



CITY OF
STONE
MOUNTAIN, GA

Operations Report

Presented by: Interim City
Manager, Maggie Dimov

Time Period:
December 16, 2025 - January 16, 2026

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.

New Hire

Public Works Director/ Mike Helton

The City is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Mike Helton as the new Public Works Director.

Mr. Helton brings more than 35 years of experience in local government, including executive-level leadership across municipal operations. Most recently, he served the City of Lilburn for five years as Assistant City Manager and Director of Public Works, where he provided strategic and operational oversight of essential city services and infrastructure. His professional background includes extensive experience in public works management, city administration, emergency management, and public safety. In Stone Mountain, Mr. Helton will oversee facilities management, stormwater operations, parks and trails, special projects, emergency management, and contracted services, while supporting citywide projects and operations. Helton's proven leadership, problem-solving skills, and collaborative approach will be a valuable asset as he assumes responsibility for the City's Public Works Department.

City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

JustFOIA (Open Records Requests)

- 49 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain (December 11, 2025 - January 15, 2026)

Governing Body Updates:

- 4 new elected officials sworn in on January 6, 2026
- 7 elected officials registered for the Georgia Municipal Association City Summit Conference
- Mini Retreat held on January 16, 2026 in Lithonia, GA
- 7 invitations sent to city and state officials to attend the City's MLK Day event - Mayor Linder requested

Human Resources

- On December 16, 2025, City staff were celebrated at the Holiday Employee Luncheon. The event was a tremendous success, made possible by the generous support of our sponsors, partners, and contributors, including Buddy's Market; Carothers & Mitchell; A&S Paving, Inc.; SafeBuilt; POND; Stillwell's Emporium; Newborn Permit Service; MCCi; 5380 Studios; Commissioner Chakira Johnson; and Preferred Parking Service.
- The City launched its inaugural Human Resources staff newsletter on January 12, 2026. Appropriately titled HR Connects, the newsletter is designed to keep city staff informed on the latest news, celebrate employee milestones, and add a playful spark to the day-to-day work routine. HR Connects will be distributed monthly during the first week of each month.

Public Works

- **Daily Duties:** The Public Works Department continued with daily duties, including trash collection, citywide cleanup, and bathroom maintenance.
- **Public Works Projects:** The Public Works Department completed pothole repairs at multiple locations as part of ongoing roadway maintenance efforts. Work was performed in December 2025, at the following locations: Ridge Avenue at JBR Memorial Drive; Forest Avenue at West Mountain Street; Forest Avenue at JBR; and Mimosa Street at V.F.W. Additional paving was completed on January 8, 2026, at Stillhouse Road at 4th Street.
- All paving work was completed successfully and restored roadway surfaces to safe and serviceable conditions.

Code Enforcement

Department Head: T.D. Johnson

Code Issues addressed: 10

Junk Vehicles: 3

Open Storage/Debris :3

Occupational Taxes: 1

Bldg Permit Matters: 1

Court Summons Issued: 2

*** Court Date: Jan Feb 12: New Court Cases Scheduled: 25

Cases continued from previous calendar: 22

Current Total of Stop Work Orders: 2

Storm Water

Department Head: Mike Vasquez, Stormwater Administrator

- **MS4 Inspection and Maintenance**

Stormwater structure inspections were completed in Zones 4 and 5, covering roadside ditches, ponds, pipes, culverts, and catch basins. The inspections evaluated overall condition, sediment buildup, blockages, erosion, and identified any necessary maintenance.

Capital Projects:

- **New City Hall Parking Lot**

Phase 1 of the bio-retention pond installation has been completed. This phase included installation of the PVC underdrain system with filter stone, as well as placement of geotextile fabric along the pond slopes. Parking lot striping has also been completed. The remaining step to finalize the project is installation of the fence, which will occur following final stabilization of the bio-retention pond.

- **Street Paving**

The City should consider approval of a change order for the SPLOST 2025 paving project (for Ridgemere and Zachary Ct) to address necessary scope and cost adjustments identified during construction. The proposed change order reflects conditions encountered in the field and is required to ensure the project is completed in accordance with design standards and operational needs. The City Engineer has reviewed the change order and recommends approval to allow the paving project to proceed without delay and be completed successfully.

- **HVAC at City Hall**

The HVAC project at City Hall has been successfully completed. All work has been performed in accordance with the project scope and requirements. The City is now submitting the necessary documentation to GEFA and formally requesting reimbursement for eligible project costs.

- **JBR/Memorial at Forest Avenue**

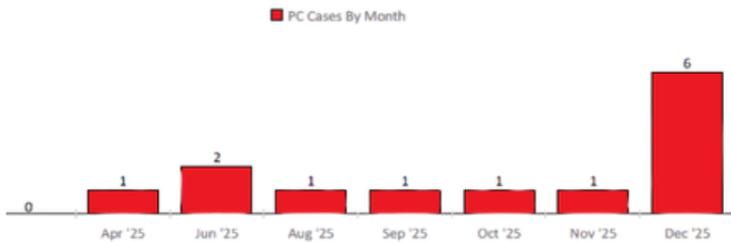
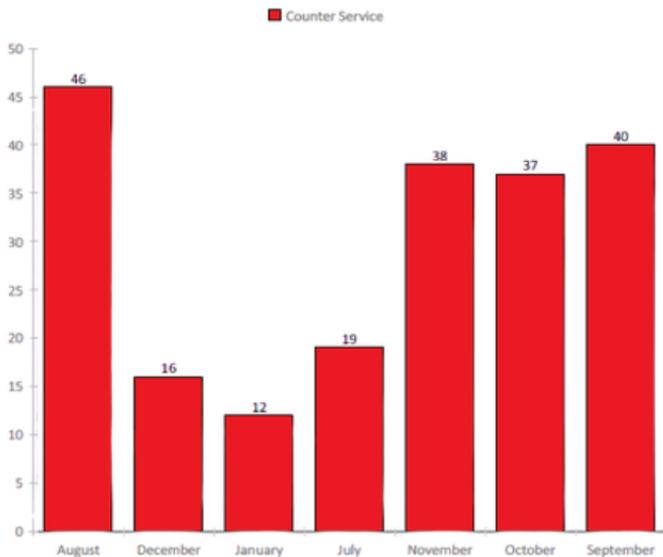
Quotes are now being received for several upcoming stormwater projects planned for 2026. One of the priority projects involves the collapsed stormwater pipe located beneath JBR/Memorial Drive at Forest Avenue.

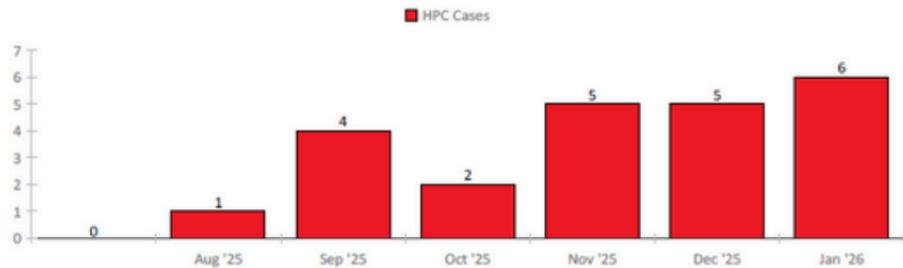
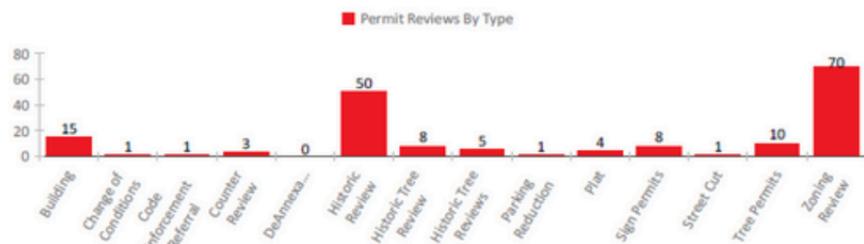
Initial quotes have been received, and the remaining two proposals are expected within the next few days. Once all quotes are in, staff and the City Engineer will evaluate and provide Council with recommendation for approval.

Planning Manager

Department Head: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

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Special Events

- **Swearing-In Ceremony:**

The City of Stone Mountain successfully hosted a Swearing-In Ceremony to formally install newly elected and appointed officials into office. The ceremony marked an important milestone in the city's governance and reaffirmed a commitment to public service, leadership, and community engagement. Family members, city staff, and community stakeholders were in attendance as the oath of office was administered, symbolizing the officials' dedication to upholding the responsibilities entrusted to them. The event reflected the city's continued focus on transparency, civic pride, and collaboration.



o **MLK Community Service Day & City Weekend Schedule :**

The City of Stone Mountain will host an MLK Community Day of Service Event on Saturday to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event will bring residents and volunteers together for a day of service focused on community impact, unity, and civic engagement.

THE MLK COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026
12PM - 2PM
322 MAIN ST. STONE MOUNTAIN

SAINT PHOENIX CHURCH
821 THIRD STREET
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Monday, January 19, 2026
8:00 AM

6th Annual Community Commemorative Service
"Keeping The Dream Alive: Faith, Unity, Justice, Love and Service"

Keynote Speaker
Rev. Vandy Simmons
Pastor, Antioch A.M.E. Church

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Antioch A.M.E. Church's Thanksgiving Dinner
<https://www.stonemountain.com/Events/Thanksgiving-Dinner-2025> | 8880000000

KING DAY RIDE 2026
Riding in Unity To Honor the Legacy

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All Riders Welcome! *Support the Cycling Group Members of the King Center!*

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