



# Operations Report

Presented by: Interim City Manager, Maggie Dimov Time Period: September 1st - 16th, 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**

#### Nomination for Employee of the Month - Trina Thrower

The City of Stone Mountain proudly recognizes Trina Thrower for her exceptional dedication and service. During August, Trina successfully managed a 100-case load, a record never before achieved in the city, while still in her training period. She completed every task with accuracy and professionalism, showing remarkable ease under pressure. In addition to her workload, Trina demonstrated a strong commitment to her growth by attending training sessions independently. She often arrived early and volunteered for extra shifts, ensuring that the department continued to run smoothly without interruptions.

#### **Code Enforcement**

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

- Code Issues addressed: 9 (Grass and weeds; junk vehicles; prohibited signage; building permit matters; prohibited tree removal and others).
- W/N Issued: 5 / Compliance Met: 3 (Grass and weeds; junk vehicles, open storage/debris; miscellaneous).
- Court Date: Sept 25, 2025: New Court Cases Scheduled: 9 / Cases continued from previous calendar: 18

## **Public Works**

#### Department Head: Johnathen Egglestone

- **Daily Duties:** The Public Works Department continued with daily duties, including trash collection, citywide cleanup, and bathroom maintenance.
- Park Projects: Plumbing repairs were completed at Medlock Park, while bathroom updates at McCurdy Park remain pending until the stormwater project is finished. Routine mower maintenance was performed, and mowing operations continue on schedule.
- HVAC Project: At City Hall, HVAC replacement quotes have been submitted, with preventive maintenance proposals forthcoming.
- Kaboom Project: Additional projects included repairing the Medlock wall
  in preparation for the upcoming mural project, and site leveling done with
  Kissberg Construction.

## **Economic Development**

Department Head: Maggie Dimov, Economic Development Director

#### • Final Concept Design for Lawn on Main Project:

The Lawn on Main project has reached an important milestone in its development. With a strong emphasis on community engagement and inclusive planning, the City, working in collaboration with POND, has completed the final concept design that captures the vision and aspirations of our residents.

POND previously introduced two preliminary design concepts for community consideration. To promote transparent dialogue and meaningful participation, the City hosted three "Table Talks" public forums and distributed a city-wide survey. These outreach efforts gathered valuable input regarding preferred layout options and desired amenities.

Guided by the community feedback received, POND has refined and finalized the concept design for Lawn on Main. This updated plan reflects the community's collective voice and long-term vision for a vibrant and welcoming public space.

#### **Next Steps:**

City Council is being asked to review and approve the final concept design during tonight's meeting. If approved, POND will move forward with securing a detailed, third-party cost estimate. This estimate will be a key component in determining the financial feasibility and strategic planning of future phases of the project.

## **Capital Projects:**

- Grant Award: The City of Stone Mountain has been awarded a \$75,000 grant through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The funding will be used to support the replacement of the HVAC system at City Hall, an initiative that aligns with the grant's focus on energy efficiency improvements.
  - To meet the grant deadline of December 31, 2025, the City plans to
    proceed with the HVAC replacement project, which was included in the
    original grant application. In accordance with grant guidelines, the
    project will follow all required procurement procedures and will focus
    on equipment that demonstrates measurable energy and cost savings.
  - Quotes are currently being gathered, and the City is working closely
    with GEFA to ensure compliance with all contract and reporting
    requirements. All work and invoicing under this grant must be
    completed before the end-of-year deadline.
- City Hall New Parking Lot: City staff and representatives from R&B
   Developer held a pre-construction meeting to review project details,
   schedules, and responsibilities. During the discussion, it was confirmed that
   the project start date, originally planned for August 2025, will be
   rescheduled to September 2025. The revised timeline allows for final
   coordination and preparation prior to construction activities beginning.
- SPLOST Street Paving Project: The street paving project is actively progressing. The City continues to monitor the project closely to ensure timely and high-quality completion of all scheduled improvements.
- VFW: Council approved the proposed agreement with DeKalb County. The Stone Mountain VFW Park improvement project will consist of the renovation of the facility as well as the installation of a pavilion with lawn, new parking, and drainage improvements.

## **Storm Water**

#### Department Head: Mike Vasquez, Stormwater Administrator

- Medlock Park: Lichty Construction had a plumber come out to look at all bathroom fixtures. They unclogged the backed-up plumbing and gave a clean report on all fixtures they installed.
- 4th Street Pond Repairs (9/5): The trees/vegetation growing around the OCS have been removed, vegetation on pond banks cut down, old retrofit removed, and significant progress has been made towards wrapping this project up. The last step is removing the rest of the excavated sediment out of the pond and placing our riprap at the OCS.
- **Right of Way Vegetation Maintenance:** Cut back and removed overgrown vegetation at Countryside Manor that had overgrown utilities.
- Oakridge Stormwater Pond Maintenance and Inspection: Vegetation
  within the Oakridge Stormwater Pond was cut back to allow for proper
  access and visibility. A scope of work document with materials and costs was
  prepared, and quotes were requested from vendors.

# **Special Events**

- Event Planning Updates: Caribbean Festival (09/20/2025): The Caribbean Festival has been canceled this year due to limited time available for proper planning and a lack of staff resources to support the event. While the festival will not move forward as scheduled, City staff will explore opportunities to revisit the event in the future when adequate planning time and staffing are available.
- National Faith & Blue Weekend: The City is planning to participate in National Faith & Blue Weekend on Saturday, October 11, 2025. This annual event is designed to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and the community through faith-based partnerships and community engagement activities. Additional event details will be shared as planning progresses.
- Halloween Event (10/31/2025): Initial planning has begun, with early coordination efforts underway.

# **Planning Manager**

Department Head: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

• Planning and Development completed cases: 87





