



CITY MANAGER REPORT
Week Ending December 11, 2015

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- The City drafted a letter to inform business owners of the three vacancies on the Downtown Development Authority. Vacancies will be posted on the City's website.
- Staff participated in a Main Street webinar. The City was designated a Classic Main Street this year and part of the program involves meeting yearly accreditation standards.
- The Atlanta Regional Commission has been assisting the City of Avondale Estates with the 10 year update of the Comprehensive Plan. An initial draft has been submitted and is being reviewed by staff. Initial comments will be made by staff and the next draft will be submitted to the Steering Committee for their review.
- Staff is assisting a member of the Greenspace Committee with their upcoming workshop, "Building Better Communities" that is open to the public on Tuesday, January 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- A meeting was held with Euramex regarding the 13 acres they own in the City. Click [here](#) to read more about the meeting.
- The Month of Merry continues throughout December. Celebrate the season and support the increasingly varied and exciting Avondale Estates businesses by shopping locally during December. For more information about the event and to learn about the participating businesses, visit the City's [website page](#).
- Sunday, December 13, from noon to 8 p.m. the 23rd Annual Christmas Tour of Homes and Holiday Market will take place. Advanced tickets are available at City Hall, Finders Keepers Furnishings, REAL Salon and Seventeen Steps for \$15. Day of the tour tickets, can be purchased for \$20 at the Avondale Community Club. For more information, visit the Tour of Homes [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

- Judging for the City of Avondale Estates Christmas and Holiday Spirit Awards Decorating Contest will take place on Tuesday, December 15, and winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 16.
- The City of Avondale Estates Tree Board partnered with Arboguard Tree Specialists and Trees Atlanta for their Annual Tree Planting where volunteers planted 52 trees around the City. A special thank you to Urban Grounds Coffee and Good Kama Coffee House for generously donating coffee to help keep everyone warm and to all volunteers for making the event a success.
- The City of Avondale Estates community donated a variety of items to the Mayors' Motorcade, a Georgia Municipal Association event benefiting the states mental health patients during the holidays and over the next year. Thank you to residents who donated to the event.
- The November 2015 Financial Statement was reviewed. The total General Fund revenue for the month amounted to \$726,957.42. The total General Fund expenditures for the month amounted to \$237,882.44. The cash balance in the General Fund operating account, General Fund Reserve and the combined investments totaled \$3,526,191.47.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Avondale Estates Police Department escorted Santa from City Hall to the Community Club for his annual appearance.
- Sgt. Thomas attended the first meeting of the DeKalb Anti-Trafficking and Exploitation group. The meeting addressed the group's efforts to fight human trafficking within the Atlanta metro-area and is one of the first of its type in the nation.
- The second of two speed data studies was conducted on Kingstone Road. Westbound traffic was monitored for a seven-day period, November 30 through December 6. The report revealed that 1,362 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 17.27 mph, with all 1,362 vehicles operating within acceptable limits. The difference in the two studies was during the first study the speed display was in off mode and during the second study the speed display was in the on mode. The average speed for study one was 18.46 mph and study two's average speed was 17.27 mph. There were no citable violations during either study.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Lowered flags to half-staff in memory of the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- Assisted with the Annual Tree Planting event.
- Removed a broken tree limb from 95 Clarendon Avenue.

- Contacted an electrician to inspect/repair GFI outlets at Dewey Brown Plaza.
- Added wood chips to newly planted tree at 9 Kingstone Drive.
- Replaced the burnt out Christmas lights on the bridge at Lake Avondale.
- Contacted DeKalb County Watershed to clean up dirt and road where repairs were made to a water line.
- Cleared debris from storm drain on Laredo Drive.
- Followed up with Georgia Power on making repairs to various street lights around the City.
- Blew leaves from beds at Windsor Park and spread wood chips
- Site Visits – 12
- Sign Violations – 25
- Household Waste Removed - 23 tons
- Yard Waste Removed - 17 tons
- Special Pickups - 8