

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT





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# *Mayor and City Council*

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## ***Mayor***

A.R. (Rick) Roberts, III

Elected: 1988-1993, 1996-Present



### **Memberships & Affiliations:**

- Advisory Council Member, Ball Ground STEM Academy, 1998-present
- Board Member, Atlanta Regional Commission, 2006-2007; 2016-Present
- Board Member, Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, 1996-2000
- Board Member, Cherokee County Development Authority, 2000-present
- Board Member, Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, 2001-2004; 2008-2010
- Board of Directors Member, Georgia Municipal Association 2008-2010; 2014-Present
- Certificate of Recognition 2006, Certificate of Achievement 2009, and Certificate of Excellence 2017, Georgia Municipal Training Institute/ Carl Vincent Institute of Government
- Charter Class Member, Leadership Cherokee, 1988
- Executive Committee Member, Metro Atlanta Mayors Association 2006-2010; 2016- Present
- Graduate, Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Leadership Institute, 1997
- Inductee, Georgia Municipal Association Hall of Fame, 2009 (48th inductee)
- Legislative Policy Committee Member, Georgia Municipal Association, 2010-2012
- Member, Cherokee County Municipal Planning Commission, 1987-2000
- Member, Reinhardt University Board of Trustees, 2009-Present
- Member, Rotary Club of Canton, 1990-1997
- President, Cherokee Municipal Association, 1998-2001; 2006-2016
- Vice Chair, Cherokee Recreation and Parks Authority, 1994-2000



***City Council Post 1***

Andrenia Stoner

Elected: 1998-Present



***City Council Post 2***

Lee Prettyman

Elected: 2004-Present



***City Council Post 3***

Vicki Benefield

Elected: 2021-Present



***City Council Post 4***

Kristine Rogers

Elected: 2021-Present



***City Council Post 5***

Dennis Nelson

Elected: 2021-Present

- ☆ **Recertification for Municipal Elections** (Admin)
- ☆ **Tree City USA—31<sup>st</sup> Year** (Admin)
- ☆ **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting—14 Yrs.** (Admin)
- ☆ **Govt. Accounting Standards Board— All Standards Met** (Admin)
- ☆ **Class III Water Operators License** (Public Works)
- ☆ **Fluoride Certification** (Public Works)
- ☆ **Fluoridation Excellence Award** (Public Works)
- ☆ **Zero Deficiencies—EPD Water/Sewer Inspection** (Public Works)
- ☆ **General Instructor Certification** (Police)
- ☆ **Firearms Instructor Certification** (Police)
- ☆ **Risk Reduction Certification** (Police)
- ☆ **Recertification for Municipal Court Clerks** (Court)

## *Accomplishments*

# *Continuing Education*

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING**

- Georgia Municipal Clerks' Conference
- Georgia Municipal Association Annual Convention
- Georgia Downtown's Conference
- Finance Officer Training

## **PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING**

- Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Sewer Collection System
- New Lead and Copper Rules
- Georgia Rural Water Conference
- Hazard Communications
- Confined Space Entry

## **POLICE TRAINING**

- Implicit Bias
- Use of Force
- Weapons Qualification
- Field Training Officer

# Demographics

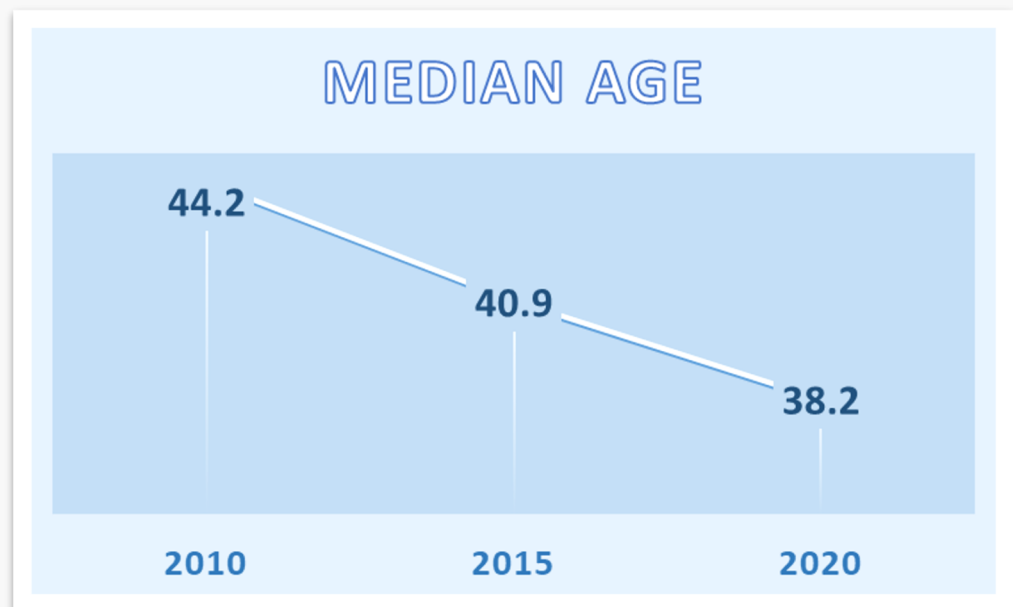
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1433 → 2560

Total Population—2010 to 2020

601 → 977

Total Households—2010 to 2020



<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2022</u>	<u>Adopted 2021</u>	<u>Actual 2020</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
<i>General Fund</i>	\$1,399,810	\$1,276,010	\$1,135,094	\$123,800	8.8%
<i>Fire District</i>	\$392,750	\$353,000	\$330,149	\$39,750	10.2%
<i>SPLOST</i>	\$582,100	\$534,100	\$568,141	\$48,000	8.9%
<i>Water/Sewer</i>	\$2,053,400	\$1,323,300	\$1,782,786	\$595,100	35%
<i>Storm Water</i>	\$42,250	\$42,250	\$30,625	\$0	0%
<i>Solid Waste</i>	\$262,200	\$229,980	\$207,870	\$32,220	12.3%
<i>Total</i>	\$4,732,510	\$3,758,640	\$4,054,665	\$838,870	20.3%

**\$4,732,510**

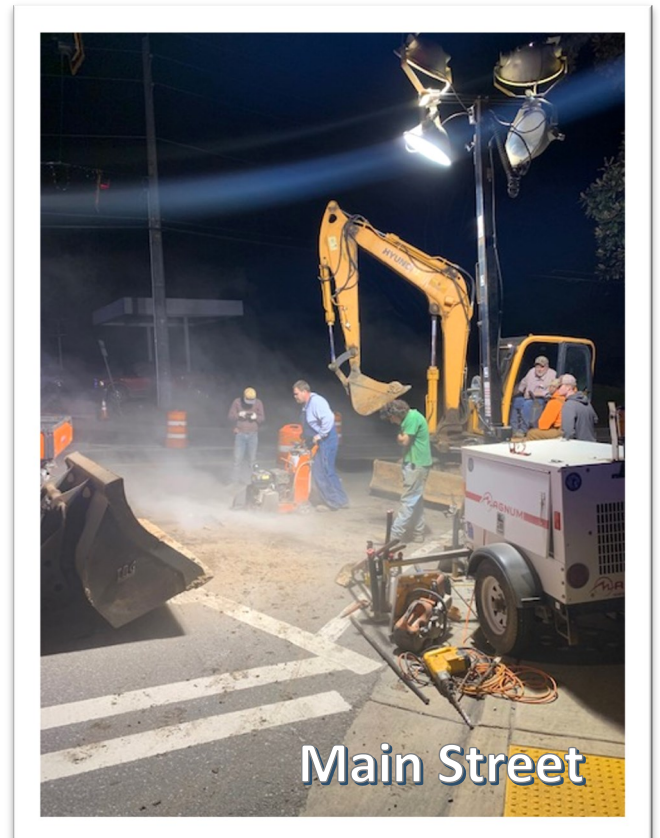
**Adopted FY 21/22 Budget**

***Annual Audit—11 Years Without a “Finding”***

***Budget and Finance***

## Roads and Streets

- 21 Miles Maintained, 1.3 Miles Resurfaced in 2021
- Civic Drive Turn Radius Improvements
- Groover Street Stormwater and Sidewalk Project
- New Retaining Wall—Old Dawsonville Road at Calvin Farmer Park
- Main Street Rebuilding Project
  - Utility Line Relocations
  - Structural Improvements and Resurfacing of Roadway



# *Infrastructure*

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## **Water**

- Water System Looping Project—Howell Bridge Road to Northridge Road

## **Communications**

- 800 MHz Radio System Installed for Improved Emergency Communications

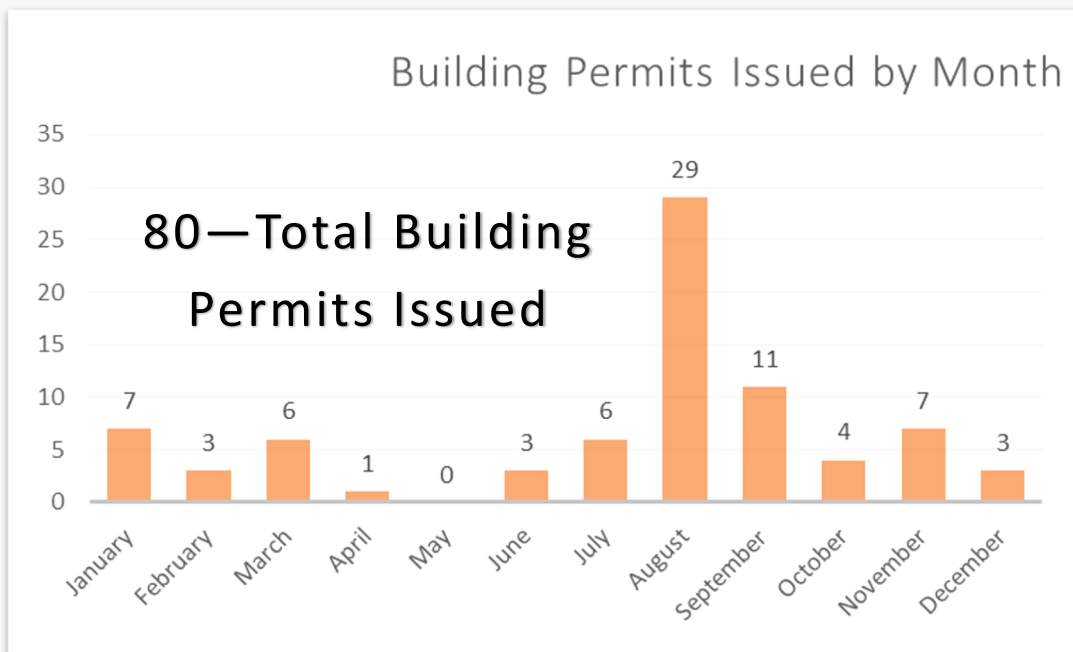


# Community Development

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**342—Acres Annexed**

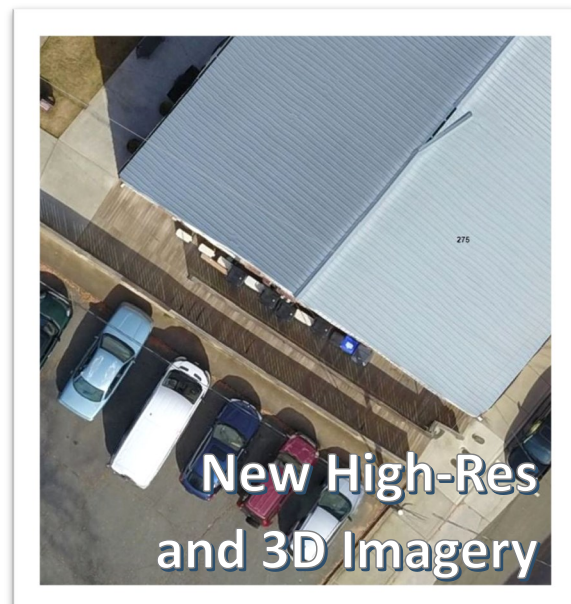
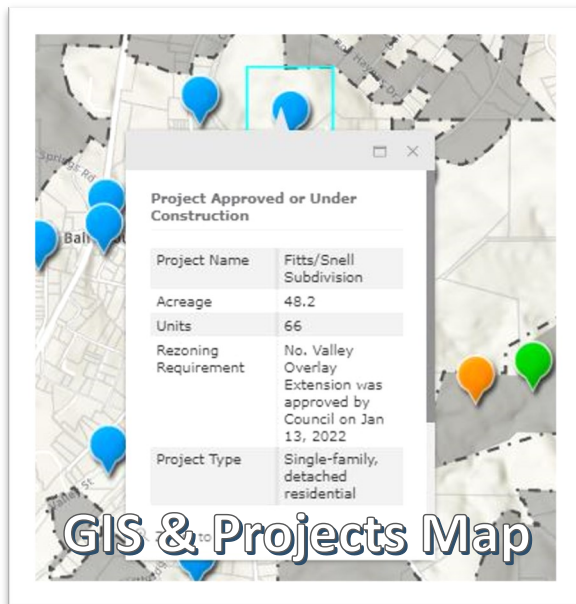
**1.4—Acres Rezoned**



**155—Business Licenses Issued**

**21—New Businesses Opened**

REVAMPED  
*PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS PROCESS*  
ADOPTED CITY'S FIRST  
*COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT CODE*  
INCREASED  
*TRANSPARENCY EFFORTS*  
HIRED CITY'S FIRST  
*FULL TIME PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR*



*Community Development*



☆ ***Officer Matt Young—Moose Lodge Public Safety Award Recipient***

Officer Young located and assisted in the apprehension of wanted individuals, coming under gun fire in doing so.

☆ ***Chief Bryon Reeves—Life Saving Award Recipient***

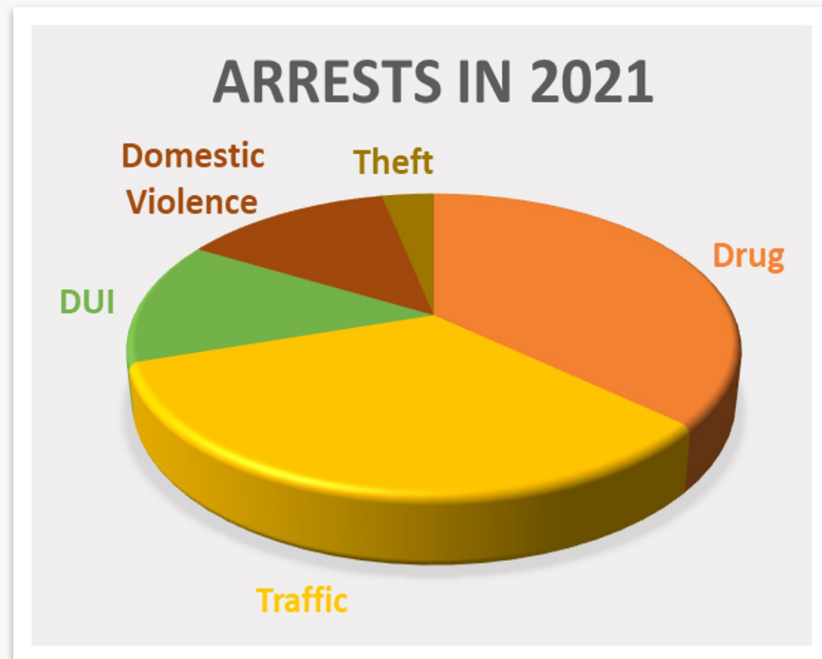
Chief Reeves responded to a person down call, quickly administering CPR and saving a life of a Ball Ground resident.

## *Police and Court*

# Police and Court

## Court

- 851—Total Cases Worked
- 704—Cases Closed
- 147—Cases Open



## Police

- 31—Total Arrests
- 69—Accidents Worked
- 815—Citations Issued

# *Parks and Recreation*

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## **Two New Pickle Ball Courts**

Nearly 2000' of new walkway  
at Calvin Farmer Park



Improvements to Roberts  
Lake Park and Trail

## **Park Lighting Upgrades**



Arbor Day Tree Planting



Christmas Parade



Summer Fireworks



Creek Clean Up

## *Events*

