



CITY OF
**STONE
MOUNTAIN, GA**

Operations Report

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

**Time Period:
August 18th-September 2nd,
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

Employee Recognition Report / Scholarship Award

Ms. Shavala Ames, City Clerk for the City of Stone Mountain, has been awarded the Bill Cain Scholarship to attend the upcoming Georgia Clerks Education Institute 2025 Fall Conference in Athens, Georgia.

Details:

The Georgia Municipal Clerk's Association (GMCA) has recognized Mrs. Ames's dedication to professional growth and public service by selecting her for this competitive scholarship. The award will support her attendance at the Fall Conference, an event known for its high-quality training and networking opportunities aimed at enhancing municipal governance through clerk education.

City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

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- (18) various requests completed (7) for the City Clerk's Office
- \$15.00 collected in ORR Revenue through online portal

Occupation Taxes/Alcohol Licenses

- (8) Business License renewals executed
- (2) code violations warnings requested – delinquent excise tax reporting

Elections

- (11) candidates qualified during qualifying week

Code Enforcement

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

- **Code Issues addressed:** 13 (Grass and weeds; junk vehicles; prohibited signage; building permit matters; prohibited tree removal and others).
- **W/N Issued: 11 / Compliance Met: 7** (Grass and weeds; junk vehicles, open storage/debris; miscellaneous).
- **Court Date:** Aug 28, 2025; Total Court Cases Scheduled: 27

Public Works

Department Head: Johnnathen Egglestone

- **Plumbing at Public Parks:** The plumbing at Medlock needs to be corrected- there is an issue with the lines that were installed when the renovation was completed.
- **Mowing/Trimming:** The generator at City Hall has been successfully installed. A planned power shut-off is scheduled for August 20th 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.
- **Enterprise Vehicles:** A conversation was held with Enterprise regarding the delivery timeline for the new vehicles. The Dump Truck (750) chassis and the flatbed are expected to arrive by October, or possibly earlier. The vehicles scheduled for disposal will be cleaned and prepared for transfer once a firm date for the new vehicle arrival is confirmed. Additionally, all tools and equipment will be removed from the vehicles prior to turnover.

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 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:** Project start estimated date: originally planned for August 2025, to be rescheduled to September 2025.
- **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

- **McCurdy Park:** The engineered plans, including stormwater profiles and specifications, have been submitted to the supplier. A quote for the required materials has been requested, and the City looks forward to proceeding with the equipment order upon receipt.
- **Ridge Avenue Catch Basin Clean-Out:** The Storm Water Administrator cleaned out the catch basin across from the Middle School on Ridge Avenue, removing debris and sediment. The basin was found to be crushed and in poor condition, and a full replacement is recommended to restore proper drainage.
- **Ridge Avenue Sidewalk Back-Fill:** a sidewalk back-fill operation was completed along Ridge Avenue, directly across from the Middle School. The work involved filling a section adjacent to the sidewalk to stabilize the area and prevent erosion. This back-fill helps improve pedestrian safety and supports more effective management of stormwater runoff in the area
- **Oakridge Stormwater Pond Maintenance and Inspection:** Vegetation within the Oakridge Stormwater Pond was cut back to allow for proper access and visibility. Following the clearing, an inspection of the Outlet Control Structure (O.C.S.) was conducted. The inspection revealed that the Principal Spillway pipe is significantly rusted along the bottom and requires replacement. The damaged section consists of approximately 20 feet of 36-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP).
- **Vegetation Maintenance:** Vegetation encroaching into the roadway along a section of Manor Drive was cut back to improve visibility and maintain safe traffic flow. Additionally, vegetation was trimmed and curb lines were cleared along Mimosa Drive, including the area across from the Middle School, to enhance drainage and overall roadside appearance.

Special Events

Department Head: Tiffany Christopher, Special Events Manager

- **Event Planning Updates:**

Caribbean Festival (09/20/2025): Continued efforts to gather vendors for the festival. Planning the lawn layout to accommodate booths and entertainment.

- **Halloween Event (10/31/2025):** Initial planning has begun, with early coordination efforts underway.
- **Report on DeKalb Fire Department Visit to City Hall:** Representatives from the DeKalb Fire Department visited City Hall to present the various public safety programs offered by their department. The primary focus of the visit was the Smoke Alarm Program, which aims to improve fire safety awareness and prevention throughout the community.

DeKalb County Fire Rescue's Public Education Unit provides a range of fire and life safety programs free of charge to the citizens of DeKalb County. Their fire safety educators conduct training sessions, deliver lectures, and perform fire safety demonstrations at elementary schools, homeowner associations, businesses, and senior centers.

The presentation was well-received and serves as an important reminder of the resources available to residents to help protect themselves and their families from fire hazards.

Planning Manager

Department Head: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

- Planning and Development completed cases for the period 08/01 to 08/14:
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