



CITY MANAGER REPORT
Week Ending November 13, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE

- City staff and a resident worked together to secure funds to light up the Tudor Village with Christmas lights again this year during the upcoming holiday season. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will partially fund the effort.
- This week members of the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) and City staff attended the DeKalb County Fire Station No. 3's ribbon-cutting.
- Saturday, November 14, DeKalb County Fire Rescue Chiefs and the members of Fire Station No. 3 invite all to attend their Community Day at Fire Station No. 3. Members of the community can enjoy a fun-filled day of activities that include a bouncy house, station tours, touch a truck, the fire safety house, using a fire hose and a firefighter costume. Firefighters will show attendees how to use a fire extinguisher and review your home safety and home escape plans. Kids can welcome firefighters to their new home with sidewalk chalk drawings. Follow the City's [Facebook event page](#) for more information about the event. Also, view the City's [free public parking map](#) for places to park for the event.
- Stock the Pantry at Fire Station No. 3 this weekend at Community Day! Your family can bring items to help stock Fire Station No. 3's pantry. Some of the items needed are: sugar, cereal, snacks, coffee and macaroni and cheese. To view the complete list of the items needed click [here](#).
- This week City of Decatur Schools held a Local Government Day. Staff spoke to three eighth grade classes about government structure and current and past projects happening in the City along with, performing an interactive exercise focused on use and scale.
- Co-chairs of [AutumnFest](#) met with City staff to discuss the future of the festival. The annual festival has continued to grow each year with the efforts from the co-chairs who have planned and executed the festival over the past few years. Going forward a number of current [Avondale Arts Alliance](#) members will take over parts of the planning process. At the November DDA meeting, co-chairs of AutumnFest presented the idea of the DDA helping with the planning and execution AutumnFest for the upcoming year along with, other City festivals.

- Staff met with a developer to discuss a building proposal. The developer proposed a mixed-use building with retail on the ground floor and mini-storage on the upper floors and rear of the proposed building. Currently, this type of building is not permitted in the Zoning District.
- The October 2015 Financial Statement was reviewed. The total General Fund revenue for the month amounted to \$665,413.31. The total General Fund expenditures for the month amounted to \$296,613.94. The cash balance in the General Fund operating account, General Fund Reserve and the combined investments totaled \$2,939,011.26.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) Officers provided traffic control, escort services and safety duties for the Second Annual Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Charity 5K Fun Run/Walk. The DJJ raised funds for the 2016 State Charitable Contribution Campaign.
- AEPD Command Staff, City Manager, City staff personnel and BOMC members attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly constructed DeKalb County Fire Station No. 3.
- A speed study was conducted on Majestic Circle (Majestic Acres) monitoring westbound traffic during the period of October 31, 2015, to November 7, 2015. The report revealed that 1,258 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 20.55mph, with 1,205 of the 1,258 vehicles operating within acceptable limits during the 8-day study.
- The holiday season is quickly approaching. For a lot of people this means traveling and an increase in activity at their homes. Chief Broden would like to remind residents of a few Holiday Safety Tips. To view these tips visit the City's [website](#). Also, view the Chief's Travel Safety Tips by visiting the City's Travel Safety Tips [website page](#).

PUBLIC WORKS

- Removed spring annuals and prepped flower beds for the planting of the fall annuals around the City.
- Cut back the abelia hedges at Willis Park in preparation for the removal. The City received confirmation from Willis Park construction contractors that the abelia hedges on lower Dartmouth Avenue will be removed next week as part of the renovations being done at the park. The hedges will be stacked on the side of the road on lower Dartmouth Avenue and will be available to residents who would like to replant them. Residents will need to load their own vehicle and provide their own transportation. The City will issue a notice when the hedges are available for pick up. Email [Oscar Griffin](#), Director of Public Works and Code Enforcement, with any questions.

- Treated various ant beds throughout the City.
- Picked up fallen limbs around the City.
- Inspected all storm drains in the City.
- Site Visits - 16
- Sign Violations – 38
- Household Waste Removed - 25 tons
- Yard Waste Removed - 9 tons
- Special Pickups - 6