



Department Report

Report Title: Public Works—July 2026
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Recently Completed:

- Installation of a medium-sized (2" service) water vault at the Holly Theater.



- Following the recent painting of the Mount Hope gates, the much-needed actuators, arms and electrical components have been recently replaced.





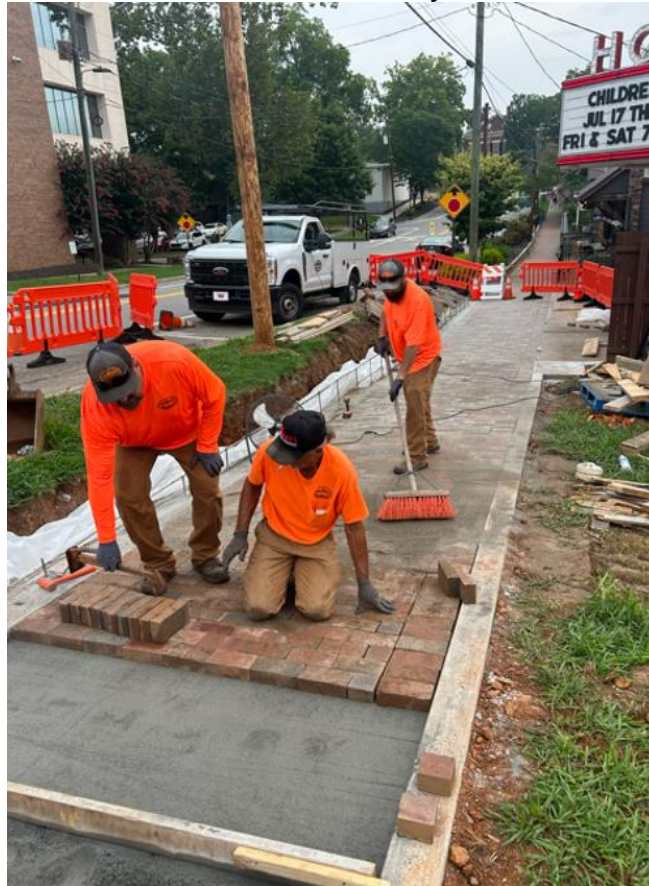
- Stop the Bleed training for PW and PD combined staff.



- Installation of Visitor Center Christmas tree and other limited downtown Christmas decorations.



- Repair/replacement of sidewalk, concrete loading zone, curb & gutter, bricks, retaining wall and vegetated area on West Main near the Holly Theater.





Ongoing:

- Installation of towers throughout city for new water metering system.



- City Park Playground renovation bid process. There were 13 separate responses requiring review and comparison.
- School-to-School sidewalk and intersection improvements GDOT LAP bid process.
- Boat Ramp Picnic Area beautification bid process.

- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk.



- Memorial Park Cemetery lot layout. New lots have been preliminarily laid out and await installation of plot markers by volunteers with City staff guidance. Following this, staff will work with City legal counsel to determine following steps to prepare the plots for sale and present to City Council.
- Golden Avenue storm drain. The culvert and street redesign files have been sent to GDOT for coordination into the Yahoola Bridge project.

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

- Coordination with GDOT regarding Yahoola Bridge replacement, South Chestatee slope repair in multiple locations and the Auraria/Torrington intersection improvements. Throughout the summer, the City has been providing engineering documents related to utility relocations and began the process of formal request for utility aid. If successful, GDOT project funding may cover a portion or all of the costs to relocate the main due to highway construction.