

2025

STATE OF THE CITY

City of Stow
Mayor John Pribonic



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Tradition Centered. Future Focused.

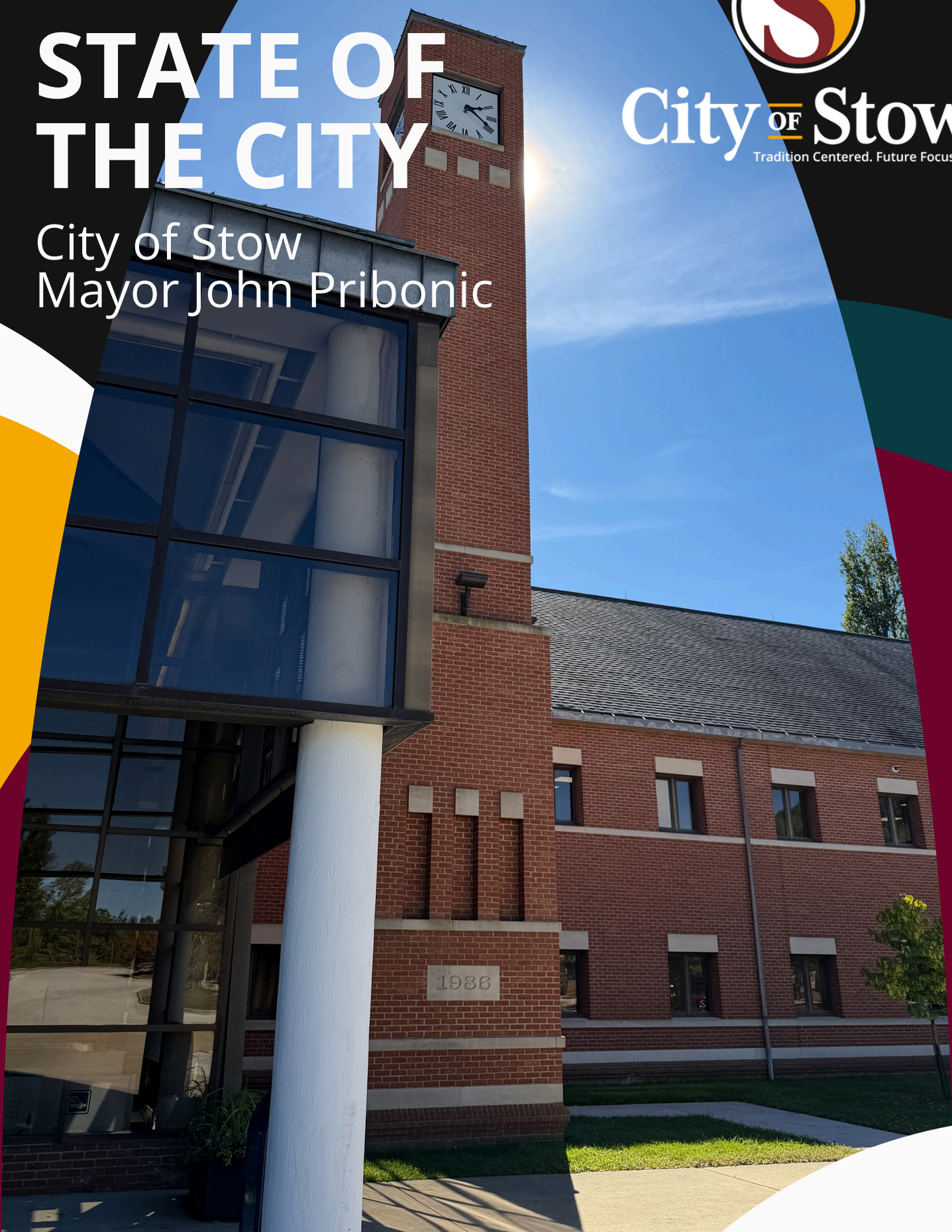
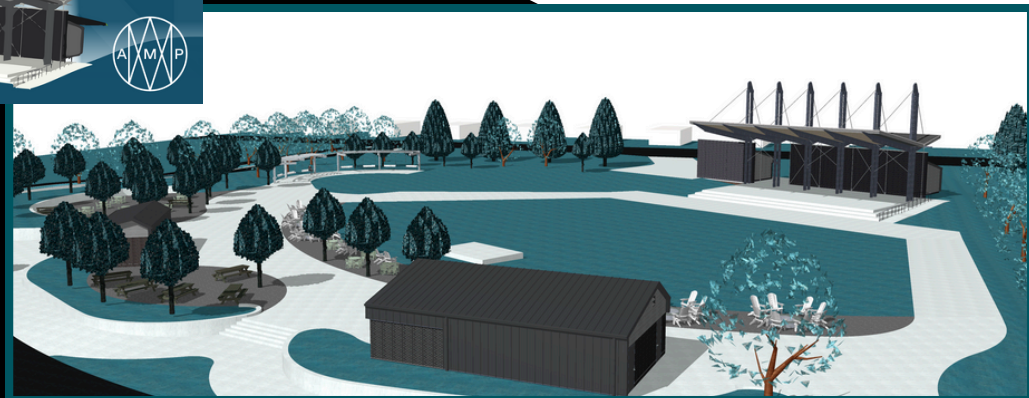


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Message from the Mayor

Dear Stow Residents

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2025, I'm deeply encouraged by the energy, community pride, and progress that define our city. This past year we celebrated the grand opening of the Stow Community & Senior Center, a welcoming space where neighbors of all ages gather, connect, and enjoy new opportunities for engagement and recreation. Our expanded programming continues to enrich lives and strengthen the fabric of our community.

Infrastructure improvements remained a priority throughout the year, with significant advancements on major road projects like Crossroads 91/59 to ensure safer, more efficient travel for residents and visitors alike. At the same time, we pursued economic growth and revitalization opportunities, including plans for public-private partnerships that will enhance community gathering spaces and local commerce.

Our Parks & Recreation Department continued to bring people together with creative

programming and community events that highlight our beautiful parks and foster connections across generations. We also took strides in public art and cultural initiatives to showcase Stow's unique identity and spirit.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without your participation — from volunteering at community events, engaging in local planning conversations, to simply showing up for one another day after day. Your input and involvement continue to shape our shared future.

Looking ahead to 2026, we remain committed to sustaining our city's momentum — with thoughtful investment in infrastructure, expanded recreational opportunities, and continued collaboration with residents, businesses, and community partners. Our strength is in our unity, and I am excited for what we will achieve together in the year to come.

With gratitude,
John Pribonic, Mayor of Stow

Strengthening Stow Through Community Initiatives

Through these initiatives, the City of Stow enhances shared spaces while strengthening connections, celebrating achievements, and inspiring civic pride. Together, these programs reflect the spirit of collaboration and care that makes Stow a vibrant, engaged, and welcoming community for all.



Art Boxes

The Traffic Art Boxes have turned everyday infrastructure into engaging public art, generating positive feedback and enhancing the city's streetscapes. What began as an idea from the Stow Arts Commission continues to add creativity, community pride, and cultural value throughout Stow.



Arts Master Plan

Stow continues to grow as a cultural hub with the initiation of the process for an Arts Master Plan. This initiative will guide the development of public art, cultural programs, and community engagement projects that enhance the city's creative landscape. By fostering arts education and accessible experiences, Stow ensures that creativity remains a vital part of community life.



Graduating Senior Banner Program

Every year, Stow celebrates its graduating seniors by displaying banners in the center of town, at the Stow City Center Complex. This program honors students' achievements and provides a visible way for the community to share in their success. It's a tradition that highlights the importance of education and community pride.



Military Banner Program

The Military Banner Program honors local service members with banners recognizing their commitment and sacrifice. This initiative strengthens community appreciation for our armed forces and provides a lasting public tribute to those who serve.



Team Up to Clean Up

Stow residents actively participate in keeping the community beautiful through the Team Up to Clean Up events. Volunteers of all ages help pick up litter, maintain parks, and improve neighborhoods. These efforts not only beautify Stow but also foster a sense of shared responsibility and pride.



Adopt a Spot

Through the Adopt a Spot program, individuals, families, and organizations take responsibility for specific public areas. From parks to streetscapes, participants help maintain and enhance these spaces year-round, ensuring they remain welcoming and vibrant for everyone.



Women in Arts Month

Celebrating creativity and representation, Women in Arts Month highlights the contributions of women artists throughout Stow. Programs include exhibitions, performances, and workshops that empower artists and engage the community in meaningful cultural experiences.



Minute (or so) with the Mayor

These engaging videos shine a spotlight on Stow's local businesses and organizations as they reach important milestones such as grand openings, anniversaries, expansions, achievements, and community impact—celebrating the people and organizations that help Stow thrive. By sharing these moments on video, the series helps amplify local success stories, strengthen connections between the City and its business community, and highlight the continued growth, investment, and pride that define Stow.



Seasonal Giving Initiatives

Stow's seasonal giving programs provide critical support to local families in need. From holiday drives to community-wide donation efforts, these initiatives mobilize residents, businesses, and organizations to come together and make a meaningful impact.

You're Not Alone — We're Here for You!

Stow's Helping Hands initiative was re-launched in 2025 to support residents facing food insecurity and other challenges by connecting them with essential resources, collecting donations, and fostering community care. The program reflects Stow's commitment to ensuring no neighbor goes without the basics and that support is easily accessible for those who need it.

What Helping Hands Does

- Food Support & Resources: Residents in need can complete a simple request form to receive connection to local food assistance resources.
- Stuff the Ambulance Food Drive: In November 2025, Helping Hands coordinated multiple food drives at Marc's, Acme, and Giant Eagle to collect donations for local pantries and families in need, including drop-off availability at City Hall.
- Stuff the Sleigh Holiday Drive: During December, Santa and volunteers visited local businesses with collection boxes to gather monetary donations supporting neighbors in need through year's end.
- Personal Care Collection: Community members donated personal care and hygiene items for local families and students, demonstrating neighborhood generosity and outreach.
- Stuff the Boot Collection: Help for local residents affected by house fires.



Stow's Helping Hands Program

Community Impact

Through Helping Hands, the City of Stow has mobilized residents, businesses, and volunteers to directly support neighbors during difficult times. These efforts strengthen social connections, assist families and individuals facing hardship, and showcase what it means to look out for one another.

Stow's Helping Hands is in coordination with Stow Munroe Falls City School District, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Bulldog Bags, Inc, and Stow Mental Health Coalition.

Together, we make Stow a caring community — one act of kindness at a time.



Key Accomplishments

In 2025, the Building and Engineering Department delivered major infrastructure improvements focused on stormwater management, water distribution reliability, and transportation safety—while supporting continued growth across the City.

Stormwater Improvement Projects

- Woodbridge Bunker Storm Lining Project (\$97,383): Installed 350 linear feet of storm lining to seal joints and prevent debris infiltration.
- Foresthill Storm Improvements (\$842,582): Constructed an underground stormwater storage basin providing 474,042 gallons of capacity to reduce residential flooding.
- Bobwhite Pond Dredging (\$140,900): Restored water flow and improved long-term pond health.
- Echo Stormwater Study (\$42,862): Evaluated runoff patterns and identified future flooding mitigation projects.
- Stow Community & Senior Center Basin Improvements: Expanded stormwater storage to meet City and OEPA water quality requirements.

Building & Engineering

Transportation Projects

- Darrow Road Reconstruction (SUM-91-8.60): Awarded to Karvo Construction for \$13 million, the largest City-run construction project in Stow's history.
- Kent Road Signal Upgrade (SUM-59-9.90): Awarded for \$2.5 million.
- Grant Success:
 1. Darrow Road: ~\$11 million in grant funding, including the Governor's Pedestrian & Bicycle TAP Grant
 2. Kent Road: ~\$1.8 million
 3. Graham Road: ~\$2.8 million
 4. CMAQ Grant: \$3.6 million for Stow's first roundabout at Stow Road & Fishcreek Road
 5. ODOT Transportation Incentive District Grant: \$150,000 for the Seasons & Allen Road signal

Other Key Efforts

- Fiber Installation Coordination: Reviewed extensive fiber plans and responded to over 100 utility marking requests per day, placing significant demands on Engineering and Water staff.
- GIS Modernization: Began updating asset inventories and GPS-locating more than 13,000 water curb boxes to improve OUPS response and EPA reporting.

Water Distribution Projects

- Water Tower Painting & Antenna Relocation (\$1.15M over 11 years): Designed and constructed a new freestanding radio tower, relocated antennas, and completed interior and exterior tower painting—while maintaining continuous water service through 24/7 manual operations.
- Water Valve Replacements (\$50,000): Proactively replaced valves along Route 91 to avoid future roadway damage during resurfacing.
- Elm Road & Beech Street Waterline Replacement (Phase 2) (\$200,000): Installation completed with restoration scheduled for spring 2026.





“The City of Stow Building and Engineering Department is honored to serve and committed to improving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Stow.”



Goals for the Coming Year

Stormwater Projects

- Liberty Road Culvert Replacement
- Homewood Avenue Storm Improvements
- Echo Road Storm Relief Sewer Installation
- Ritchie - Silver Lake Highlands Storm Improvements

Water Distribution Projects

- Installation of a new SCADA system for improved monitoring, redundancy, and control (completion expected early 2026)
- Phase 3 Elm Road, Edgewood, and Paradise waterline replacements
- Liberty Road Waterline Replacement from Stow Road to Genevieve Blvd.

Transportation Projects

- New traffic signal at Seasons & Allen Road
- Completion of Darrow Road and Kent Road projects by summer 2026
- Begin Graham Road Signal Upgrade Project (\$2.1 M)



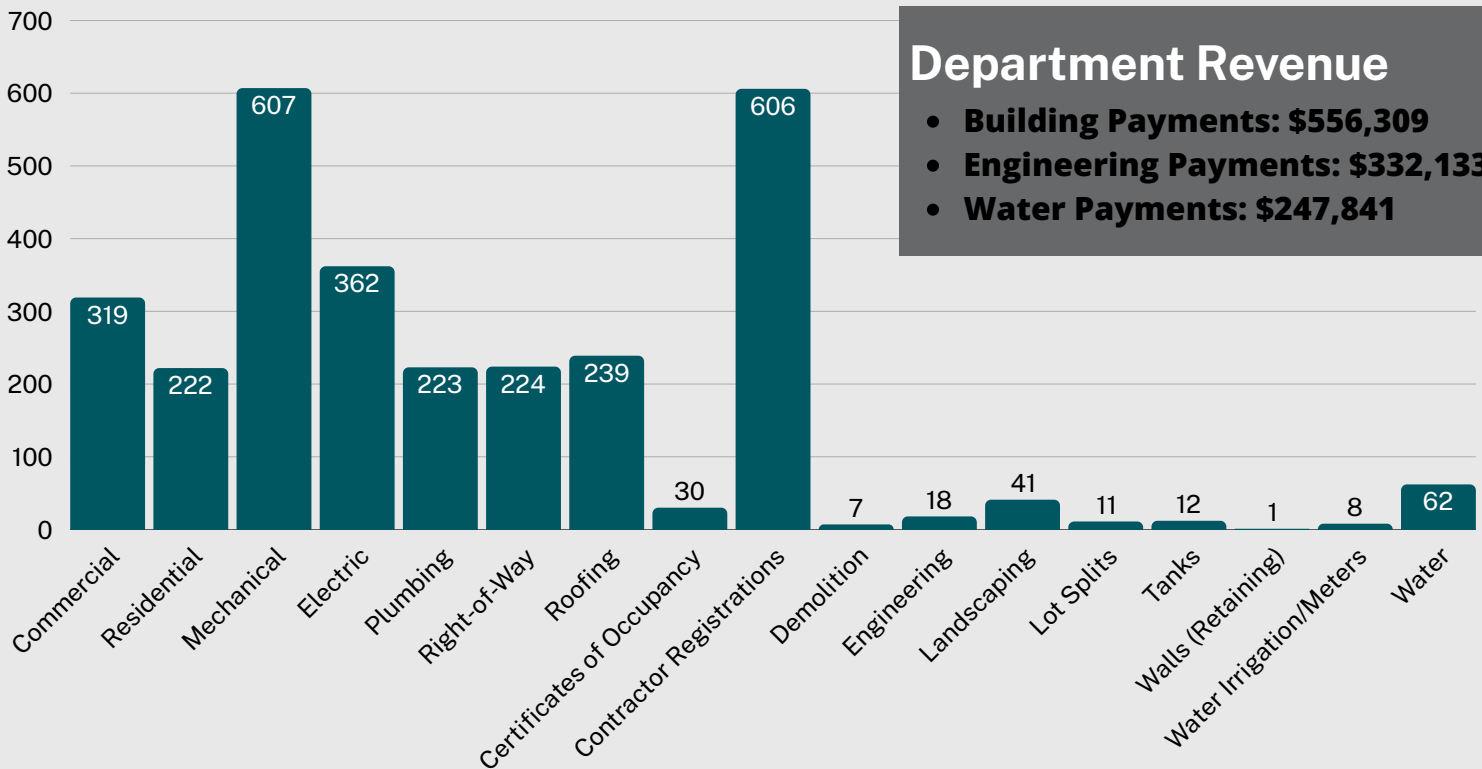
Community Impact

The Building and Engineering Department plays a vital role in maintaining a safe, reliable, and growing community. Infrastructure investments improve roadway safety and mobility, protect water quality, maintain exceptional fire flow capacity, and reduce flooding impacts citywide.

In 2025, the Building Department issued nearly 3,000 permits with a total project valuation exceeding \$80 million, supporting residential and commercial growth across Stow, Munroe Falls, and Peninsula. Through plan review, inspections, and issuance of Certificates of Occupancy, the department ensures projects meet State and local safety standards while fostering economic development.



2025 Total Permits Issued



Key Accomplishments

The Planning & Zoning Department made significant strides this year to support responsible growth, enhance mobility, and protect Stow's natural resources. A comprehensive Safe Travel Plan Update was completed, improving pedestrian and cyclist safety while strengthening multimodal connectivity across the community. The City also adopted an updated Zoning Code, modernizing development regulations to encourage mixed-use projects, streamline permitting, and support long-term economic growth.

To improve efficiency and transparency, GIS tools and data layers were enhanced, providing better access to planning information for both staff and the public. In addition, the City successfully secured grant funding to preserve 40 acres of conservation land, protecting green space for future generations. To support infrastructure investment, six Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts were established to advance future public improvements tied to economic development.

Planning & Development

Data & Metrics

Development activity remained strong, with 11 major projects approved or under construction, representing more than \$60 million in private investment and the creation of 200+ jobs across the community.

Community Impact

Through thoughtful planning and modernized regulations, the department strengthened Stow's economic vitality and overall quality of life. New retail, dining, and industrial developments expanded local options, increased employment opportunities, and bolstered the tax base. At the same time, land conservation and transportation planning initiatives advanced the City's vision of a safe, connected, and sustainable community.

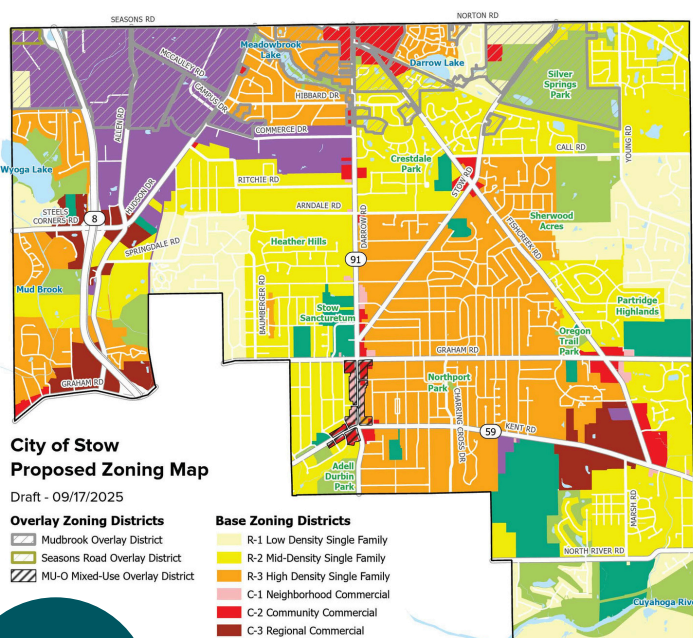
Projects in Progress

Ongoing commercial and industrial projects include expansions at Sunbelt Rentals and AMF Bruns, development of the 600 Seasons Business Center, new Huntington Bank and 7/17 Credit Union locations, and a new Aldi grocery store. Retail and dining growth continues with projects such as Sheetz, Chick-fil-A, 7Brew, Panda Express, Vans Pizza, and Taco Bell. The City is also welcoming The AMP, a new entertainment venue that will enhance arts and culture in Stow.

Goals for the Coming Year

In 2026, the department will implement a streamlined applications manual and updated permitting process to align with the new Zoning Code, expand economic development initiatives, and continue community outreach to ensure residents and stakeholders remain engaged and informed.

“Delivering clear, efficient planning services that support responsible growth and put customer experience at the center of every decision.”



Proposed Zoning Code Map

Key Accomplishments

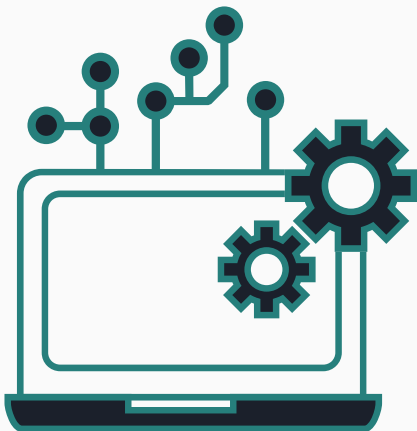
In 2025, the Information Technology Department continued to modernize City systems, strengthen cybersecurity, and expand reliable connectivity across City facilities while improving efficiency and service delivery.

- Established a formal AI Policy with strong governance, security controls, privacy safeguards, and model risk management.
- Expanded Single Sign-On (SSO), Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), password management, and cybersecurity training citywide.
- Implemented NinjaOne RMM and MDM to centralize endpoint and mobile device management, automation, and security.
- Upgraded network security with Palo Alto firewalls, Juniper SRX integration, VLAN separation for Police and Fire, and optimized CAD and VoIP traffic routing.
- Expanded and modernized City Wi-Fi at the Community & Senior Center and Fox Den, including redundancy and 5G backup internet.

Information Technology

Projects in Progress

- Development of a Public Arts technology framework in support of the City's ArtsForward grant.
- Continued refinement of AI governance, cybersecurity policies, and device lifecycle management.



Strategic Technology Investments

- Enhanced emergency and safety systems, including Lynx panic buttons, elevator emergency phones, and assistive listening technology in Council Chambers.
- Improved collaboration and records management through Microsoft 365, SharePoint, OneDrive, copier integrations, and standardized legislative naming conventions.
- Modernized hardware citywide with Dell desktops and laptops, Canon multifunction devices, and secure check scanning and printing.

Looking Ahead

In 2026, the Information Technology Department will continue strengthening security, expanding smart infrastructure, and delivering reliable, modern technology solutions that support City operations and residents.

“Building a secure, adaptive digital infrastructure through thoughtful planning, continuous innovation, and collaboration — strengthening the City’s network one bit at a time.”



Key Accomplishments

The Stow Police Department achieved several major milestones in 2025 focused on public safety, officer wellness, leadership development, and operational efficiency.

Police

Through grant funding, the department expanded its Flock Safety Program with the purchase of four additional cameras at Graham Road and Darrow Road, fully funded by a \$10,000 FY24 Violent Crime Reduction Grant. In collaboration with four neighboring jurisdictions, Stow PD was also awarded a \$200,000 FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant, supporting comprehensive officer wellness initiatives including clinical counseling, resilience training, mindfulness sessions, and access to a dedicated wellness center.

The department earned the Lexipol Connect Gold Award, recognizing excellence in policy management and training compliance. Individual achievements included Officer Taylor Paxton being named Patrol Officer of the Year by the

Summit County Prosecutor's Office and Sergeant Brett Balog's appointment as a Metro SWAT Team leader, with three Stow officers now serving in SWAT leadership roles. The department also launched a new Officer Recognition Program, honoring service milestones, including Detective Edie Gaffney's 30 years of service.

Additional accomplishments included advanced leadership training for command staff, implementation of long-awaited digital scheduling software, and the department-wide upgrade of service handguns equipped with RedDot technology to enhance officer safety and performance.





Data & Metrics

In 2025, Stow Police officers collectively completed 330 days of training, covering leadership development, drug interdiction, instructor certification, advanced report writing, and crisis intervention techniques. Final year-end statistics will be available in early 2026.



Community Impact

Stow Police continued to make a positive impact beyond daily patrols through meaningful community engagement. The Shop With a Cop program helped 29 local children enjoy a brighter holiday season as part of a regional effort supporting nearly 200 children. Stow PD also proudly participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run, raising \$3,350 locally and contributing to more than \$102,000 statewide for Special Olympics Ohio. In addition, the department expanded its Reserve Officer Program, strengthening public safety capacity while maintaining strong community connections.



Projects in Progress

The department is preparing to launch its new Drone Team, with four officers trained and certified. Equipment delivery is expected by the end of 2025, with deployment planned for January 2026. Joint training exercises with the Stow Fire Department are also scheduled, focusing on trauma medical aid and active threat response.



“Stow Police value our relationship with the community and the support of many around us. Here’s to a great year ahead!”

Goals for the Coming Year

Following the retirement of Chief Jeffrey Film after 34 years of service, the department enters 2026 under the leadership of Chief Heather Prusha. Goals for the year ahead include expanding community education efforts, reintroducing the Police Open House Tour in the fall, and rejoining the Summit County Violent Fugitive Task Force with one officer assigned to assist in apprehending violent offenders.



Key Accomplishments

In 2025, the Stow Fire Department was recognized at the state level for excellence in fire safety education and emergency medical response. Due to the continued success of the Fire Safety Education Program, Firefighter Mel Gammell was named 2025 Ohio Fire Safety Educator of the Year and honored by the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office in Columbus.

Several members of C-Shift, along with Stow Police and an SECC dispatcher, received the prestigious EMS Star of Life Award for their coordinated lifesaving efforts during a cardiac arrest incident. The team was formally recognized at the Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame & Fire Awards ceremony, highlighting the department's commitment to teamwork, professionalism, and high-quality emergency care.

Fire

“Saving lives and property through fire prevention, suppression, education, and quality Emergency Medical Services.”

Data & Metrics

Incident Type Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
100 - Fire	6	3	3	9	5	11	11	9	9	10	5	4	85
200 - Series	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	5
300 - EMS	438	395	359	378	338	406	391	344	424	408	344	394	4619
400 - Hazardous	10	9	12	19	18	23	22	26	24	27	19	16	225
500 - Service Call	55	34	47	40	47	51	46	47	63	50	50	59	589
600 - Series	18	24	26	17	22	21	20	21	23	28	22	27	269
700 - False Alarm	39	30	23	31	34	48	38	38	34	37	32	42	426
800 - Natural Disaste	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
900 - Special Inciden	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Monthly Total	568	496	471	495	464	562	528	486	578	561	473	545	6227



**EMS
Star of Life
Award**

Community Impact

Fire prevention and education remained a cornerstone of the department’s work. In 2025, Fire Safety Educator Mel Gammell reached approximately 9,600 residents through 315 fire safety programs, serving children, adults, and seniors across the community. The department installed 54 smoke alarms in 24 households, distributed donated carbon monoxide alarms to residents in need, and assisted with 55 car seat installations, including a community event in partnership with Akron Children’s Hospital. Seasonal education efforts also included school programs focused on lithium-ion battery safety, and student engagement through the annual Fire Safety Poster Contest.

Projects in Progress

The department continued its focus on rebuilding and workforce sustainability in response to retirements among long-tenured firefighters. Staffing efforts included the addition of two firefighters in July 2025 and the hiring of five new firefighters in January 2026, marking the first group of replacement personnel following earlier hiring cycles.

Goals for the Coming Year

In 2026, the Fire Department will prioritize succession planning and leadership development as upper-level command staff retire. Training and preparation of the next generation of officers will remain a key focus through the transition period and into fall 2026.



Key Accomplishments

In 2025, the Finance Department maintained strong financial stability across the City, ending the fiscal year with healthy balances in all major funds, with the exception of the Water Operating and Water Capital Funds. To address these areas, a comprehensive water rate study was completed to evaluate long-term sustainability; following review, City Council determined that a water rate increase was not necessary at this time.

Key accomplishments included assisting in the preparation and issuance of the 2026 Capital and Operating Budgets, continuing the City's long-term debt reduction policies, and advancing the 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Plan to streamline and prioritize capital investments citywide.

Finance

Projects in Progress

The department initiated an in-depth review of the Water Operating and Water Capital Funds to identify sustainable, long-term solutions. An independent study conducted by Raftelis proposed a five-year funding strategy, which is currently being evaluated alongside alternative options designed to minimize impacts on residents.

Financial Transparency

The City successfully completed a full independent financial audit, meeting all requirements of the Ohio Auditor's Office and reinforcing the City's commitment to accountability and transparency.



“Through prudent financial management, strategic investments, and technological advancements, the Finance Department is ensuring Stow remains a financially stable and forward-thinking community.”



Strategic Investments & Infrastructure

The Finance Department played a central role in facilitating major projects that enhanced quality of life without increasing the tax burden on residents. The City successfully purchased land for the new Amphitheater without the need for a tax levy or additional taxpayer dollars. Funding for the project was made possible through the sale of City-owned cell towers, generating \$6 million and eliminating the need for new debt. Additional investments supported road and sidewalk improvements to strengthen connectivity throughout the community. The City also avoided a transition to RITA municipal tax collection by filling long-vacant staffing positions, allowing tax services to remain in-house.

Goals for the Coming Year

In 2026, the Finance Department will finalize the purchase of property for the Amphitheater District, implement an updated funding strategy for the Water Operating and Water Capital Funds, and continue its commitment to maintaining long-term financial stability for the City of Stow.

Key Accomplishments

In 2025, the Law Department played a key role in advancing major City initiatives, including legal support for the AMP project, from Council approval through execution of development agreements and property closing. The department also expanded community outreach by launching “Law Talks with Drew” at the Stow Community & Senior Center, offering educational sessions on topics such as scam prevention and probate basics. In partnership with the Akron Bar Association and Community Legal Aid, Wills for Heroes returned, providing 64 free estate planning packages to local first responders.

Data & Metrics

Through its prosecutors, the Law Department handled 953 criminal and traffic cases in Stow Municipal Court in 2025. The department also supported Planning & Zoning enforcement efforts, including participation in 11 Administrative Hearing Board hearings related to zoning violations.

Law

Community Impact

The Law Department worked closely with the 2025 Charter Review Commission, which began its work in February and held multiple meetings, including three public town halls. The process resulted in nine proposed Charter amendments, two of which were advanced by City Council and approved by voters in the November 2025 General Election.

In collaboration with the Planning and Finance Departments, the Law Department also assisted in establishing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) mechanisms, positioning the City to benefit from funding through 10 TIF districts to date.

Projects in Progress

The City is currently developing a Public Arts Master Plan using a \$25,000 ArtsForward grant awarded through ArtsNow. The Law Department is supporting this effort alongside Sabertooth Public Arts of Akron, with the completed plan expected to be presented to City Council for adoption in the second quarter of 2026.

Goals for the Coming Year

Beginning in 2026, the Law Department will assume responsibility for prosecuting criminal cases for the City of Twinsburg. This expansion will add a new prosecutor to the department and support increased efficiency within the Stow Municipal Court.



“We view the law not as static rules, but as a dynamic tool to creatively and effectively serve the City and its residents. Our goal is to support progress while protecting the public interest.”

Key Accomplishments

2025 ASPHALT RESURFACING/CONCRETE PROGRAM

In 2025, the City of Stow advanced key infrastructure improvements while continuing its commitment to proactive asset management and long-term planning.

City records show the maintenance of approximately 93,524 square yards of roadway routes, supported by targeted investments in both concrete and asphalt infrastructure.

Improvements completed throughout the year included:

- 25,981 square feet of concrete sidewalks
- 13,541 square feet of concrete drive approaches
- 6,022 square feet of concrete streets
- 10,783 tons of asphalt used for street resurfacing and preservation

Service

High-Impact Projects

Several projects were completed in 2025. Work at the Stow Community & Senior Center was finalized with completion of the parking lot and the retention pond improvements, including striping and painting 95 parking spaces, enhancing safety, accessibility, and overall site functionality.

In addition, the City completed a sidewalk connectivity project linking Silver Springs Park to Norton Road, creating a safer, continuous pedestrian route that improves access to parks, neighborhoods, and key destinations., the City of Stow advanced key infrastructure improvements while continuing its commitment to proactive asset management and long-term planning.



“Keeping our city running — safely, efficiently, every day — maintaining the roads, facilities, and systems our community depends on.”

Other Key Accomplishments

The Service Department completed extensive street sweeping throughout the city, improving roadway cleanliness and safety. The department's street sweeper—known affectionately as “Sweepy Joe”—was central to this effort.

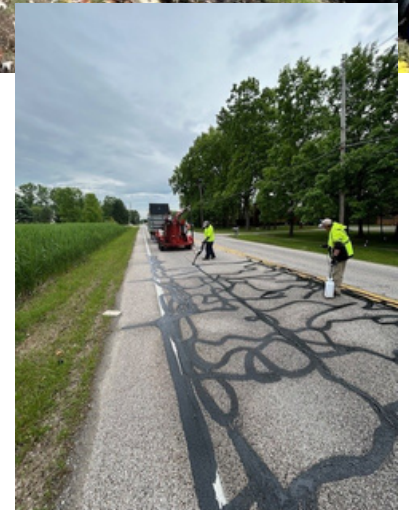
Seasonal leaf pickup was highly successful despite a shortened season caused by early snowfall. Full-time and seasonal staff worked together to collect more than 22,000 cubic yards of leaves, preparing neighborhoods for winter. Crews also supported winter readiness by managing salt and brine operations, using over 9,600 tons of salt and 20,000 gallons of brine to maintain safe road conditions.



Ongoing Maintenance & Infrastructure

Throughout the year, crews continued cleanouts of City-owned retention ponds, supporting stormwater management and system performance. Sidewalk replacement projects were also ongoing, improving walkability, accessibility, and neighborhood connectivity.

The Service Department continued evaluating storm sewer systems and retention basins to support long-term infrastructure needs and system efficiency.



Goals for 2025

In 2026, the Service Department will focus on storm sewer project collection line extensions, continue basin cleanouts, and maintain proactive street, sidewalk, and seasonal maintenance efforts to support a safe and well-functioning community.

Key Accomplishments

2025 marked a landmark year for Fox Den Golf Course, driven by strong community support and strategic investments.

- Record-breaking overall revenue totaling \$2,554,579
- Nearly 50% increase in driving range revenue following the opening of the covered range
- Continued strong play with over 53,800 rounds played
- Food & Beverage and Pro Shop revenues exceeded prior-year performance

Fox Den Golf Course

Financial Performance & Usage

Fox Den experienced growth across nearly every category, reinforcing its role as both a premier recreational amenity and a strong revenue generator for the City.

2025 Highlights

- Total Revenue: \$2,554,579
- Total Rounds Played: 53,851

2024 Comparison

- Total Revenue: \$2,324,545
- Total Rounds Played: 53,942

“Fox Den Golf Course continues to drive community engagement and revenue growth — delivering a premier golf experience year after year.”

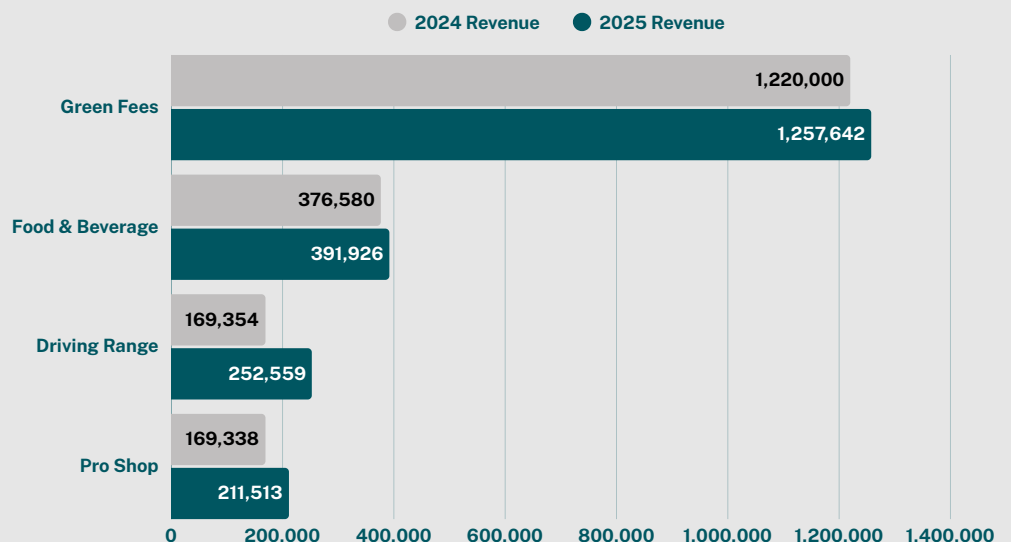


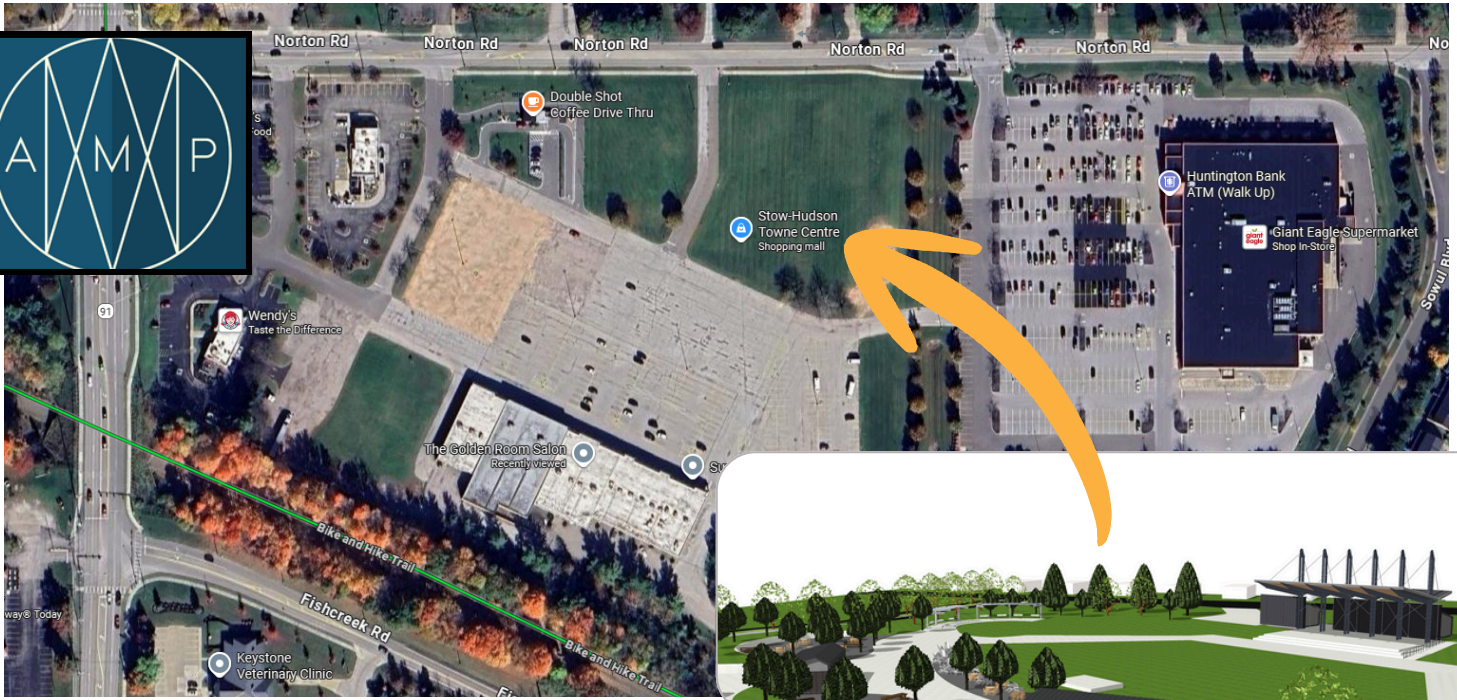
Projects in Progress

- Planning and design underway to convert Hole #8 from a par 4 to a long, challenging par 5
- Installation of heaters in the covered driving range, expanding year-round usability
- Continued course and facility improvements focused on player experience



Fox Den Revenue by Category 2024 vs 2025
Driving range revenue increased nearly 50% year over year





Parks & Recreation

Key Accomplishments

The AMP – A New Era for Community Entertainment. Stow reached a major milestone with the purchase agreement finalized for The AMP property, the City's future outdoor amphitheater at Norton Road and Darrow Road. Designed as a hub for concerts, culture, and connection, The AMP will serve as a catalyst for civic pride and economic growth. With design plans complete, the City is moving into the bidding phase, with construction expected to begin in 2026.

AMP Highlights

- 100+ annual events and performances
- 3 acres of community green space
- Stage and lawn seating
- 26 miles of connected trails
- 3,000 sq. ft. of adjacent retail and dining
- 9% of the site dedicated to walkable public space

These events strengthened community bonds while activating parks, trails, and public spaces citywide.

Programs, Events & Community Engagement

Sports & Recreation Seasonal youth and adult offerings included basketball, flag football, pickleball, tennis, volleyball, yoga, Pilates, and lacrosse. Pickleball participation continued to grow, highlighted by new Pickleball Ladder and Pop-Up Leagues.

Signature Community Events

- Concerts on the Green
- Celebrate Stow Week & Fourth of July events
- Glow with Stow
- Summer Sunset Blast
- Haunted Hayride
- Connect with Nature Series
- Wine & Design workshops
- National LEGO Day, Bunny Trail Hop, Fishing Derby, and more

Participation & Impact (2025)

- 20,000+ program participants
- 7,000+ event attendees
- 56,000+ park and facility users

Community & Senior Center - First Year in Review

The Stow Community & Senior Center celebrated its first full year as a vibrant gathering place for residents of all ages. Offering more than 200 programs and nearly 35 special events, the Center quickly became a cornerstone of connection, wellness, and lifelong learning.

By the Numbers

- 747 senior memberships
- 3,500 total visits
- 200+ programs offered
- 35 special events hosted

Looking ahead to 2026, expanded programming, new partnerships, and signature events are planned.

Program Highlights

- Fitness and wellness classes (yoga, mobility, health education)
- Arts, enrichment, and technology support
- Social events, luncheons, and intergenerational programs
- Community partnerships and volunteer opportunities

Facility Enhancements

- Final parking lot paving and landscaping
- Exterior lighting upgrades
- Modern stormwater system and fountain feature
- Interior sound system upgrades

“Now and for the future, we strive to provide high-quality parks, recreation facilities, programs, and events supporting a more livable community to live, work and play.”





Fun in Stow
PARKS & RECREATION
2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Fun in Stow - On the Go!

In 2025, the City of Stow proudly rolled out a vibrant new community bus that replaces the aging fleet vehicle that served residents for many years. Featuring a colorful, eye-catching wrap inspired by our Fun in Stow spirit, the new bus brings fresh energy, improved comfort, and greater reliability to community transportation. Residents can get a first look during “Meet the Bus” pop-up events to be held the beginning of 2026, before Stow on the Go officially hits the road in March for a full season of trips, outings, and adventures for seniors, families, and residents of all ages.



Parks, Facilities & Capital Planning

Stow maintains more than 410 acres of parkland across neighborhood and community parks, offering playgrounds, trails, athletic fields, dog parks, and inclusive recreational spaces.

Notable Assets

- Silver Springs Park & Campground
- SKiP Playground and S.O.A.R. Boundless Playground
- Bow Wow Beach Dog Park
- Oregon Trail Pickleball Complex
- Sancturetum Wellness Trail & StoryWalk

Capital Projects Looking Ahead (2026)

- Amphitheater *THE AMP* Construction
- NEW Restroom/Shelter - Oregon Trail Park Pickleball Complex
- Playground replacement - Heather Hills Park
- Community & Senior Center HVAC and roof replacement
- Park, facility & field upgrades



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