



## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Clai Brown, City Manager

DATE: September 4, 2015

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY REPORT**

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### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

- A meeting was held with City staff to finalize the activities for the upcoming 37<sup>th</sup> annual Labor Day Race to be held at Willis Park on Monday, September 7. Day of registration, begins at 7:30 a.m. at Willis Park (51 Dartmouth Avenue). Runners can pick up their race numbers the day of the race at the start/finish line located at Willis Park. The one mile novice race begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9 a.m.
- A pre-construction meeting was held for the upcoming improvements of Willis Park. The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission has approved a work permit for the improvements at Willis Park. Construction is set to begin on Wednesday, September 9. The park will be closed during construction, except for a temporary walking path that will remain open for children to get to and from The Museum School. However, this temporary path may be closed at certain points in the construction process to ensure the safety of all. The City will notify residents in the event of such a closure. The improvements are scheduled to take four to five months to complete.
- Qualifying for the upcoming General Municipal Elections closed Friday, September 4, at 4:30 p.m. The following candidates have qualified for the General Municipal Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mayor: Jonathan Elmore (incumbent) – 1094 Berkeley Road. Commissioner: John Quinn (incumbent) – 5 Fairfield Drive; Brian Fisher – 11 Dartmouth Avenue; Adela Yelton – 3294 Majestic Circle; Todd Pullen – 90 Dartmouth Avenue; John Pomberg – 3288 Kensington Road.
- The City will hold a short ceremony on Friday, September 11, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Dewey Brown Plaza in observance of the 14th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the United States. That day 2,977 innocent victims lost their lives. Please take a moment on Friday, September 11, and join us to remember the victims, and honor their families and the heroes who came forward during the rescue efforts in the days and weeks that followed. Click [here](#) to view the ceremony agenda.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- The Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) has received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Fiscal Year 2015 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. This program reimburses 50 percent of the total cost for new body armor purchased by the City.
- AEPD personnel were involved in the planning and organization meeting of the upcoming [AutumnFest](#) event scheduled for Saturday, October 3, through Sunday, October 4.
- Cpl. Conroy conducted a training class to celebrate the month of September being National Preparedness Awareness month. All residents of Avondale Estates were invited to attend this free class. Cpl. Conroy covered topics on disaster preparedness and natural and man-made events. This class is just one in of the classes offered by AEPD in its Citizens Training Series. The AEPD solicits suggestions for various training classes for the community, and makes an effort to conduct the suggested training. If they are unable to provide the requested training AEPD can refer residents to other agencies that may be able to provide the class.
- The monthly Command Staff meeting covered topics on current budget year expenditures, upcoming special events, specialized training and personnel.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Installed Free Parking signs and handicap signs on City property on North Avondale Road, Oak, Franklin and Lake Streets.
- Installed Labor Day banners.
- Limed up trees and cut weeds at Beech Park.
- Removed graffiti from City Limit sign at Wiltshire Drive and Forrest Hills Boulevard.
- Treated area in Willis Park for poison ivy.
- Removed dead tree on Lakeshore Drive.
- Site Visits - 17
- Sign Violations - 23
- Grass Violations - 5

- Household Waste Removed - 29 tons
- Yard Waste Removed - 4 tons
- Special Pickups - 7