

# CITY OF BALL GROUND

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING SIGN ORDINANCE



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MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



A dark, atmospheric photograph of a memorial walkway. The walkway is paved and leads towards a central monument. On either side of the walkway are several flagpoles with various flags, including the American flag. The background is filled with dense green trees. The overall scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn and respectful mood.

# INVOCATION

(Chaplain Dana McPherson)

# and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Honoring  
Eric Wilmarth  
for 26 Years of  
Service





DAR

America 250  
Proclamation

**Appearance of  
Ball Ground Elementary  
STEM Academy  
NEW Principal -  
Amanda Blackwell**



# ADOPT AGENDA

ADD ITEM (G)

CONSIDER  
RECOMMENDATION TO  
RELINQUISH SERVICE  
AREA TO CCWSA



# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSIDER  
APPROVAL OF  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MAY 2026**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

# **OLD BUSINESS**

# Sign Ordinance Adoption – Final Reading

## Ball Ground Code of Ordinances Division 112

New definitions  
such as "Area of  
Sign (copy area)"  
and clean-up of  
existing definitions

Application  
completion  
requirement of 30  
days

Condense  
definitions of  
exempt signs

Allow up to 60 days  
for temporary signs  
in all zoning  
districts

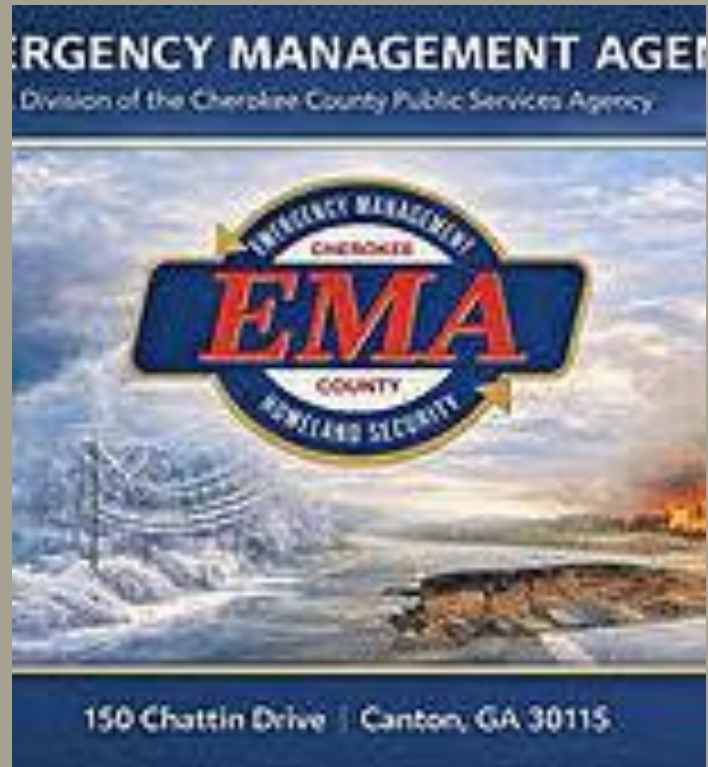
Public Hearing to  
be held on June  
11th at 6PM



<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027</b>	<b>Adopted 2026</b>	<b><u>Actual</u> 2025</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$2,813,305	\$2,433,567	\$2,454,985	\$379,738	13%
<b>Fire District Tax</b>	\$888,612	\$700,000	\$766,795	\$188,612	21%
<b>SPLOST</b>	\$627,000	\$579,000	\$583,145	\$43,855	7%
<b>T-SPLOST</b>	\$881,000			\$881,000	100%
<b>Impact Fee</b>	\$324,571	\$103,305	\$99,781	\$221,266	68%
<b>Water and Sewer</b>	\$2,902,900	\$2,624,800	\$2,200,213	\$278,100	10%
<b>Storm Water</b>	\$76,604	\$74,040	\$67,401	\$9,203	12%
<b>Solid Waste</b>	\$450,200	\$395,262	\$404,477	\$54,938	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,964,192</b>	<b>\$6,909,974</b>	<b>\$6,576,797</b>	<b>\$2,054,218</b>	<b>23%</b>

**CONSIDER FINAL READING**  
**FY-27 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

# **NEW BUSINESS**



# EMA IPA MOU

# Consider Cherokee County Transportation Facility Improvements MOU

**BG DESIGNS  
PROJECT**

**BG ACQUIRES  
EASEMENTS**

**BG MANAGES  
PROJECT**

**BG PAYS  
ESTIMATED  
\$168,902 (28%)**

**COUNTY PAYS  
EST. \$425,928  
(72%)**



9. Special events that are not related to agri-tourism, such as concerts and weddings, must be approved by the City Council and the Police Chief.

- a. The Ball Ground Police Chief shall review said application and determine if there are additional needs such as the hiring of off-duty police officers for the event.
- b. A special event shall mean any non-routine, limited-duration activity or gathering that brings a group of people together for a specific purpose, often requiring planning and potentially impacting public resources or areas.

## Consider Ordinance Amendment Request 2024-R-04





# Parking Lot Lease

**New Lot (Red) \$109,200 – Depreciate over 5 years – No lease payments for 5 years**

**Existing Paved Lot (Green) Renew 5 years \$8,200 / \$9,000 / \$9,000 / \$9,600 / \$9,600**

**Existing Gravel Lot (Orange) Renew 5 years \$9,800 / \$11,400 / \$12,600 / \$13,800 / \$15,000**

City Pays Taxes and Insurance

City Pays Lighting

City Maintains



**CONSIDER POSSIBLE DEMOLITION**  
**120/140 Valley Street**



CONSIDER  
POSSIBLE LEASE  
PURCHASE –  
PUBLIC SAFETY

# OPTION 1

## MISSION ESSENTIAL

- \$195,055.62 TOTAL OVER FIVE (5) YEARS
  - SEPTEMBER 2026 \$37,936.26
  - SEPTEMBER 2027 \$39,279.84
  - SEPTEMBER 2028 \$39,279.84
  - SEPTEMBER 2029 \$39,279.84
  - SEPTEMBER 2030 \$39,279.84

## OPTION 2

(INCLUDES  
TRANSLATION  
SOFTWARE)

“NICE”

- \$214,585.62 TOTAL OVER FIVE (5) YEARS
- SEPTEMBER 2026 \$41,842.26
- SEPTEMBER 2027 \$43,185.84
- SEPTEMBER 2028 \$43,185.84
- SEPTEMBER 2029 \$43,185.84
- SEPTEMBER 2030 \$43,185.84

# HOW TO PAY?

TAKE \$35,000 PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR VIDEO SERVER IN UPCOMING BUDGET

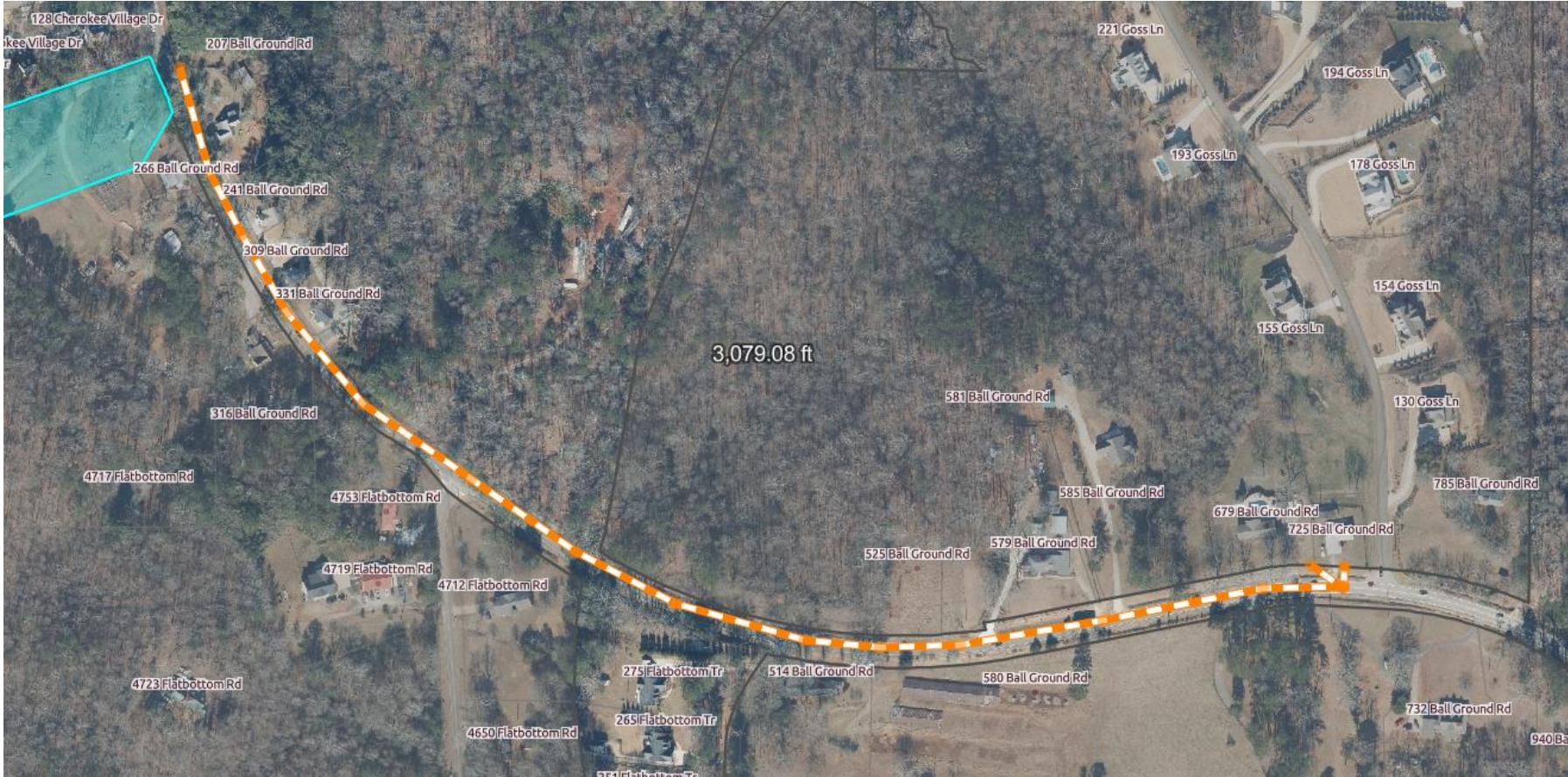


PD CURRENTLY HAS TWO VACANT POSITIONS – FILL ONE POSITION NOW – WITHHOLD SECOND POSITION FUNDING UNTIL OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026



MOVING FORWARD CONTINUE REALLOCATION OF \$35,000 FROM SPLOST PUBLIC SAFETY – FUND REMAINDER FROM REDSPEED FIRST WITH REAL GROWTH IN TAX DIGEST AS A SECONDARY/BACKUP

# REQUEST FOR SERVICE AREA RELINQUISHMENT



AGING LINE  
FAILING

\$301,472 TO  
REPLACE

\$46,000 TO  
TRANSFER  
TO CCWSA  
LINES

# City Managers Report

A street scene with a brick building, utility poles, and trees, serving as a background for the title. The image is dimmed to make the white text stand out. The street has a double yellow line down the center. On the right, there's a brick building with a sign that says "ELECTRICAL PLUMBING". There are American flags and a bench on the sidewalk. Utility poles with wires are visible on the left side of the street.



## BUILDING PERMITS



## NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION ONLY

MONTH	2025	2026
JANUARY	6	2
FEBRUARY	7	3
MARCH	9	4
APRIL	2	2
MAY	0	14
JUNE	4	
JULY	12	
AUGUST	5	
SEPTEMBER	1	
OCTOBER	10	
NOVEMBER	3	
DECEMBER	6	
		+1
TOTAL	65	25

# ACCOUNT BALANCES – END OF MAY 2026

▶ General Fund:	\$ 1,670,222
▶ SPLOST:	\$ 202,893
▶ T-SPLOST	\$ 68,099
▶ FIRE	\$ 3,827
▶ Impact Fees:	\$ 291,132
▶ Utilities:	\$ 1,015,281
▶ Total:	\$ 3,251,457

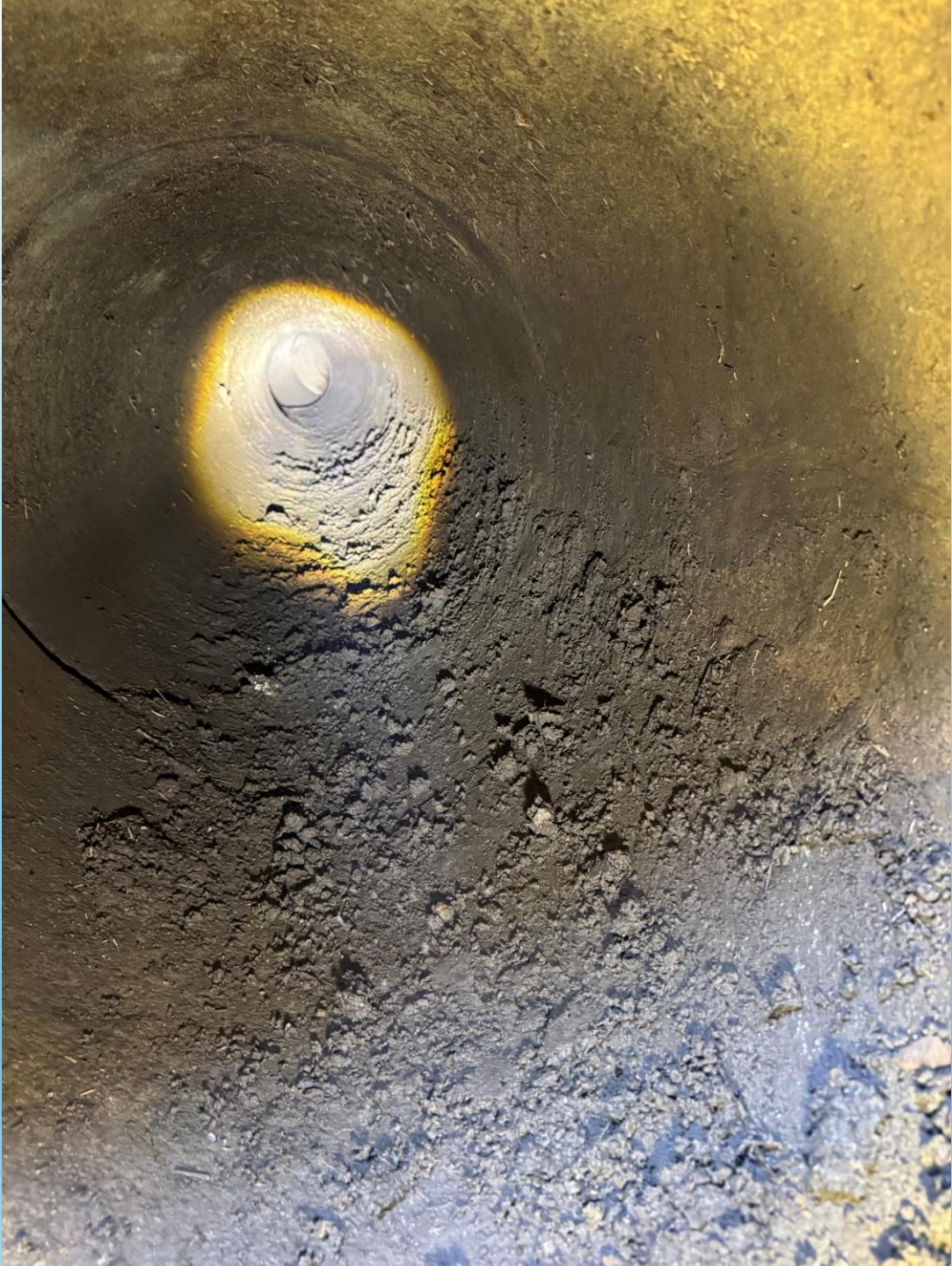
# MAY 2026

## Revenue/Expense

Fund	MAY Revenue	MAY Expense	YTD Revenue	YTD Expense
General Fund	\$71,229	\$268,434	\$2,635,656	\$2,379,742
SPLOST	\$888,855	\$824,718	\$1,461,031	\$1,412,875
T-SPLOST	\$68,160	0	\$68,160	0
Impact Fee	\$12,266	0	\$191,382	\$15
Utilities	\$296,831	\$236,001	\$2,899,567	\$2,448,126
	<b>\$1,337,341</b>	<b>\$1,412,950</b>	<b>\$7,255,796</b>	<b>\$6,240,758</b>

# **CAPITAL PROJECTS**







AWNEX

TEBCO

Lance  
TRUCKING INC.  
BLUE RIDGE 6X4  
LS DOT 187085

L-16

MACK

GEORGIA  
C070ET

TEBCO  
800-294-2014

SPEED  
LIMIT  
35

SCHOOL



The logo for the BUILD program, featuring the word "BUILD" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The letters are stylized with horizontal white lines passing through them, creating a grid-like effect. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

**BUILD**

**Federal Transportation Discretionary Grants Program**

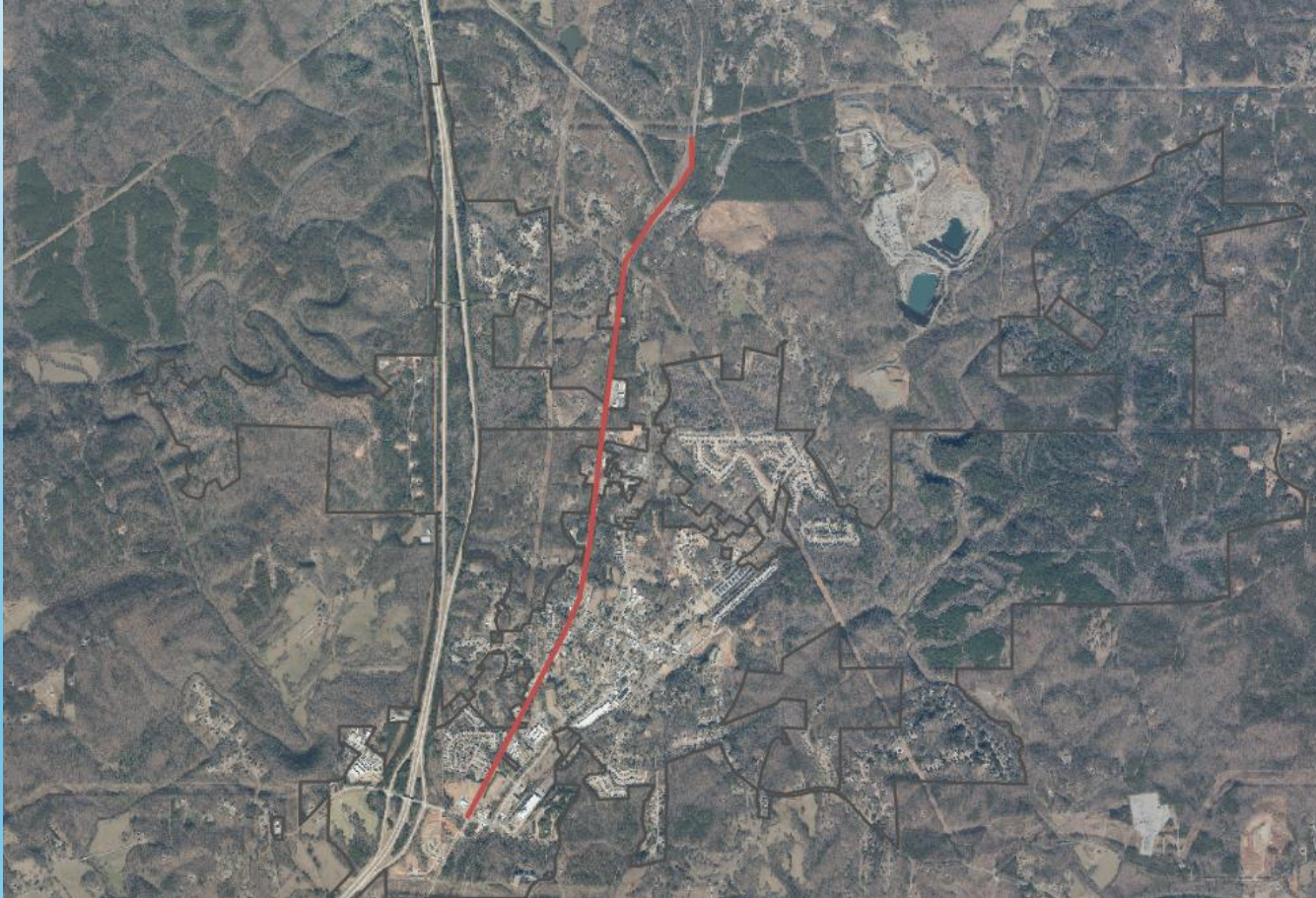
**25 MILLION APPLICATION FOR BYPASS  
STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO ANNOUNCE ON OR BEFORE  
JUNE 28TH**



BY PASS

**REQUESTING EXCEPTION  
TO ALLOW R/W  
ACQUISITION IN CERTAIN  
AREAS – COULD TAKE 4-6  
MONTHS**

# SR BUS 5 RESURFACING PROJECT



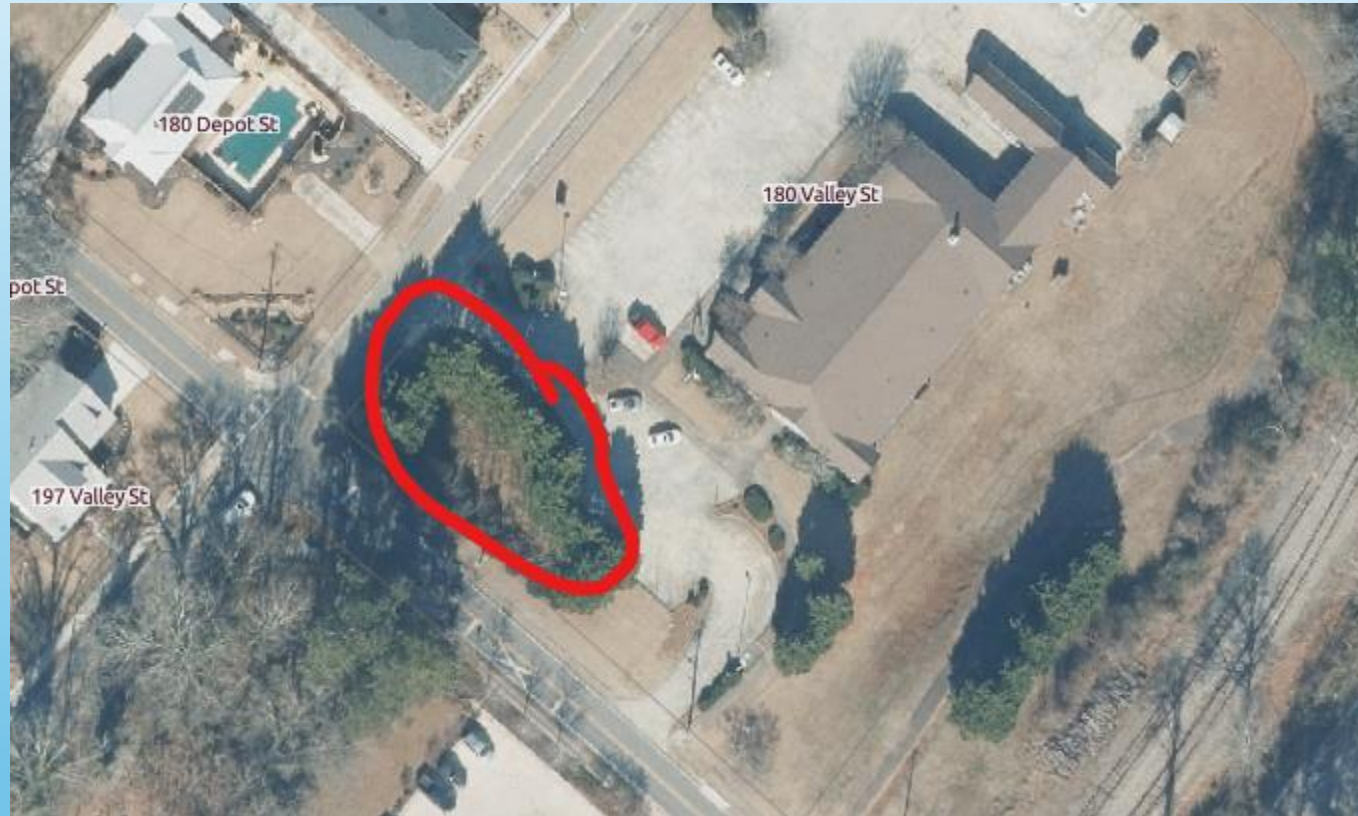
**PROJECT IS PROGRAMMED**

**BID LET NOVEMBER 2026**

**PAVING SUMMER 2027**

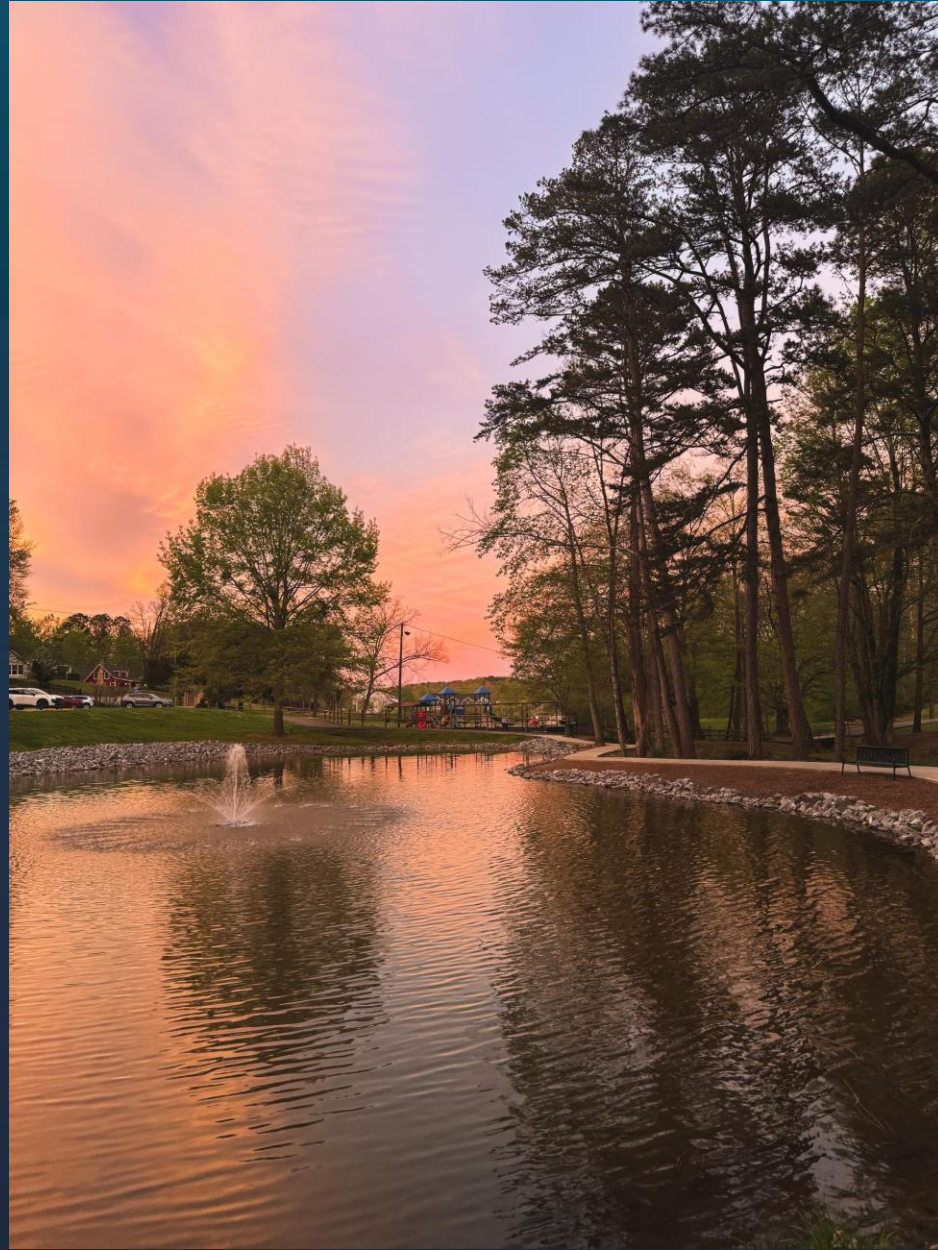
**1.25 MILLION**

# OBTAIN COURT ORDER – REPAIR PO POND



Est \$30,000 – Eventual Reimbursement  
STILL WAITING ON COURT HEARING

# P A R K S







# PAVILION







UPDATED TRAIL MAPS

NEW VIDEO OF TRAIL

ALL TRAILS UPDATED



# G U A R D I A N S





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**BALL GROUND ROCKS!**

# WHAT ABOUT THE ROCKS?



# CARL VINSON SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT



**BALL GROUND – HOW DID YOU DO IT?**

- **SOCIAL MEDIA 18,100 FOLLOWERS**

- **2.7 MILLION INTERACTIONS LAST MONTH**

- **Carl Vinson Downtown Developer Certification Training this week in Douglas, Georgia**



**DOWNTOWN EMERGING AS ECONOMIC ENGINE**

Address	Business Name	License Fee (Annual)	Excise Tax (Annual)
345	Rock Solid Brewing	\$1,000	NA
340	Dominic's Food Truck & Dining	\$2,000	NA
288	Ball Ground Burger Bus	\$2,000	NA
280	Dot's Fine Wine & Craft	\$2,325	NA
270	Ball Ground Tavern	\$2,000	\$3,379.44
248	Taco Social	\$2,000	\$6,475.68
	La Cantina Off Main	\$2,000	NA
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,325</b>	<b>\$9,855.12</b>

310	Ireland Dentistry	10	\$745.28
290	Vacant Building		\$1,005.60
288	Ball Ground Burger Bus	10	\$0
282	Virtual Properties Realty	2	\$260.96
280	Dot's Fine Wine & Craft	5	\$746.08
270	Ball Ground Tavern	6	\$441.60
250   248	Frankfurt Donner and Meats   Taco Social	5	\$615.68
240	M & M Marble	4	\$988.48
220	Empty Lot		\$213.60
210	All About the Paw	4	\$655.68
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>\$20,310.75</b>
	27 Businesses		\$16,519.87
	4 Vacant Buildings		\$2,602.56
	3 Lots (2 vacant, 1 gravel)		\$668.00
	1 Residential Dwelling		\$520.32

# WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS



1,200 METERS



**METER CHANGEOUT AND UPGRADE SUSPENDED UNTIL JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> –  
BOND COVERAGE**



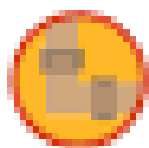
**LAB ANALYSIS UNDER WAY  
NOW –**

**TESTING WATER FOR  
RADIOACTIVE PRESENCE**



CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

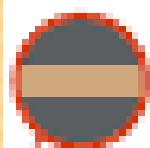
# Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water



**Copper Pipes with Lead Solder** Solder made or installed before 1986 contained high lead levels.



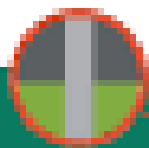
**Faucets** Fixtures inside your home may contain lead.



**Galvanized Pipes** Lead particles can attach to the ungalvanized core. Over time, the particles enter your drinking water, leading to elevated lead levels.



**Lead-Service Lines** Cast-iron and galvanized pipes that connect the lead-service line to the faucet.



**Lead Service Line** The service line is the pipe that runs from the water main to the home's internal plumbing. Lead service lines can be a major source of lead contamination in water.

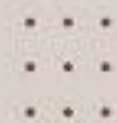




# DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT RULE

(TTHM & HAA5)

FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS





**WE LOVE FIRE**

**WE SUPPORT EVERY  
EQUIPMENT NEED THEY HAVE**

**MISCONCEPTION THAT FIRE  
CONTROLS WATER**



**OUR MISSION – OUR LICENSE –  
OUR PERMIT**

**IS**

**WATER QUALITY**

# HOW MUCH TIME TO REPAIR BEFORE SYSTEM EXHAUSTED?

**6" LINE – 183 MINUTES**

**8" LINE – 91 MINUTES**

**18" LINE – 13 MINS**





**HISTORIC PAST**

**BRIGHT FUTURE<sup>SM</sup>**