



Report Title: Public Works—June 2026

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Recently Completed:

- Independence Day celebration Public Works involvement. The PW team had as many as 7 individuals working on the observed holiday, July 3, as well as, July 4. This included streets crews and solid waste. It also involved late-evening as well as early-morning tasks. For example, the sketch below indicates the number of locations of detours and barricades that were required to be pre-positioned, placed, manned during the event and removed. While PW teams couldn't occupy each of these during the event, they played a significant role in the planning, preparation and successful outcome of the event.



- Installation of NO PARKING on SHOULDER on 12 city streets, in accordance with Ordinance 77-1. This kind of parking and some of the unpermitted private parking spots that have been installed on city-owned shoulders contributes to shoulder degradation, reduced safety on our streets, simple unattractiveness and, in some cases, improper living conditions in R-1 single family residences. Examples of this kind of parking, damaged shoulders and makeshift parking areas are shown below.



- After hours watermain repair at Happy Hollow/GA Hwy 9 intersection with in-house paving performed within days.



Ongoing:

- 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.





- Downtown Spring/Summer vegetation planting.
- Cleanup of dead and unsightly vegetation at Mount Hope Cemetery.
- 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.