CITY OF ST. GEORGE



Annual Report

2025
2026

A year of building city services.

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A record of the year

City services, public investment, and the work ahead.



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CITY COUNCIL & CHIEF OF POLICE

Serving St. George

The people entrusted to help lead our city forward.



Richie Edmonds
Council Member | District 1



Steve Monachello
Council Member | District 2



Max Himmel
Council Member | District 3



Patty Cook
Council Member | District 4



Drew Murrell
Mayor Pro Temp | District 5



David Dellucci
Council Member | At Large



Jim Talbot
Council Member | At Large



Todd Morris
Chief of Police

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Building a city we can be proud of.



Dustin Yates

Mayor, City of St. George

Better Government. Local Control.

ST. GEORGE PROUD

Dear St. George Residents,

This year, we took important steps toward delivering on the promise that brought St. George together: a city government that listens, responds, and puts our residents first.

We provided direct Public Works services, invested in roads and drainage, and purchased a permanent City Hall. We also continued improving the tools residents and businesses rely on to access city services and plan for our city's future.

Behind each of those accomplishments are people doing the work. I appreciate our City Council, Chief Todd Morris, our team, and our partners for their commitment to serving St. George. From answering a question to addressing a problem in a neighborhood, that work matters.

I also want to thank the volunteers and residents who worked for years to make this city a reality. We honor their efforts by being responsible with your tax dollars, keeping our priorities clear, and following through on the work ahead.

There is still plenty to do. Roads, drainage, public safety, and thoughtful planning will continue to guide us. This report shows the progress we have made and where we go from here.

Thank you for your trust, your involvement, and the opportunity to serve as your mayor. I am proud of what we are building together, and I look forward to what comes next.

Dustin Yates

Mayor, City of St. George

MESSAGE FROM

The Program Director

> It is the people who make an organization great.

As we conclude our first full year of expanded City services, I want to recognize the Mayor, Police Chief, City Council and IBTS leaders for their steady guidance. I also want to thank our staff for their patience as we worked in our original space and prepared our new City Hall. Buildings and technology matter, but it is the people who make an organization great. This is one of the best teams I have worked with.

Everything begins with a plan. Our work this year included the annual operating plan and the planning needed for drainage, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and future growth. The Comprehensive Plan and Housing Needs Assessment remained under review in August. This report distinguishes completed work from plans still being developed.

Building city services also means putting practical tools into employees' hands. Departments have been introducing systems for applications, work orders, records, accounting and communication. The department profiles describe their use and the work still needed.

We have worked with civic organizations, neighborhood associations, businesses, neighboring parishes, and our state and federal partners. Those relationships help us understand local needs and move projects forward.

Public Works crews and contractors carried out road and drainage repairs. Engineering advanced project scopes and transportation funding. Finance supported budgeting and financial reporting. Code Enforcement addressed property conditions; Building Services assisted applicants and inspected construction; Planning and Zoning brought residents into discussions about growth.

The year also brought a permanent City Hall and continued preparation for larger investments. Federal support announced for Burbank Drive, followed by the SAFE Siegen award after year-end, provides a basis for the next stages of project development. Design, approvals and construction still require work.

Thank you to our entire team and to the residents who have helped us build these services. There is more to do, and the priorities in this report will guide the work ahead.

Scot Byrd
Program Director, City of St. George; IBTS

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The people and systems behind City services



A foundation for City services.

Administration

Administration coordinated City Hall renovations, staffing, public records and operations across departments. The City purchased the building in August 2025 and began planning council chambers. During the year, contractors hired eight employees across departments and installed and implemented new software systems for finance, permitting, planning and mapping, along with a new City website.

A PERMANENT MEETING PLACE

August 2025

Proverbs Avenue building acquired

Finance

Finance administered the City's budget, financial reporting, occupational licensing, accounts payable, and cash management activities while strengthening internal controls, expanding compliance efforts, and ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources. Additionally, the department developed the FY2027 Annual Budget and Operating Plan, positioning the City to work toward the GFOA Budget Award.

FULL-YEAR LICENSE ACTIVITY

$3.3M

Occupational-license collections
2,657 licenses received or issued

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Caring for roads and drainage





Public Works

Public Works addressed inherited work and new service requests, maintained roads and drainage, and completed beautification projects at Proverbs, Sherwood Commons, Jones Creek and Coursey.

985
Potholes repaired

88
Miles of roadway striping

600
Miles of roads swept

31
Miles of roadside excavation

5
Miles of culvert jetting

377
Street signs addressed / replaced

Engineering

Engineering helped secure $82M in grant funding for City projects, including SAFE Siegen, Manchac-Fountain regional detention, Jefferson Highway and Burbank Drive safety improvements, and Bluebonnet Boulevard sidewalks.

Staff developed the Major Street Plan for the Comprehensive Plan, advanced drainage modeling with the Amite River Basin Commission, and completed the City's Stormwater Management Plan for LDEQ. The City's GIS program now serves every department.

$82M	Total grant funding awarded for City projects
1,100+	Development / engineering permit reviews, including re-reviews
70+	Utility and right-of-way permits reviewed
27	Capital projects
12+	Grant applications submitted
4	Capital projects

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Building and planning for growth



2050
Comprehensive Plan

Land use
Planning for future growth

Zoning
Modernizing standards

Planning and Zoning

Planning & Zoning advanced the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and updated zoning regulations to better reflect St. George's needs. The work connects decisions about housing, transportation, land use and investment with the City's long-term priorities.

Housing & community input

Residents, homebuilders, real estate professionals, business leaders and neighborhood associations contributed to housing and growth discussions. Their input informed the Housing Needs Assessment and Comprehensive Plan.

A Plan for St. George's Future

The 2050 Comprehensive Plan brings together land use planning, goals and implementation strategies to guide future growth, development and investment.

Community engagement helped identify the needs and priorities shaping the plan.

Updating Zoning Regulations

Staff continued modernizing zoning districts and development regulations to reflect the needs of a growing city.

Improved online services and access to planning information make it easier for residents and businesses to understand the planning process.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Serving our neighborhoods



Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement investigated complaints, issued notices and arranged abatements, achieving 80% compliance without legal action. An online vendor-bidding process was operating by June, and the department reported an average case-resolution time of 16 days.

Communications

Communications managed social media, website content, podcasts, newsletters, staff spotlights, campaigns, media relations and community engagement. Work included council recaps, press releases, emergency updates, project pages, service videos and City branding.

3,047

Code-enforcement cases managed

- 75 City abatements completed
- 71% of inspections were proactive
- 16-day average case resolution

EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

183,000	Page views
37,000	Active users
545,000	User interactions

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Public safety

Chief Todd Morris

Public safety, emergency preparedness and agency coordination.

Daily response

Thank you to OSS, the City's private partner responding to minor crashes, traffic incidents, parking complaints and neighborhood patrols.

Outreach and partnerships

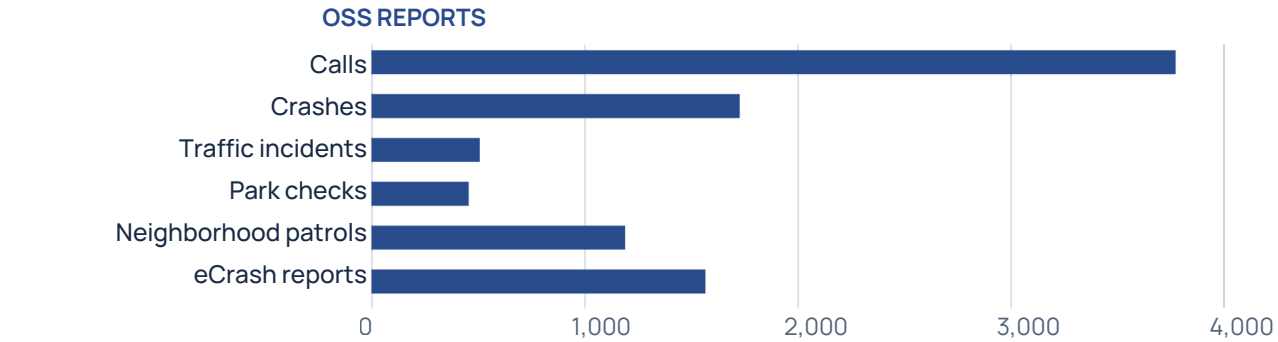
The City works with Grove Recovery Center and Keep Tiger Town Beautiful to connect people with treatment, housing, transportation and other resources, while coordinating public safety and emergency response with the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, St. George Fire Protection District, Louisiana State Police, federal agencies and other local and state partners.

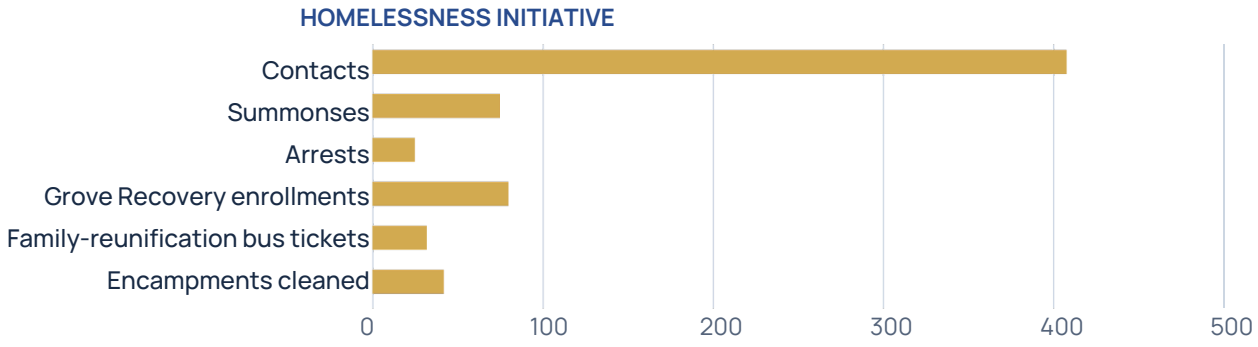
Reserve officer program

Planned POST-certified Reserve Officer Program using experienced law-enforcement officers to supplement public safety resources, including traffic enforcement, special events and requests for assistance.

Emergency preparedness

The City conducted Incident Command training with the St. George Fire Protection District, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and IBTS, and adopted an emergency operations plan.





A year of building City services

YEAR AT A GLANCE: TOP TEN ACHIEVEMENTS



01

A permanent City Hall

The City acquired its Proverbs Avenue building in August 2025. Renovations continued during the fiscal year.





02

Direct Public Works service

City service began November 1, 2025, including new requests and work inherited during the transition.



03

Planning with residents

The City advanced the 2050 Comprehensive Plan through community engagement, development planning, and updates to zoning and regulations to better reflect the needs and future priorities of a growing St. George.

YEAR AT A GLANCE: TOP TEN ACHIEVEMENTS

Progress, with the next steps clear



CONCEPT RENDERING / PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

04 SAFE Siegen

$24.06M

Federal BUILD award announced. This project is a coordinated approach to improving traffic operations, connectivity and pedestrian safety. Design, approvals and construction remain ahead.

05 Burbank Drive

An April 2 federal announcement identified $2.18 million for safety improvements, including a new turn lane.

06 Financial oversight

The FY2025 audit received an unmodified opinion. Council adopted the FY2026-27 budget on June 9, 2026.

07 Bluebonnet Boulevard sidewalks

A $458,950 CRPC award will add sidewalks from North Oak Hills to Perkins.

08 Beautification

Work began at Proverbs/Sherwood and Jones Creek during the reporting period.

09 City GIS

The City's GIS program launched in September 2025, bringing web maps and field apps to every department.

10 Funding for City projects

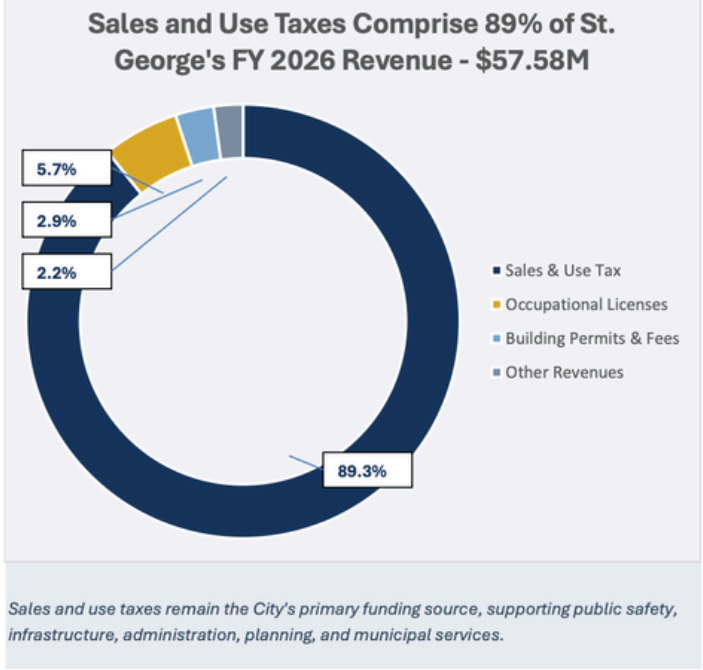
$27.1 million was awarded for SAFE Siegen, Burbank Drive, Bluebonnet sidewalks and a citywide stormwater inventory.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Planning and financial oversight



Source: GF - Monthly, column AF (FY 2026 YTD actuals). Revenue refunds are netted within their related source.



Unaudited fund balance

$35.5M

as of June 30, 2026.

General fund reserve policy met

$18.8M

Policy reserve target.

Outstanding debt

$4.0M

Roughly 7% of annual revenues.

License compliance

A verification webpage helped businesses check license information. The City enhanced its occupational license program by launching an online license verification tool, expanding outreach to local businesses, and increasing efforts to ensure fair and consistent compliance with City licensing requirements.

Audit and oversight

The City's independent auditors issued an unmodified opinion on FY2025 financial statements, indicating that the statements were fairly presented in all material respects.

CAPITAL PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Work on the ground



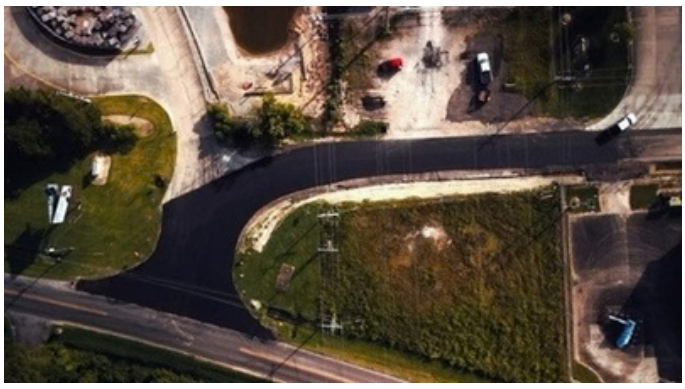
HORSESHOE BEND / WORK UNDERWAY



HORSESHOE BEND / STABILIZATION

Protecting the roadway

At Horseshoe Bend, erosion along the Amite River threatened the land beside the road. Following heavy rain, Engineering and Public Works coordinated emergency repairs to stabilize the riverbank and help protect the roadway.



West Old Perkins

Crews resurfaced and re-striped the deteriorated section of West Old Perkins Road.



South Vignes and Vignes Road

Crews resurfaced and restriped South Vignes and Vignes Road and made drainage improvements.

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Resident feedback



> The way they operate is both functional and efficient, but more importantly, they take the time to actually help and work with us in the field. I know inspections can sometimes be viewed as just another hurdle in the construction process, but your team has done a great job of making the process feel more like a partnership.
>
> - Jackson D.

Housing discussions

Different perspectives, brought together

The City engaged homebuilders, real estate professionals, business leaders, community organizations, neighborhood associations and City leadership in discussions that informed the Housing Needs Assessment and Comprehensive Plan.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

What changed for residents



Access to services online

Businesses can submit occupational-license applications and payments online. Residents and contractors can use GovMotus to apply for building permits, request inspections and track applications. Through GovWell, residents can report drainage concerns and submit Public Works requests. Public GIS maps provided City boundary, zoning and other location information.

Addressing property conditions

Code Enforcement investigated complaints and coordinated cleanup of overgrown grass, rubbish and accumulated debris. Staff worked with property owners to address conditions affecting neighborhood appearance and support the City's broader beautification efforts.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Restoring compliance in St. George

PROPERTY ABATEMENT



BEFORE / ACCUMULATED RUBBISH



AFTER / PROPERTY CLEARED

The condition

The property had accumulated trash, discarded items and other rubbish over several years. The accumulation resulted in code violations requiring the property to be cleared.

The response

When the violations remained unresolved, the City contracted with a vendor to remove the accumulated materials and restore the property to compliance.

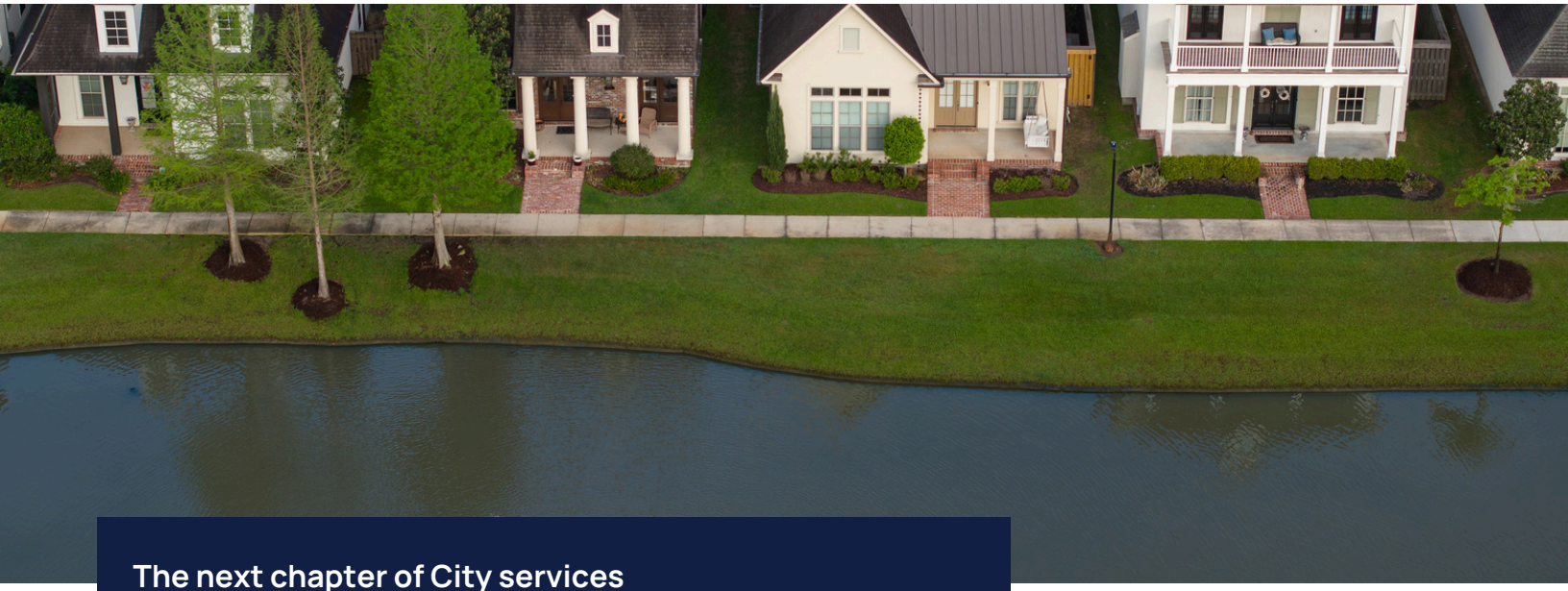
A completed case

Staff members report that the Sandhill Court property was cleared and the owner paid the fines and fees assessed through the administrative hearing, along with the City's costs for the vendor's abatement work.

LOOKING AHEAD

What comes next

The next decisions, commitments and work residents can follow.



The next chapter of City services

01

Roads & drainage

Capital Outlay-funded work on Jefferson Highway, Manchac-Fountain detention and regional drainage, plus a canal maintenance and restoration plan.

02

Transportation

Design and approvals for SAFE Siegen and Burbank Drive, and the development of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan, beginning in 2027 and continuing through March 2028.

03

Planning & growth

The City advanced its 2050 Comprehensive Plan through land use planning, implementation strategies, and community engagement, with completion and consideration for adoption expected by the end of 2026.

RECOGNITION & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The people behind the work



The team delivering services

Thank you to the City's staff, IBTS team, contractors and crews who handled requests, maintained records and carried out work in the field throughout the year.

Public-private partnerships

St. George delivers services through partnerships. Thank you to OSS, businesses, civic organizations, neighborhood associations, and local, state and federal partners for helping move the City forward.







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Local Control.

Follow the work.

Take part in the decisions.

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