



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.

Employee of the Month (January)

Public Works / Dantavious Callaway

The City of Stone Mountain is proud to recognize **Dantavious Callaway** as our January Employee of the Month!

As a valued member of the Public Works Department, Dantavious consistently demonstrates professionalism, dependability, and a strong commitment to serving our community. He is a true team player who can always be counted on to step up, support his coworkers, and get the job done efficiently. His reliability, positive attitude, and willingness to go above and beyond make him an invaluable asset to the department and the City as a whole.

Dantavious embodies the spirit of teamwork and excellence that helps keep Stone Mountain operating smoothly each and every day.

Please join us in congratulating Dantavious on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his outstanding service to our organization and our residents.

City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

JustFOIA (Open Records Requests)

- 67 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain (January 16, 2026 - February 12, 2026)

Governing Body Updates

- Mini Retreat Part II held on January 29, 2026
- Newly Elected Training (4) members registered to attend in Tifton, GA
- Elected Officials attended the Mardi Gras Event held on February 4, 2026

Business Licenses

- New licenses issued - 2
- Renewed licenses issued - 61

Municipal Clerk Spring Conference

- The City of Stone Mountain's Office of the City Clerk proudly represented our community at the Spring Georgia Clerks Conference in Jekyll Island, bringing home significant accomplishments! Assistant City Clerk Keturah Hall completed the State-Mandated Clerk Training, while City Clerk Shavala Ames completed the prestigious Master Education Graduate Seminar, further advancing her leadership in municipal governance. Mrs. Ames was elected and sworn in as District 3 Director of the Georgia Municipal Clerks Association, a distinguished leadership role representing clerks across the region.



Public Works

Department Head: Mike Helton, Public Works Director

- **Street and Drain Maintenance:** Public Works repaired an unsecured metal street drain lid on Main Street, which posed a trip hazard. In coordination with Crabapple Landscape Company, all Main Street drains under metal tops were inspected and cleaned out, as they were obstructed with debris that prevented proper water flow.
- **Event Support / Mardi Gras:** This past week, Public Works began planning and supporting the Mardi Gras event. Duties included ensuring adequate staffing levels, arranging for community service workers, and coordinating with event organizers. Staff participated in multiple planning meetings, including pre-event tours with Chief Westerfield and meetings at City Hall with all departments involved.

In collaboration with the Police Department, Public Works picked up approximately 30 barricades from Stone Mountain Park and coordinated their distribution prior to the event. On the day of the event, staff worked staggered shifts from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to ensure continuous coverage. Additionally, graffiti was removed from the gazebo electrical box and loose gazebo steps were repaired.

- **Security and Park Projects:** Public Works attended site visits and meetings regarding city security cameras with Lt. Hillis and the camera company to address ongoing issues. Staff also conducted project meetings with City Engineer Larry Genn regarding McCurdy Park, continuing regular monitoring of the stormwater project with multiple weekly site visits.
- **Street and Infrastructure Maintenance:** Routine maintenance activities included a street evaluation on San Pablo Drive, street sign repair on San Miguel Drive, pothole repair on San Marcos Way, and trash and debris cleanup on VFW Drive.
- **Ongoing Tasks:** In addition to the above, Public Works staff continued performing regular facility maintenance and other daily responsibilities.

Capital Projects:

- **New City Hall Parking Lot / Fence and Gate around the PD parking lot**

The remaining step to finalize the project is installation of the fence, which will occur following final stabilization of the bio-retention pond. Fence materials were officially ordered earlier this week, with an estimated delivery time of 3-4 weeks. Gate materials are expected to arrive in approximately 5-6 weeks. These timeframes reflect current supplier availability and may change. Staff will continue to monitor the status and provide updates as they become available.

- **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.

- **Fitness Equipment Maintenance / Outdoor Gym Repair**

Public Works held a follow-up meeting with representatives from the National Fitness Campaign Company. Two quotes are being requested, one for repair parts and one for contractor labor, and will be forwarded to the City's insurance carrier upon receipt.

- **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

Report for the Month of November 2025

- **Stakeholder and Steering Committees:** The Stakeholder Committee was formed on January 6, 2026, with training continuing through March. Steering Committee meetings are scheduled for April 9 and July 9 to guide the comprehensive planning process.
- **Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off and Community Engagement:** The initial public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan took place on January 20, 2026, providing an opportunity for meaningful engagement with both the public and City Council. The Planning Team is working with outreach partners, including the Ambassador Program, to inform residents about ways to participate in developing the comprehensive plan. Email blasts were sent to committee members, and community feedback is being collected through paper surveys at City Hall and online surveys via the City's website through March 31, with a potential extension into April.
- **Upcoming Town Hall:** A Town Hall is scheduled for March 19, allowing citizens to directly engage with the planning process, review 2021 recommendations, view proposed priorities, and learn how to support the comprehensive plan development.
- **Historic Preservation Grant:** Proposals for the Historic Preservation Grant were submitted by January 2, 2026. The selected candidate will be announced at the February 17 City Council meeting.
- **Public Outreach Plan:** The City is committed to inclusive and transparent public engagement throughout the comprehensive planning process. A draft Public Outreach Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission on February 18, the City Council on March 3, and made available for public review at City Hall from February 18 through March 3.

Special Events

Mardi Gras 2026

The City of Stone Mountain proudly hosted a vibrant and successful Mardi Festival today, filled with music, community spirit, and plenty of festive fun. The energy was high, the turnout was fantastic, and the celebration truly reflected the heart of our community.

We extend a sincere thank you to Bundos Entertainment for providing outstanding entertainment and helping set the tone for an exciting event. The City also thanks our dedicated city staff whose hard work and coordination made the festival possible, as well as our Public Safety team for ensuring a safe and welcoming environment throughout the day (and keeping everything running smoothly, even when the beads started multiplying).

We are grateful to our vendors, partners, volunteers, and all residents and visitors who joined us in the celebration. Events like this continue to showcase the City of Stone Mountain as a place where community and culture come together, successfully and with spirit.

Thank you for celebrating with us. We look forward to the next opportunity to bring our community together!



