major event brings together government finance professionals to explore the latest trends and best practices in public finance. The conference featured sessions, workshops, and keynote speakers on topics including financial reporting, budgeting, and innovative approaches to managing fiscal challenges.

City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Laserfiche

- Scanned 6 new files into the shared drive. This project is ongoing.

JustFOIA

- Processed (4) open record requests for the Office of the City Clerk.
- Routed (27) open record requests to various departments for submittal.
- Online payment portal is live for JustFOIA. We have received (1) ORR payment thus far.

Occupation Taxes/Alcohol Licenses

- Signed off on (1) new business license

Court

Department Head: Bianca Smith, Court Clerk

- Police Book and Court Procedure Book: Currently in progress.
- Court Attendance:
 - Tickets Issued: 70–87 tickets issued per court date.

Attendance:

- July 9–10, 2025: 53 participants
- July 17, 2025: 61 participants

Code Enforcement

Department Head: T.D. Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer

- Code Issues addressed: 13 (Grass and weeds; junk vehicles; prohibited signage; building permit matters; prohibit tree removal and others).
- W/N Issued: 10 / Compliance Met: 7 (Grass and weeds; junk vehicles, open storage/debris; miscellaneous).
- The City's Code Enforcement Officer conducted a site visit at Rockborough in Stone Mountain following reports of illegal dumping. During the visit, a significant pile of trash and household items was found discarded in the city's right-of-way by residents.

The officer engaged with the community to address the issue and provided education on proper disposal procedures. Residents were informed that all bulky or household items placed curbside must be scheduled for pickup through the county's waste management services.

Bulky item pickups are included in residents' annual sanitation assessment fees; however, items considered part of a special collection require a prepaid fee. Once a request is submitted, the county will perform an assessment and give the resident further instructions to complete the process.

The City will continue monitoring the area to ensure compliance and maintain community cleanliness.

Economic Development

Department Head: Maggie Dimov, Economic Development Director

- The City successfully hosted the Table Talks discussions for the Lawn on Main project, engaging residents, businesses, and community leaders to share their ideas for the future of the space. In addition to these in-person meetings, the City released a public survey to gather further community feedback. The survey officially closed on July 31st.
- Next steps include POND reviewing all survey responses and community input to inform the development of a final, preferred concept design for the Lawn on Main. This final design will reflect both the feedback collected during the Table Talks and the survey, ensuring it aligns with the community's vision and priorities.

Capital Projects

- The City is in the process of finalizing the agreement with the developer and processing permits. Council approved their bid during the regular session on July 1st, for the total amount of \$513,184.00. Project start estimated date: originally planned for August 2025, to be rescheduled to September 2025.
- SPLOST Street Paving project: The City Council approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$676,939.90, increasing the original base bid of \$753,247.50 to a revised total contract amount of \$1,430,187.40.

The street paving project is actively progressing. Resurfacing has been completed on VFW Drive, Leon Street, and Veal Street. Currently, contractor A&S Paving is working on St. Pablo, with plans to begin paving in the Rockborough area at the beginning of August.

The City continues to monitor the project closely to ensure timely and high-quality completion of all scheduled improvements.

Public Works

Department Head: Johnathen Egglestone, Public Works Director

- Overgrown Pond Maintenance: The Public Works and Stormwater teams are currently addressing overgrown pond areas throughout the city, with active maintenance underway at the pond located on 4th Street in Stone Mountain. This effort includes vegetation removal, general cleanup, and ongoing maintenance to improve drainage, and ensure proper stormwater function.
- Public Bathrooms: The update of all the bathrooms has begun. We are in the process of painting, installing new toilet paper dispensers.
- City Hall Generator: The generator at City Hall has been successfully installed. A planned power shut-off is scheduled for August 6th to conduct testing and ensure the generator is fully operational. This test has been coordinated and communicated with Georgia Power to minimize any disruptions and ensure a smooth process.
- Mowing/Trimming: Public Works continued to trim all parks, R.O. W's and public spaces.

Storm Water

Department Head: Mike Vasquez, Stormwater Administrator

- Significant progress has been made in addressing structural and environmental concerns at the 4th Street Pond site. The following actions have been completed: shrubs located on and around the pond were removed to allow for safer access and reduce root intrusion into stormwater systems.
Infrastructure Sealing: leaking stormwater structures located above the pond have been successfully sealed to prevent further erosion and subsurface water intrusion.
- Pre-Application Meeting – 6804 Memorial Drive: A pre-application meeting has been held to review Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) requirements for the upcoming project at 6804 Memorial Drive. Coordination with relevant departments is ongoing.

Special Events

Department Head: Tiffany Christophe, Special Events Manager

- Hosted Events: Back to School Bash

The City successfully hosted the Back to School Bash, organizing the giveaway of 300 backpacks filled with school supplies for local students. In partnership with the DeKalb County Library, free books were also distributed to children and families.

The event featured free ice cream, a variety of family-friendly activities, and community engagement opportunities. Fire marshal officers and police teams from multiple cities attended, bringing police vehicles for kids to explore and helping promote safety awareness in a fun, approachable setting.

The event was well-attended and served as a strong kickoff to the new school year, reflecting the City's continued commitment to supporting families and building community spirit.

- Upcoming Events: August 16 - Music Festival; September 20 - Caribbean Festival

Planning Manager

Department Head: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

