



Department Report

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Recently Completed:

- Reconstruction of the Visitors' Center plaza with new sewer lateral and a much improved and much safer brick surface that extends along the East Main and South Park frontages for the entire block.



- Reconstruction of the West Main pedestrian crosswalk by UNG contractors.



- Construction of a new sidewalk along Moore's Drive by the City Streets Department.



Ongoing:

- An extraordinary amount of upgrading to the downtown area by our Streets/Park/Cemeteries Department. Much of this work begins at 5:00AM and is complete before most vehicles enter the square. Recent work includes installation of downtown vegetation, placement of fall decorations, standard autumn leaf maintenance, and visual improvements to the large City of Dahlonega entrance monuments.







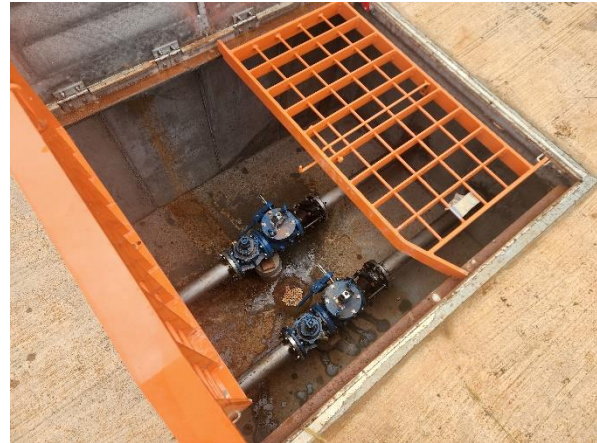
- Installation of downtown Christmas lights and decorations. This is the first year for the hanging decorations on North Park Street.



- Park Street Utilities Project.



- Construction of the American Legion lift station by private contractors that will be deeded to the City upon completion.



- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk. Project is in the bid phase.



- Golden Avenue storm drain. Coordination with neighboring property owners regarding necessary easements is ongoing. Georgia DOT is conducting the preliminary design of the Yahoola bridge near this location. Staff are also coordinating with them to ensure a seamless transition between these two neighboring projects.
- Design and bid services for Phase 2 of the North Grove sidewalk project from Subway to Skyline Drive. Plans are currently under review by GDOT.
- Revegetation of the Hancock Park yard. This is becoming more challenging each year as the event season continues to expand not only to cover roughly 10 months of the year, but also to draw more and more foot traffic. The combination of heavy foot traffic, minimal to moderate sunlight and desire for a “cold-weather” grass (i.e. a grass that stays green year round) requires constant maintenance with varying results.

Upcoming (these projects are currently either in concept, design or construction phase):

- Christmas preparations.
- Installation of 3 solar-powered speed alert signs.
- Selected portions of the Arcadia Street water and sewer main project/Mechanic Street to Morrison Moore sidewalk.
- North Grove Phase 2 sidewalk construction.