

# The Mauldin Report

June 2020



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## MAULDIN RANKED AMONG TOP TEN SAFEST SC CITIES

SafeWise has released  
its sixth annual Safest  
Cities report.

South Carolina shows a  
higher level of concern  
about safety than most  
other states. While SC  
has higher statewide

crime rates than national averages, the safest cities in the state are leading the way with fewer incidents of both violent and property crime. 52% of SC residents who participated in SafeWise's 2020 State of Safety study reported feeling high or very high concern for their safety every day. That's six percentage points higher than the national average.



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Higher crime rates and more reports of personal experience with property crime could be reasons there's more general worry in the Palmetto State.

South Carolina has the third-highest number of people who've been affected by property crime in the past 12 months (37% compared to the national average of 26%). The state's property crime rate is 30.2 incidents per 1,000 people, which is eight points higher than the national rate of 22.0.

When it comes to violent crime, South Carolina has one of the lowest numbers of people who say they've been affected by violent crime in the past year (5% versus the national average of 12%). That's a decrease of two percentage points from last year. But the state's violent crime rate of 4.9 is still above the national rate of 3.7 incidents per 1,000.

Mauldin made the top ten safest cities, ranking number eight on the list. With a population of just over 25,000, the violent crime rate fell compared to last year from 2.5 to 1.7. The property crime rate was 17.3, lower than the national property rate of 22.0.

90% of the cities had violent crime rates that are lower than the national rate of 3.7 and 100% are lower than the state rate of 4.9. Sixteen cities (80%) beat the national property crime (22.0) rate and 85% beat the state rate (30.2). Five cities reported fewer than 100 total property crimes.

The full list is available online at [safewise.com](http://safewise.com).

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## IN THE MEDIA



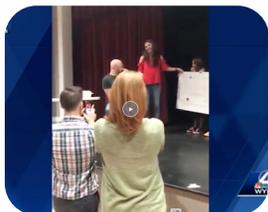
Upstate doctor sewing masks for patients.

*Fox Carolina, 5.13*



6 Mauldin mayors reflect on the path from town to city

*The Greenville Journal, 5.21*



CommUNITY Champion: Theater director brings Upstate singers together during isolation

*WYFF News 4, 5.19*



Metropolitan Arts Council to grant \$275,500 to local arts organizations

*The Greenville Journal, 5.21*

# MAULDIN CULTURAL CENTER RECEIVES GRANT FROM METROPOLITAN ARTS COUNCIL

The Mauldin Cultural Center was one of many local arts organizations to receive a grant from the Metropolitan Arts Council in May. The Metropolitan Arts Council partnered with the Graham Foundation and the Canal Charitable Foundation to distribute \$275,500 in COVID-19 relief funds to 28 arts organizations, many of which have suffered huge losses.

According to an article by the Greenville Journal, the fund was started with a \$102,000 withdrawal from the MAC Endowment for the Arts, which was established in 2009 for the organization's grants program, said Alan Ethridge, MAC executive director.

It's the first time such a withdrawal has been made, said board chairman Michael Cooper, "but it was very important to do so given the projected losses of so many arts organizations."



*The cast of Annie, Jr. poses for a cast photo in early March.*

That amount was then matched by generous contributions from the Graham Foundation and Canal Charitable Foundation, Ethridge said. "Greenville is so fortunate to have such philanthropic partners who realize the importance of the arts in the vitality of our amazing city," he said.

To gauge the extent of the virus's impact on the arts community, Ethridge said calls were made to every organization that had received MAC support in the last three years. Any group that reported losses because of COVID-19 was selected for funding. With no money coming in, Ethridge said the organizations' combined losses easily total \$4-5 million.

"This virus can be very, very catastrophic, and it has been," he said.

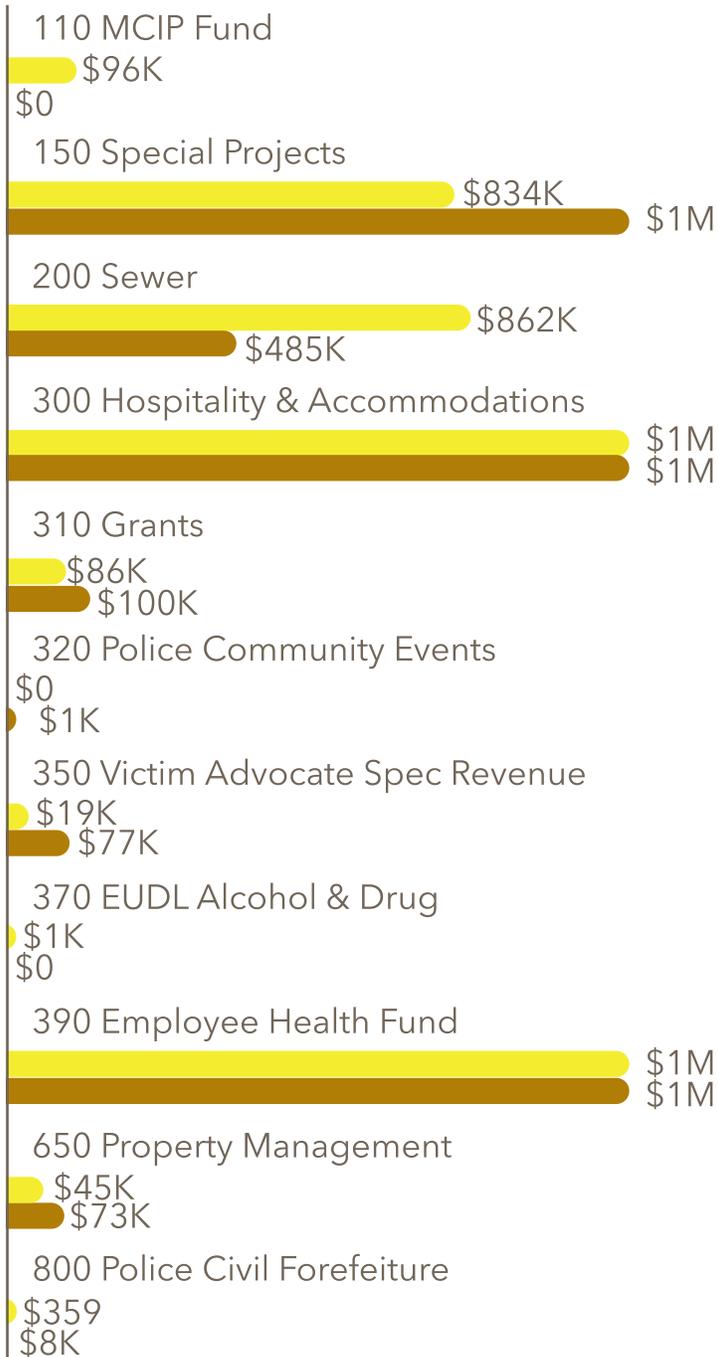
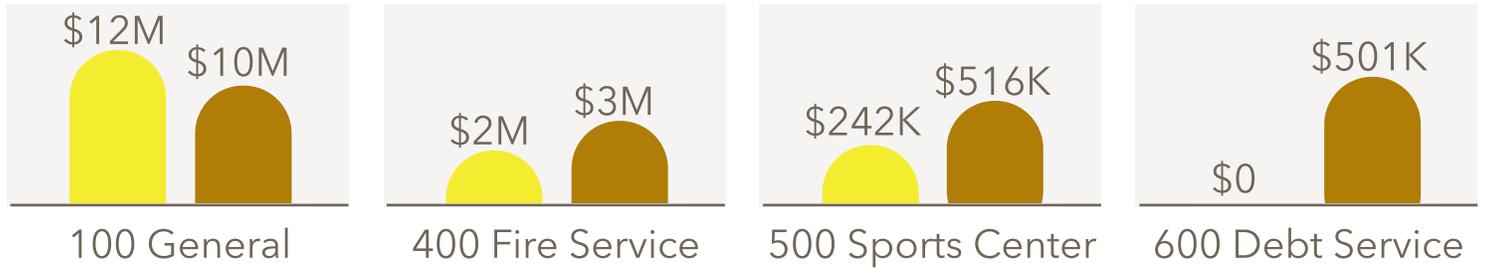
Since the pandemic was declared in March, arts organizations have had to cancel and postpone performances, events, exhibits and fundraisers, according to Kerry Murphy, the executive director of Artisphere, which received \$10,250 in relief funds. "That loss of income can be devastating. These relief funds will have a tremendous impact on our cultural community," Murphy said in a statement.

The Mauldin Cultural Center was among 19 recipients to receive at least \$6,000. The Cultural Center was forced to cancel two of its events - the Mauldin Theatre Company's production of *Seussical* in May, and the PB&J: Pizza, Blues & Jazz Festival in April. They also postponed the Mauldin Youth Theatre's production of *Annie, JR.*, originally planned for two weekends with eight shows in March, which was just three days from opening night when the Cultural Center closed due to the pandemic. *Annie, JR.* is currently planned for five shows on July 9, 11, & 12 assuming it is safe for the production to run.

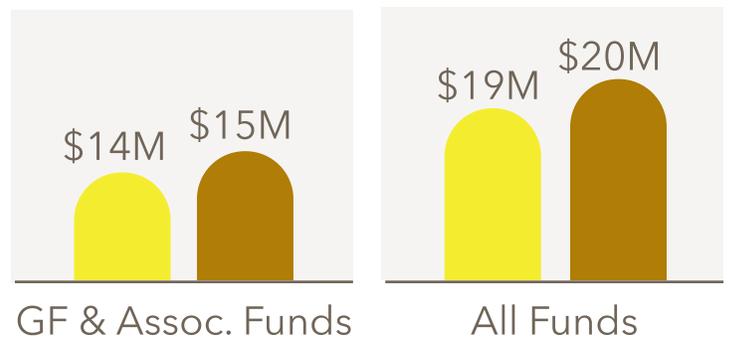
# DEPARTMENT REPORTS | FINANCE

## YTD Revenues & Expenditures

● Revenues ● Expenditures

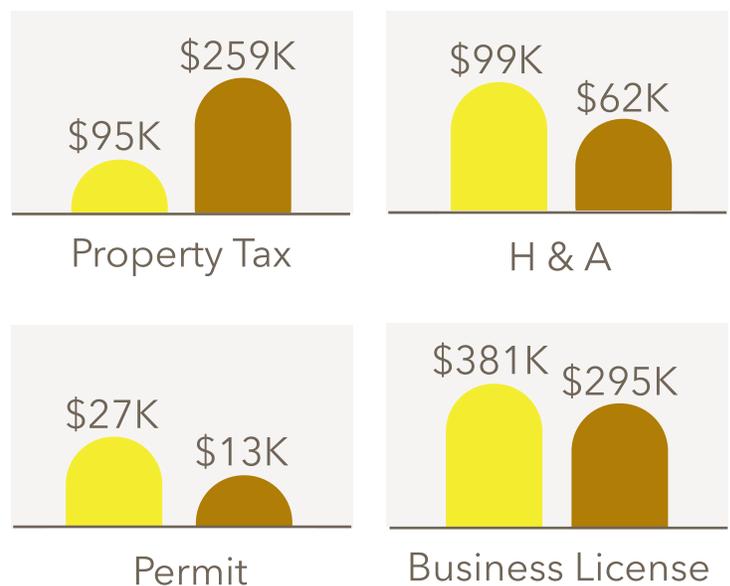


## TOTAL FUNDS



## May Revenues

● FY 2019 ● FY 2020



# DEPARTMENT REPORT | COMMUNITY DEV

## Mauldin Cultural Center

It is the mission of the Cultural Center to give all citizens and visitors the ability to experience and participate in artistic and cultural activities. In an effort to uphold that mission, the Cultural Team created the hashtag #KeepCreativeUpstate where the public can share ways in which they've stayed creative during the virus outbreak. The Cultural team has re-shared these videos and photos to support those individuals and encourage others.

The Cultural team has been sharing videos from the Center's arts education instructors, from video tutorials to musical performances from their students. Videos are shared weekly through the Cultural Center's e-blast, and can also be found at [mauldinculturalcenter.org/video-series](http://mauldinculturalcenter.org/video-series).

The Cultural Center received a grant of \$6,000 from the Metropolitan Arts Council in conjunction with the Graham Foundation. The Mauldin Cultural Center was among 28 arts organizations to receive such grants for COVID-19 relief funds. The Cultural Center was forced to cancel two of its events - the Mauldin Theatre Company's production of *Seussical* in May, and the PB&J: Pizza, Blues & Jazz Festival in April. They also postponed the Mauldin Youth Theatre's production of *Annie, JR.*, originally planned for two weekends with eight shows in March. *Annie, JR.* is currently planned for five shows on July 9, 11, & 12 assuming it is safe for the production to run. The Cultural Center staff wish to thank MAC and the Graham Foundation for their generous contribution to the arts.

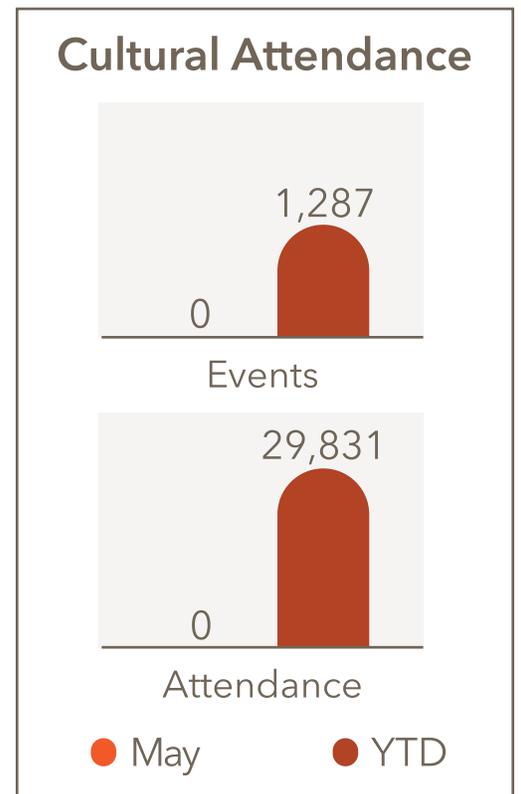
Registration has been extended for the 10th Annual *Sooie*. Mauldin BBQ Cook-off! This year's event will take place on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2020. Only 30 BBQ Team slots are open for this event that is sanctioned and judged by the South Carolina Barbeque Association (SCBA). Cookers can find registration packets and forms online at [mauldinbbq.com](http://mauldinbbq.com) or [sctbarbeque.com](http://sctbarbeque.com).

It's summer, which means we're bringing the beach music scene



*The Mauldin Cultural Center offers a variety of arts education classes, from pottery, painting and woodworking to singing, guitar, and more. All of our classes are taught by community artists and are offered at competitive prices.*

*Visit us at [mauldinculturalcenter.org](http://mauldinculturalcenter.org) to learn more about available subjects and how to register for a class.*



back to Mauldin with Beachin' Fridays, sponsored by Duke Energy and United Community Bank! Get ready for evenings of shag dancing, beer and wine from Growler Haus, and a variety of food trucks. All shows are free, so bring your dancing shoes, lawn chairs, and blankets - it's gonna be a long, fun, Southern night!

Beachin' Fridays is currently scheduled for July 3 - August 21. These dates may be cancelled depending on the City's ongoing evaluation of the COVID-19 pandemic. An announcement will be made as soon as more details are available. The current line-up is subject to change, but includes: The Holiday Band, The Catalinas, Rhythm City Band, The Tams, Cat 5, The Shag Doctorz, Larry McNair & Friends, and BACK 9.

The Mauldin Farmers Market started at the beginning of June as originally planned, but with several health and safety precautions added in light of COVID-19 and the social distancing orders put forth by the Governor of South Carolina. The Market, which takes place on Tuesdays evenings, 5-8 p.m. in June and July, features a wide variety of vendors selling locally sourced and produced dairy, eggs, honey, gifts, clothing, produce, pastries, and more!

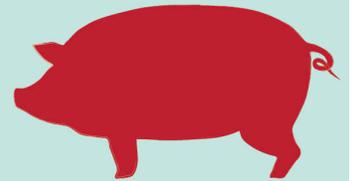
For more information on events at the Mauldin Cultural Center, including information on how these events will be affected by COVID-19, please visit [mauldinculturalcenter.org](http://mauldinculturalcenter.org).

## IMPORTANT NOTE

The continuation of events within our 2019-2020 season as scheduled will depend on the City of Mauldin's ongoing evaluation of the COVID-19 epidemic. Should it be unsafe to hold an event, we will do everything within our power to re-schedule all events so that we provide the public with a full season.

**SOOIE.**

MAULDIN'S 10TH ANNUAL  
BBQ COOK-OFF



SEPT.  
18-19

COOKER  
REGISTRATION  
OPEN NOW

[MAULDINBBQ.COM](http://MAULDINBBQ.COM)



**MAULDIN**  
FARMERS MARKET

**TUESDAYS, 5 - 8 PM**  
**JUNE - JULY, 2020**

**BEACHIN'**  
**FRIDAYS**

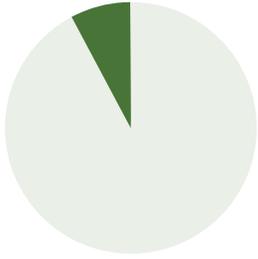
JULY 3 - AUGUST 21  
2020



[MAULDINCULTURALCENTER.ORG/BEACHIN-FRIDAYS](http://MAULDINCULTURALCENTER.ORG/BEACHIN-FRIDAYS)

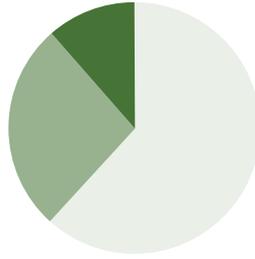
# DEPARTMENT REPORT | PUBLIC WORKS

## Sanitation



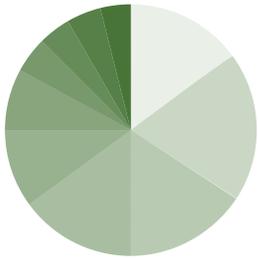
- Trash | 687.13 Tons
- Recycle | 67.48 Tons

## Streets



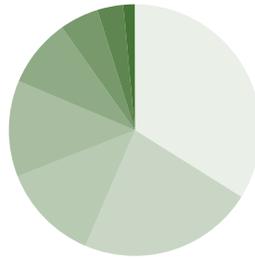
- Trees | 24
- Miscellaneous | 10
- Streets | 4

## Building Maintenance



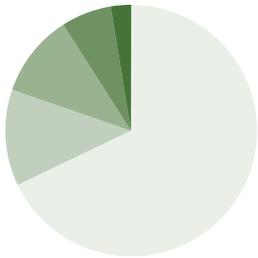
- Senior Center | 4
- City Hall | 4
- Cultural Center | 4
- Sports Center | 3
- Fire Department | 2
- Jenkins St | 2
- Sunset Park | 1
- City Park | 1
- McDougal Court | 1
- Springfield Park | 1

## Parks



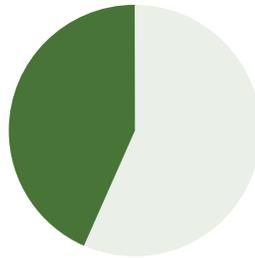
- Assist Sanitation/Leave | 466 Hrs
- Lawn and Leaf Care | 354 Hrs
- Bed Maintenance | 140 Hrs
- Field Prep | 140 Hrs
- Event Prep | 80 Hrs
- Park Maintenance | 66 Hrs
- Litter Control | 44 Hrs
- Equipment Maintenance | 24 Hrs

## Fleet Maintenance



- Police | 23
- Sanitation | 5
- Fire | 5
- Streets | 2
- Administration | 1

## Sewer Reports



- Sewer Main Trunk Line Cleaned | 525 ft
- Sewer Main Trunk Line Inspected | 450 ft

5 Sewer Manholes Inspected



# DEPARTMENT REPORT | RECREATION

## Youth Athletics

Mauldin Recreation will resume games for youth sports on June 15, 2020. Registration information for flag football, tackle football, cheerleading, baseball, and softball can be found online at [mauldinrecreation.com](http://mauldinrecreation.com). Adult basketball and youth lacrosse will remain suspended until further notice.

Trails, greenspaces, and playgrounds are open at Sunset Park, City Park, and Pineforest Park. The smaller fenced-in playground (for kids ages 2-5) on City Center Drive is also open, although the larger playground (for kids ages 5-12) will remain closed due to ongoing repairs to the playground's turf. Springfield Park will also remain closed due to ongoing construction.

## YOUTH ATHLETICS REGISTRATION

Registration is open until June 30 for Mauldin Recreation youth athletics! Sign up for cheerleading, flag football, tackle football, baseball, or softball! Visit [mauldinrecreation.com](http://mauldinrecreation.com) for more details!



Mauldin Recreation

**Mauldin Recreation**  
10 City Center Drive, Mauldin, SC  
864.335.4854 | [mauldinrecreation.com](http://mauldinrecreation.com)



## Senior Center

The Ray Hopkins Senior Center plans to re-open in July, following safety guidelines from the City of Mauldin and the State of South Carolina. The Center will reopen in phases, starting with allowing access only in the downstairs section. Guests will be required to wear masks and have their temperature scanned upon entrance, and they will also be encouraged to wear gloves. Sanitizer will be provided for those without gloves. Further guidelines on visiting the Senior Center after the facility reopens are available online at [mauldinrecreation.com](http://mauldinrecreation.com) in the Senior Center's monthly newsletter.

## Sports Center

The Mauldin Sports Center reopened on June 8 with temporary hours. The Center is open Monday to Friday, 5:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; and closed on Sunday. Members will be allowed to take back to back classes and exercise without time limits. New members are also now being accepted. The Sports Center will also continue to offer live-streamed workouts for 30 Minute Strength Training Intervals on Mondays at 2:00 p.m., as well as SilverSneakers taught by Dianne. Questions can be directed to the Mauldin Sports Center at 864.335.4875.

# MAULDIN SPORTS CENTER

# WE ARE OPEN!



## HOURS OF OPERATION:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:  
5:30AM-5:00PM**

**SATURDAY:  
8:00AM-2:00PM**



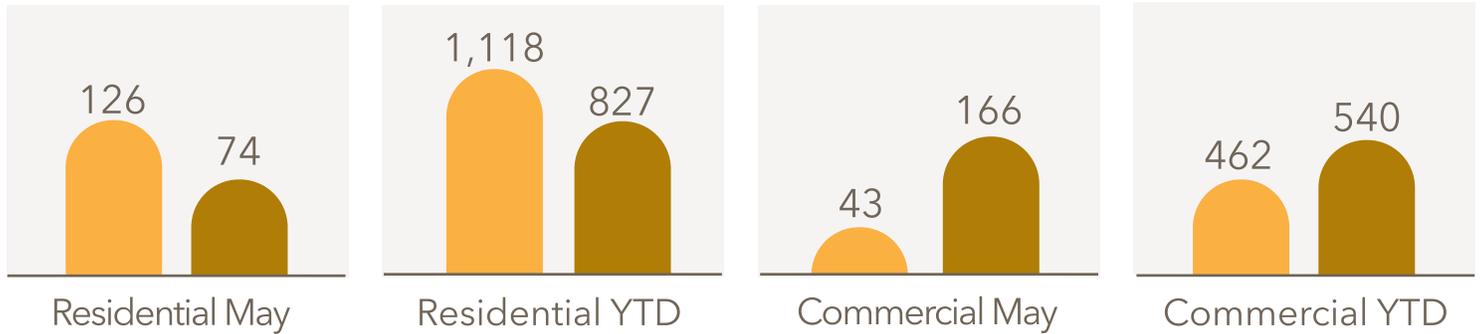
The Mauldin Sports Center can't thank you enough for what you have done to help us get to this point. We hope to loosen restrictions as things continue to progress and improve.

Facebook - Mauldin Sports Center  
Instagram - @mauldinsportscenter

# DEPARTMENT REPORT | BUSINESS DEV

## Permit Activity

● FY 2019 ● FY 2020



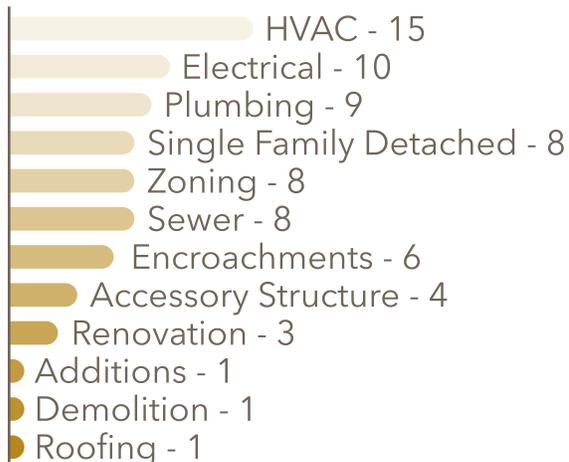
## Building Codes



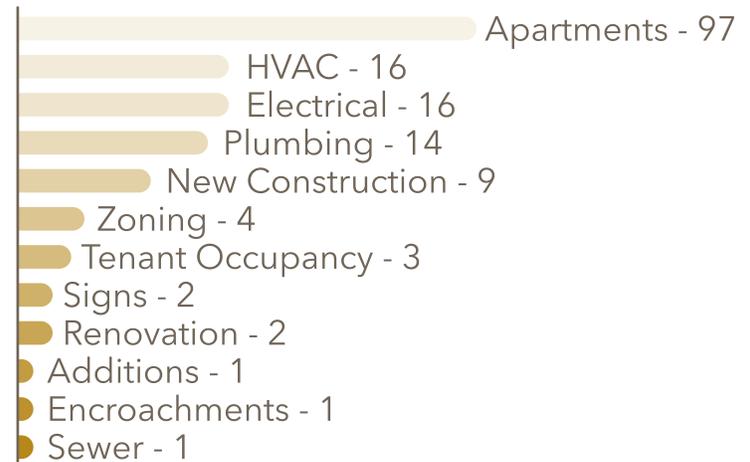
## Zoning & Land Development



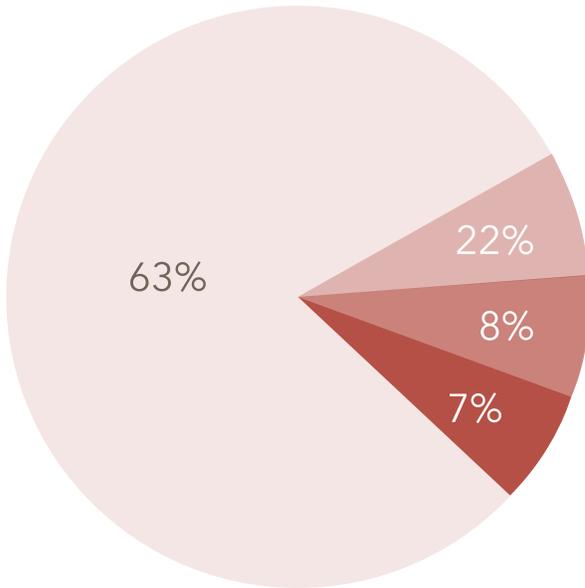
## Residential Permits Issued



## Commercial Permits Issued



# DEPARTMENT REPORT | FIRE



- Emergency Calls | 179
- Service Calls | 62
- False Alarms | 24
- Other Calls | 20

*Haz Mat and Mutual Aid make up less than 3% of total calls.*

## Codes Enforcement/Fire Prevention

Inspections: 32 | Conferences: 9



Throughout the month of May, Mauldin Fire Department personnel tested fire hoses for annual compliance and began yearly fire hydrant flows and maintenance. Personnel also worked with probationary firefighters on basic fire skills and trained on pump operations and aerial ladder operations. Firefighters also continued EMT virtual CEP. In all, MFD personnel trained for a total of 732 hours in May.

# MAYOR TERRY MERRITT GIVES VIRTUAL MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH



Mayor Terry Merritt gave a video speech for Memorial Day this year due to COVID-19. Mayor Merritt spoke of the importance of the holiday as well as the history of "Taps," a bugle call played at dusk, during flag ceremonies, and at military funerals by the United States Armed Forces.

Mayor Merritt was accompanied by his wife, Dianne Merritt, who led the pledge of allegiance, and his granddaughter, Victoria Merritt, who sang the national anthem. The video can be watched on the City of Mauldin's website or YouTube channel.

# MAULDIN RESIDENTS RESPOND TO THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS

U.S. households have received invitations to respond to the 2020 Census. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau began following up in person with households that haven't responded. This year, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, as well as by phone or mail. Responding should take less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee.

The Census affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.



As of April 28, Greenville County ranked fifth out of 46 counties within S.C. for Census response, while Mauldin ranks fifth out of 271 S.C. towns and cities. To learn more and complete the 2020 census, visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

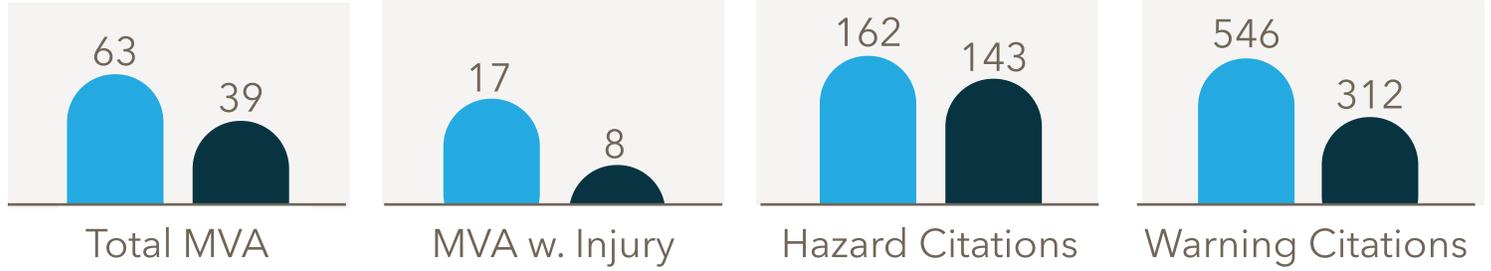
## UPCOMING ELECTION

The City of Mauldin will have a Special Election on July 14, 2020 for City Council Seat 3. More information on this and other elections can be found online at [scvotes.org](https://scvotes.org).

# DEPARTMENT REPORT | POLICE

## May Motor Vehicle Accidents Traffic Enforcement

● 2019 ● 2020



## May Citations

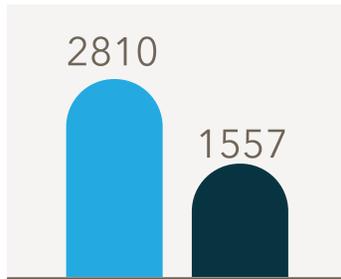
No Seat Belt	10
No Child Restraint	2
Speeding Under 10 mph	0
Speeding Over 10 & Under 25 mph	18
Speeding Over 25 mph	1
Disregard Sign/Signal	8
Insurance Violations	9
Other Moving Violations	95

## Criminal Offenses Reported YTD

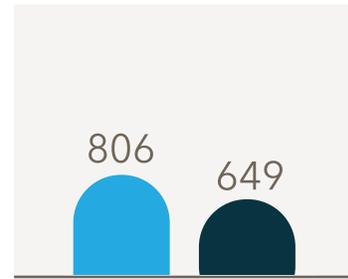
Murder	0	0
Rape	4	2
Robbery	4	2
Assault & Battery HAN	10	13
Assault & Battery	77	78
Burglary	20	18
Larceny	129	118
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	12
Arson**	0	0
Narcotic Violations	107	133
DUI	45	34
YTD Totals	2019   406	2020   410

\*\* All statistics are compiled using figures at time of analysis.

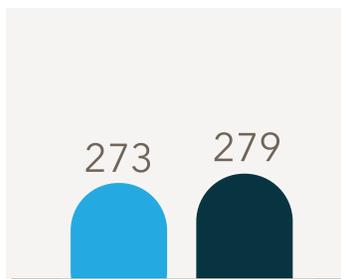
## Written Warning



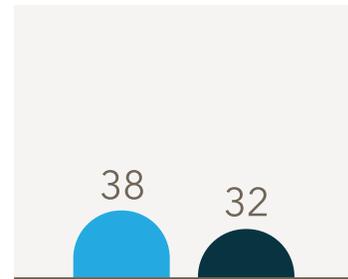
## Traffic Citations



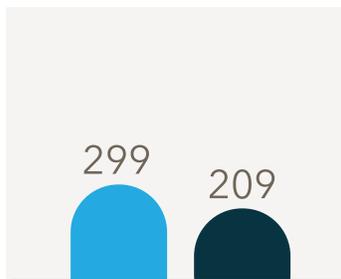
## Adult Arrests



## Juvenile Arrests



## Accidents Reported



## Calls for Service

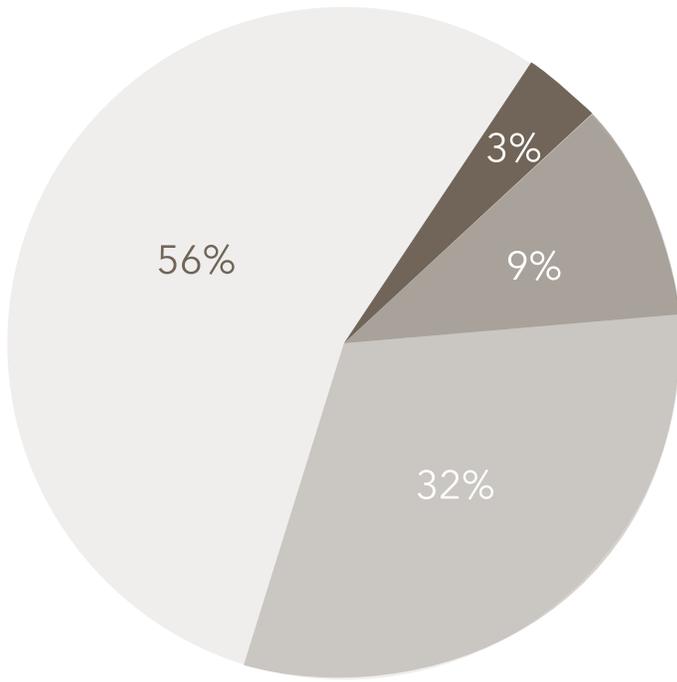


YTD 2019: 17,845  
 YTD 2020: 26,413  
 INCREASE: 48%

## May Crime Stats

Murder	0
Rape	1
Robbery	0
ABHAN	3
Assault & Battery	13
Burglary	6
Larceny	32
Motor Vehicle Theft	5
Arson	0
Narcotics Violations	46
DUI	12

# DEPARTMENT REPORT | JUDICIAL



In May 2020, 222 new cases were filed with Municipal Court.

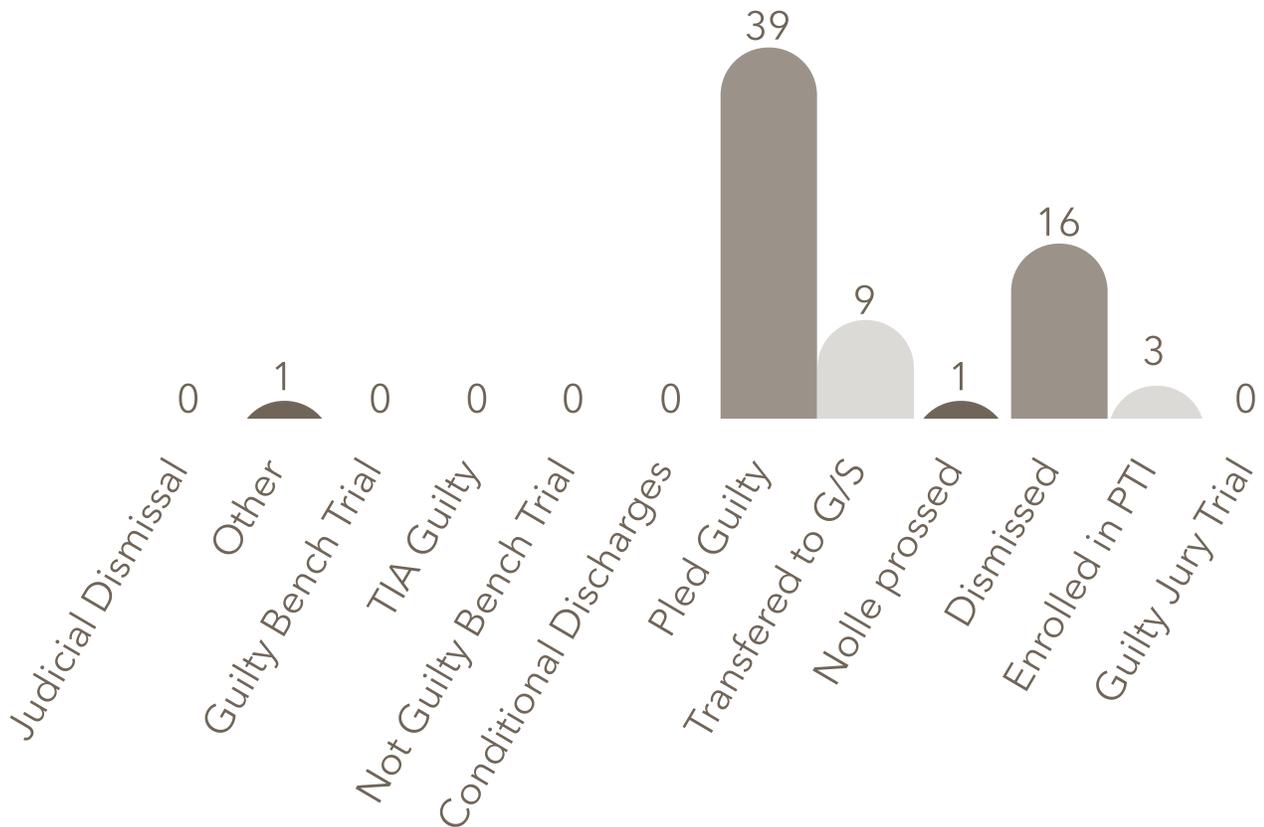
## Pending Cases as of May 31

- 725 pending traffic cases
- 417 pending criminal cases
- 120 pending DUI cases
- 35 pending city ordinance cases

\* Jury trials are currently postponed until further notice.

\* Preliminary hearings are currently postponed until further notice.

## May Disposed of Court Cases | 69





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

JUNE 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
14	15 City Council Meeting	16 Mauldin Farmers Market	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Planning Commission Meeting Mauldin Farmers Market	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Mauldin Farmers Market	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px;"> <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> All events are contingent on the City of Mauldin's evaluation of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest information, visit <a href="http://cityofmauldin.org">cityofmauldin.org</a>.         </div>			
JULY 2020						
5	6 Judicial Preliminary Hearings Committee Meetings	7 Mauldin Farmers Market	8	9	10 Beachin' Fridays	11
12	13	14 Special Election for City of Mauldin Mauldin Farmers Market	15	16	17 Beachin' Fridays Parents Night Out	18
19	20 City Council Meeting	21 Mauldin Farmers Market	22	23	24 Beachin' Fridays	25
26	27	28 Planning Commission Meeting Mauldin Farmers Market	29	30	31 Beachin' Fridays	

For more details visit: ● [mauldinculturalcenter.org](http://mauldinculturalcenter.org) ● [mauldinrecreation.com](http://mauldinrecreation.com) ● [cityofmauldin.org](http://cityofmauldin.org)

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