



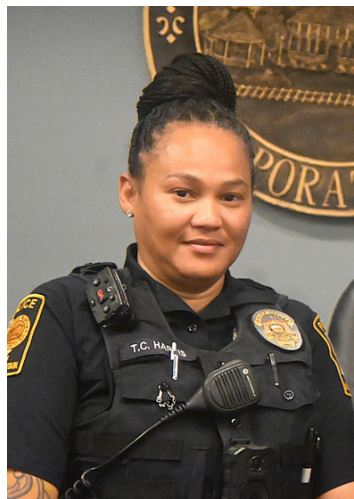
The City Manager's Operations Report offers a comprehensive overview of key activities, upcoming projects, and community events that help to shape the future of Stone Mountain. The report highlights interdepartmental collaboration, infrastructure improvements, and strategic initiatives designed to enhance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

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Officer Harris serves the City in two important roles as both a Police Officer and Code Enforcement Officer. Her dedication to the community, commitment to her coworkers, and willingness to go above and beyond make her a valuable part of Team Stone Mountain.

Whether she is keeping our community safe or helping uphold City standards, Officer Harris brings professionalism, service, and dedication to everything she does.

Congratulations, Officer Harris, and thank you for all you do for the City of Stone Mountain!



City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames

Business Licenses

- New licenses issued - 1
- Renewed licenses issued - 10

JustFOIA (Open Records Requests)

77 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain (Jul6 16, 2026 - August 13, 2026)

City Clerk /Human Resources Update

The City of Stone Mountain is excited to welcome the newest members of our team! Please join us in welcoming Elle Walker, Tourism Manager; Rick Badie, Communications Specialist; and Thatcher Hart, Community Development Director.

We are thrilled to have them on board and look forward to the experience, energy, and fresh perspectives they bring to the City!



Welcome to the Team!



Elle Walker
Tourism Manager



Rick Badie
Communications
Specialist



Thatcher Hart
Community
Development Director

Department Head: Public Works Director Mike Helton

In June, Public Works inspected city park playgrounds for adequate levels of child safety mulch. As a result of these inspections, in July Public Works acquired and installed a new load of safety mulch at the McCurdy Park playground.



Utilizing the new purchasing policy, Public Works began the process of preparing an essential street patch repair at 5185 Sheppard Court.

Public Works

Department Head: Public Works Director Mike Helton

(CONTINUED REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS)

PROJECTS & FUNDING

Public Works initiated LAP certification with GDOT and FHWA, a requirement to access federal funding for the Medlock Park Improvements and Mimosa & Main Intersection Improvements projects. Required training begins in August, and the City will need to establish the required local funding match. The JBR & Forest Avenue Project experienced a temporary delay due to a DeKalb County water-line issue, with work expected to resume the second week of August. Six construction inspections were completed to address project issues and maintain regulatory compliance.

PARKS & FACILITIES

The Medlock Park restroom issue was resolved after nearly a year of non-functioning facilities and approximately \$6,545 in City costs for troubleshooting and portable toilets. DeKalb County completed the water repairs at no cost to the City, and Public Works replaced inadequate restroom fixtures. The restrooms are now fully operational. Staff continued planning for the Museum opening with Mary Beth Reed, obtained a repair quote for the Community Garden watering system, and continued pursuing full reimbursement for the Historic Depot HVAC project through Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. Quotes are also being obtained for removal of dead/hazardous trees at the Historic City Cemetery, with the matter expected to go before Council.

STREETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Works, Stormwater, and DeKalb County completed an emergency repair at 1128 Sexton Drive after a failed water-line repair created a significant void beneath the roadway and risk of collapse. Staff continued coordinating utility inspections and potential repairs at 1028 Second Street with AT&T and DeKalb County.

STORMWATER & DRAINAGE

Public Works and Stormwater completed maintenance at the City Hall bioretention pond, 4th Street storm pond, and Oak Ridge Townhomes storm pond. Staff conducted 15 drainage inspections in response to citizen concerns throughout the City. Work continues at 1058 Sheppard Road, including weekly drain maintenance and development of a permanent engineering solution; funding will be needed for repairs.

CUSTOMER SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION

Public Works and Stormwater processed 19 SeeClickFix requests in July, with 11 cases cleared or closed and remaining cases in progress. Two long-term issues were resolved: the Vibrary decorative streetlight and 1128 Sexton Drive street repair. Public Works also assisted with evaluations for Professional Engineering Services and Financial Advisors.

JULY AT A GLANCE:

15 Drainage Inspections | 19 SeeClickFix Requests | 11 Cases Cleared/Closed | 6 Construction Inspections | \$6,545 Prior Medlock Restroom Costs | 2 Long-Term Issues Resolved

Community Development

Department Head: Community Development Director, Thatcher Hart

Comprehensive Plan Update – Staff received the draft comprehensive plan from the Atlanta Regional Commission and provided comments back on August 5.

The schedule for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan approval is:

- August 18 – Distribute draft plan to Steering Committee (SC) and City Council
- August 25 - Comments due back to ARC from SC and City Council
- September 2 – Upload final plan to DCA website.
- October 20 – City Council adoption of 2026 Comprehensive Plan

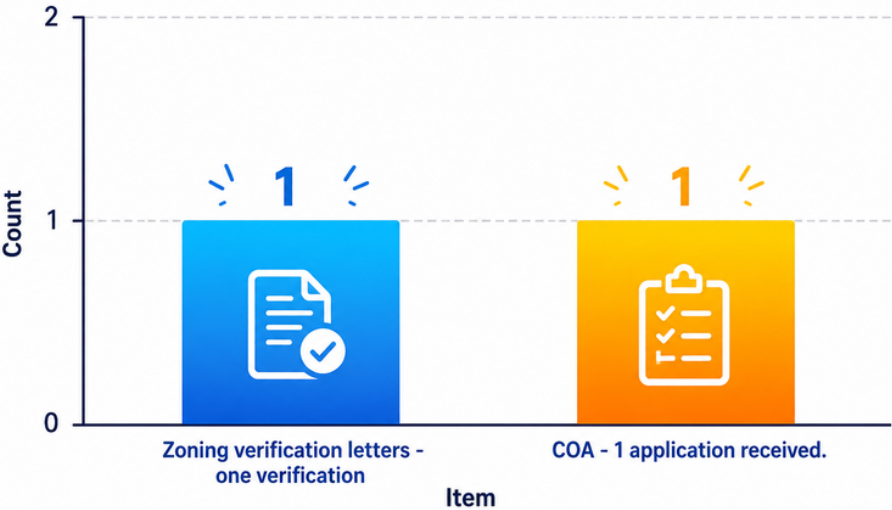
Historical Survey - In June, a historical resources survey of every property in the historic district was conducted. At least two pictures were taken along with data on the condition of the properties. City staff have received 25% of the data that has been collected along with the data spreadsheet.

Short term rentals – Staff is comparing the City’s STR code with other surrounding areas and working on modifications.

Planning Department

- Zoning verification letters - one verification
- COA - 1 application received.

ZONING & APPLICATION SUMMARY





MUNICIPAL COURT JULY 2026

MONTHLY CALENDAR SUMMARY



CODE CALENDAR | JULY 16, 2026

🕒 9:00 AM



Judge L. Wiggins
presided



8
DEFENDANTS
SCHEDULED



13
TOTAL
CITATIONS



1
DEFENDANT FAILED
TO APPEAR AND
NOTICE WAS SENT



ARRAIGNMENT CALENDAR | JULY 23, 2026

🕒 9:00 AM



Judge W. Hoffman
presided



77
DEFENDANTS
SCHEDULED



93
TOTAL
CITATIONS



6
DEFENDANTS FAILED
TO APPEAR AND
NOTICE WAS SENT



ARRAIGNMENT CALENDAR | JULY 23, 2026

🕒 1:00 PM



Judge T. Moran
presided



71
DEFENDANTS
SCHEDULED



56
TOTAL
CITATIONS



10 DEFENDANTS FAILED TO
APPEAR AND 1 HAD FAILED
TO APPEAR PRIOR, A
WARRANT WAS ISSUED



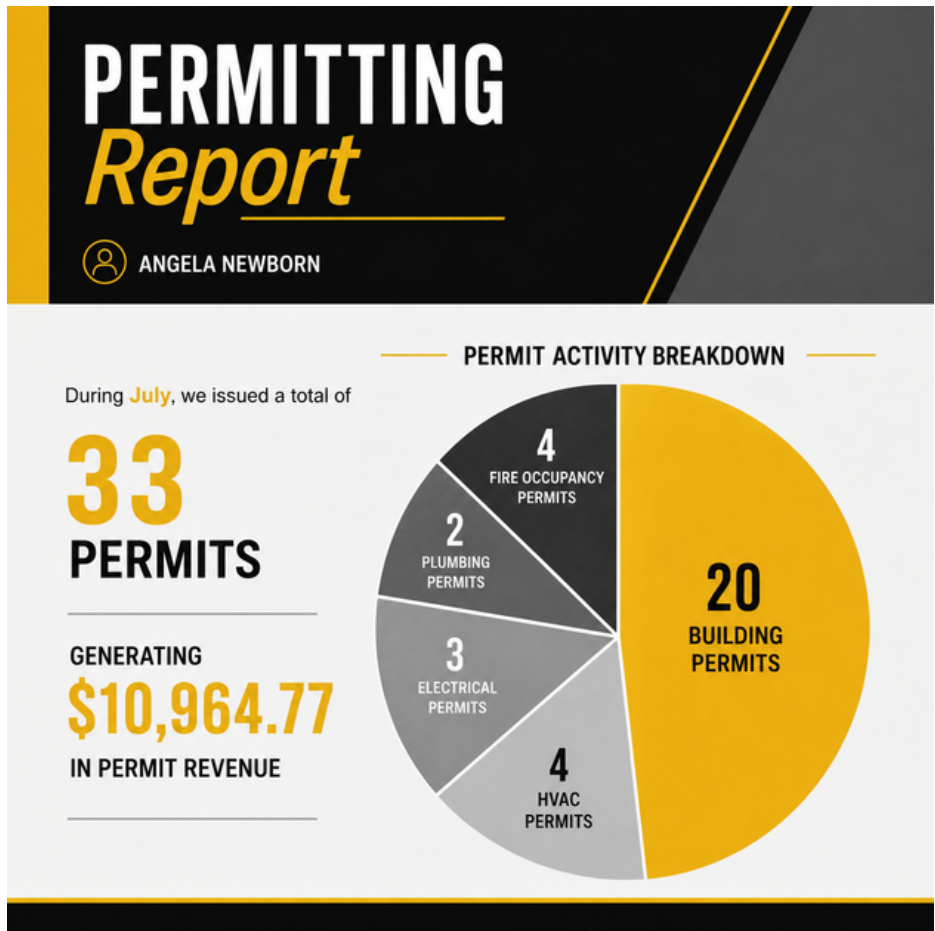
5 PROBATION REVOCATION
HEARINGS HELD



MISC.

4 FIRST APPEARANCE INMATE COURT SESSIONS
WERE HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH FOR
ARRESTS MADE

Contracted Consultant: Permit Service Group



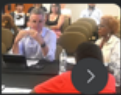
July was a busy month for permitting! Angela Newborn and the permitting team issued 33 permits, generating \$10,964.77 in permit revenue. Building permits led the way with 20 issued, followed by HVAC and fire occupancy permits with 4 each, 3 electrical permits, and 2 plumbing permits.

Communications Specialist: Rick Badie

Facebook Dashboard, Week of July 27 - Aug. 9:

- Top page views: Mural photos at 18,674
- Engagement experienced a spike of 352 percent or 124,469 viewers
- Facebook page amassed 189 new viewers and now tops 2,000.
- The “Chief’s Corner,” a monthly column by Police Chief James R. Westerfield Jr., debuted to rave reviews on Aug. 12. His first column offered safety tips on how to deal with road rage incidents.



Top content						
						
Fri Jul 31, 2:29pm 23,291 Views	Thu Aug 6, 2:12pm 20,640 Views	Wed Aug 5, 10:24am 20,626 Views	Tue Aug 11, 3:56pm 12,820 Views	Tue Jul 28, 12:51pm 11,463 Views	Fri Jul 31, 9:45am 11,229 Views	Tue Aug 4, 11:31am 9,210 Views