



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending January 8, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Avondale Estates by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. A special thank you to Kenneth Turner, MBA, Director of Finance for managing the City finances.
- The City has sworn in new commissioners Brian Fisher and Adela Yelton to the Board of Mayor and Commissioners and thanked commissioners Lindsay Forlines and John Quinn for their years of dedicated service.
- Georgia House Representative Karla Drenner held a Town Hall Meeting at City Hall to discuss legislative issues regarding the upcoming General Session.
- As of January 1, 2016, glass bottles or jars of any kind will not be accepted in recycling anymore. Read an [article on The Atlanta Journal Constitution](#) website for more information.
- The Board of Mayor and Commissioners approved \$15,000 for the 2016 [Community Promotion Program \(CPP\)](#). The program provides funding for events, festivals or other projects which promote the City. Applications for this year are due on or before Friday, January 29. [Download the application and instructions from the City website](#), or pick one up at City Hall. Please email City Planner and Community Development Officer Keri Stevens at kstevens@avondaleestates.org or call her at 404-294-5400 with questions.
- A business owner met with City staff to discuss the Opportunity Zone. Staff is following up with the Department of Community Affairs about specific tax questions posed by the business owner.
- The [GA Conservancy](#) will be hosting a Building Competitive Communities Workshop on Tuesday, January 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at City Hall. Staff is

working with the GA Conservancy to promote and plan for the event. The GA Conservancy is sponsoring and creating the event content.

- The City is required to provide the Department of Community Affairs with reporting data in the Opportunity Zone area to retain the Opportunity Zone designation on a yearly basis. City staff is working on compiling the data which is due Sunday, January 31. The data includes police activity, tax digest, building permits, jobs, vacancy rates, code enforcement and business.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- All Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) officers attended mandatory end-of-year In-Service Training. The eight-hour class was taught by Cpl. Conroy (Departmental Training Officer) and included topics mandated by Peace Officers Standards and Training. These topics included, Bias Based Policing, Sexual Harassment, Ethics, Internal Affairs/Complaints, Legislative Updates, Bio-Hazards, A Child Is Missing Alert System and Active Shooter Response.
- Ofcr. Serban attended the DUI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing course conducted at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth County. The three-day course is designed to assist officers in enforcing state DUI laws. Officers are introduced to and instructed in the National Highway Traffic Administration's recommended standardized field testing process. Topics include proper procedures for administering the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, Walk and Turn and the One Leg Stand examination.
- AEPD ordered additional protective equipment for all patrol personnel. Each officer is to be issued the equipment, which will be stored in their patrol unit, and be accessible if dispatched to a call requiring additional ballistic protection.
- The monthly Command Staff Meeting was conducted, items discussed included, current and end of year expenditures, upcoming training and personnel issues.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Replaced stop sign at the corner of Hess Drive and Banbury Cross.
- Repaired stop sign at Olive Street and East College Avenue.
- Inspected tree at 15 Kensington Road.
- Followed up with DeKalb County about the erosion at 14 Lakeshore Drive.
- Started spreading wood chips under the abelia hedges on North Avondale Road
- Removed trash and debris from storm drains along Washington Street.

- Cleaned various street signs around the City.
- Followed up with Georgia Power on the inoperable street lights around the City.
- Backfilled holes at Clarendon Avenue plaza.
- Removed fallen tree from City property on Lake Street.
- Limbed up various trees around the City for better visibility of the street signs.
- Started removing Christmas decorations around the City.
- Removed debris and mud buildup from storm drain across from 626 Stratford Green Way.
- Site Visits – 16
- Sign Violations – 14
- Household Waste Removed – 19
- Yard Waste Removed - 18 tons
- Special Pickups - 4