



# CITY MANAGER

Monthly Report – October 2024



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- **Key Meetings:** October includes pivotal meetings such as Mayor & Council sessions, and special meetings focusing on city developments and community engagement.
- **City Signage Projects:** Initiatives include reviewing and replacing city entry point signage, evaluating park entryway signs, and exploring electronic signage. Current installations are in progress.
- **SPLOST Projects:** The SPLOST I Resurfacing Project resumed work September 23 without addressing the subgrade repairs. Due to Hurricane Helene impacts paving will finish October 1. SPLOST II is out to bid for resurfacing 12 additional streets. The Stone Mountain Parking Lot project is also moving forward with a new survey and design concepts.
- **LCI Engagement:** Efforts are focused on enhancing walkability and connectivity among city parks and trails, with data collection, site visits, and stakeholder engagement underway.
- **Upcoming Events:** Key events in October include the Stone Mountain Community Garden Workday & Faith in Blue on October 12. These events are designed to foster community engagement and celebrate local achievements.



The key meetings listed shape the outcomes of our discussions and showcase how collaborative efforts between city officials, community stakeholders, and residents are driving positive changes in Stone Mountain.

- October 01, 2024, | Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- October 07, 2024, | Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting In-Person
- October 12, 2024, | Stone Mountain Community Garden Workday
- October 12, 2024, | Faith In Blue
- October 15, 2024, | Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- October 19, 2024, | Stone Mountain Community Garden Mini Talk
- October 28, 2024, | DDA Regular Meeting



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## **PARK RENOVATIONS –** all remaining inspections including final inspections/CO for 10/02/2024. **Full Park access is scheduled for 10/15/2024.**

- **VFW PARK** - Renovation of existing restroom building at Veterans Park to include interior and exterior painting, new roofing and repair of existing power weatherhead in progress.
- **MEDLOCK PARK** – Renovation of existing concessions/restroom building to include restroom addition to provide ADA compliant facilities, new counters at Concessions Area, new code compliant exterior stair to 2nd floor, replacement of exterior siding at 2nd and 3rd floors, new interior finishes, new paved H/C accessible parking spaces and new sidewalks in progress.
- **LEILA MASON PARK** - Renovation of existing restroom building to include interior modification of restrooms with new plumbing fixtures to achieve ADA compliance, new finishes at interior and exterior, new doors and new roofing in progress.
- **MCCURDY PARK** - Renovation of existing concessions/restroom building to include modification of restrooms and new plumbing fixtures to provide ADA compliant facilities, new counters at Concessions Area, replacement of exterior siding, new interior finishes, and new roofing in progress.



## SPLOST I

**Resurfacing Project - Phase 1:** The SPLOST I Resurfacing Project - Phase 1 includes comprehensive roadwork involving asphalt milling, paving, replacement of distressed pavement areas, and subgrade repairs. During the project, significant issues with the subbase were discovered, necessitating stabilization measures on several streets. As a result, Leland Drive has been moved to Phase 2.

**Current Status:** Main Street – Poole to JBR/Memorial Drive paving is began September 23 & finishing Oct 1.

Main Street	Poole Street to JBR/Memorial Drive	September 23 - 28, 2024
Main Street On-street parking, both sides	Poole to West Mountain	Complete
Churchill Court		Complete
Baltic Court		Complete
Leland Drive		Moved to Phase 2 due to subgrade issue
Brittany Drive, 5052		Complete
Ridge Avenue, 559		Complete
Silver Hill Road	E Ponce de Leon to City Limit	Complete



## SPLOST II

**Resurfacing Project - Phase 2:** This phase is currently out to bid, targeting resurfacing work on 12 additional streets within the city limits. Bidding period closed September 2024.

Redwood Court	Pepperwood Trail to Cul-de-sac
Zachary Court	Zachary Drive to Cul-de-sac
Rosewood Drive	Lucille Avenue to Pepperwood Trail
Ridgemere Court	Ridgeforest Drive to Cul-de-sac
VFW Drive	Sheppard Way to W. Mountain Street
Veal Street	James B Rives to Central
Leon Street	Mimosa to Manor
San Pablo Drive	Ridge Avenue to Sheppard Road
West Rockborough Court	Rockborough Drive to Cul-de-sac
East Rockborough Court	Rockborough Drive to Cul-de-sac
North Rockborough Court	Rockborough Drive to Cul-de-sac
Cemetery Circle	Silver Hill Rd to Ponce de Leon Ave



## SPLOST II

**4th Street Traffic Calming:** Installation of traffic-calming measures is expected to mitigate speeding and cut-through traffic, enhancing the safety of the neighborhood. Status: Equipment purchase in progress. Dependent on SPLOST II funding.

**Stone Mountain Parking Lot:** A task order for the Stone Mountain Parking Lot project has been signed. A survey of the area has been ordered to gather necessary data. The results from the updated survey will be incorporated into our plans. Following discussions with the staff, new design concepts will be developed.





## LCI ENGAGEMENT

- **Connecting and Creating Walkability:** The current focus is on enhancing walkability and connectivity among the city's four parks, PATH trails, and Stone Mountain Park
- **Baptist Lawn Project:** Efforts are underway to complete an updated RFP to conduct a site plan, feasibility study, and design for the Baptist Lawn area with LCI.

### Current Status:

- Data collection for the projects is currently in progress.
- Site visits are being conducted to assess the specific needs and possibilities.
- Ongoing stakeholder engagement activities with the Executive Committee to gather insights and feedback
- PAG Community Meeting was held Wednesday, September 25, 2024.





## CITY SIGNAGE

**City Entry Points:** Signage replacements at all eight city entry points are complete, providing a consistent, welcoming look for visitors and residents.

**Park Entryways:** Evaluations are underway for replacing all park entry signs.

**City Street Signs:** Rockborough street signs have been received, and installation will begin soon. Additional streets will be assessed for replacement.

**Lawn on the Main:** Rule signs have been installed.

**Solar Crosswalk Signs:** Both solar-powered crosswalk signs on Main Street have been installed.

**Electronic Signage:** Discussions to explore potential electronic signage are ongoing.

**Ornamental Directional Sign:** Signs have been placed but unfortunately community interference has caused the need to reenforce. Additional repairs and placement are in progress.



## GRANTS

**Connecting and Creating Walkability for City Parks and Trails:** This project aims to connect the city's four parks (DFW Park, Medlock Park, Leila Mason Park, and McCurdy Park) with the PATH trails and Stone Mountain Park, improving accessibility and encouraging outdoor activity. A \$160,000 LCI grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has been awarded, with a \$40,000 local match, bringing the total project cost to \$200,000.

**VFW Park Improvements:** Funded through a \$300,000 CDBG via DeKalb County, the project includes a 30'x80' pavilion with a lawn, natural play area, walking path, shaded seating, and various aesthetic and infrastructure upgrades. Enhancements will feature new landscaping, a secondary entrance with a concrete apron, a new parking area, and a fieldstone entry with a split-rail fence for the community garden. The project also addresses drainage, stormwater, and irrigation improvements. Final HUD determination expected in September/October.



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## GRANTS

**Medlock Park Improvements:** A \$1,000,000 request through Congressional Project Funding (CPF) via Rep. Johnson's office includes parking, erosion control, and drainage upgrades. Planned work involves removing gravel and trees, grading, constructing a detention pond, installing storm drainage piping, concrete curbs, asphalt paving, striping, and landscaping. Engineering services are estimated at \$30,000. The project is chosen for funding, with final determination from the Congressional committee pending.

**Body-Worn Camera Grant Program:** The police department has been approved for a second-round, noncompetitive grant of \$8,000 to acquire 4 new body-worn cameras.



These events are designed not only to entertain and engage but also to foster community spirit and enhance the cultural life of our city. We are eager to share the innovative and inclusive events that bring our residents together, strengthen our community bonds, and create lasting memories for everyone involved.

## October

- October 12, 2024, | Stone Mountain Community Garden Workday
- October 12, 2024, | Faith In Blue



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## Vicki Tucker: Career & Personal Highlights

- **Background:** DeKalb County native, Auburn University Criminal Justice graduate (1985).
- **Career:**
  - **1985:** Joined DeKalb County Police as ID/Evidence Technician, later Crime Scene Investigator.
  - **1989:** Promoted to Shift Supervisor.
  - **1993:** Moved to Senior Clerk/Investigative Aide for family reasons.
  - **1998-2010:** Worked in Internal Affairs, creating databases and the Early Warning System.
  - **2010-2014:** Pawn Unit Coordinator, improving stolen goods recovery.
  - **2015-Present:** Stone Mountain Police Records Specialist, now Records Manager (2024). Expert in GCIC and NIBRS. Digitized 100+ boxes of records.
- **Personal Life:**
  - Faith-driven, teaches Bible study.
  - Proud grandmother of Ezra and Josephine.
  - Values: Grateful for family, career, and law enforcement.

**Quote:** “Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.” - Psalm 141:3



Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass is spearheading an Opportunity with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) On Saturday, October 5th at 12:00pm – 01:00pm

Location: 5486 Stillhouse Rd, Stn Mtn, GA 30083



Please join us for a presentation from AmeriCorps Seniors!  
A program of Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

TOPIC

*Community Resources for Older Adults  
and  
Persons with Disabilities*

Learn how, when and where to contact the benefits and services that might help you or your loved ones. We provide information about a wide array of services and resources for older persons, including discounts and savings programs.

**Event Host:** Ebenezer Baptist Church in Shermantown

**Date:** Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**Location:** 5486 Stillhouse Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30083

**Spearheaded by:** City Council Member Anita Bass



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**Aging & Disability**  
RESOURCE CONNECTION



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• **Special Purpose Home Repair Program**: This program provides essential home repairs for DeKalb County seniors (aged 62 and over) and disabled adults (aged 21 and over), addressing hazardous conditions that pose health or safety risks. This initiative aligns with our goal of improving the quality of life for vulnerable residents within our community.

• **DeKalb Cares Plumbing Repair Program**: This no-cost program for income-eligible residents offers essential plumbing repairs for issues such as:

Private Sewer Lateral Remediation

- Septic to Sewer Conversion
- Water Leaks (High Water Usage)
- Water Leaks (Inclement Weather Issues)

### Eligibility Requirements

- The property must be the homeowner's principal residence.
- The homeowner must be a DeKalb County resident.
- The homeowner's household income must be at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI), as defined by HUD.

For more information go to: <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/community-development/dekalb-cares-plumbing-repair-program>



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