



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending March 18, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- City staff met with representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and DeKalb County to discuss the current GDOT/DeKalb signalization project (40 signals along U.S. Highway 278) and the Avondale Estates U.S. Highway 278 Redesign project set to begin engineering in Summer/Fall 2016. The two project representatives will coordinate to avoid overlap and possible conflicts.
- A Community Choices Application was filed with the Atlanta Regional Commission for assistance with the Architectural Review Board Guidelines. Award winners will be notified April 6.
- On Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m. the City will hold its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Avondale. Children up to 10 years old are welcome to participate. Eggs are filled with toys and candy, and three eggs in each age category (2 and under, 3-4 year-old, 5-7 year-old, 8-10 year-old) denote "winners" who will receive special prizes. The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance! Read more about the event on the [City website](#).
- Staff has been collecting prizes and other donated items for the Annual Dog Parade set for March 26, at 10:30 a.m. at Lake Avondale. To enter your dog in the parade fill out the entry form on the [City website](#).
- Sunday, March 27, the Antique Car Parade will be held. The parade begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. on South Avondale Road and ends at the two plazas across from City Hall, where the cars will remain on display. If you are interested in entering your automobile, contact Lamar Hart via email, lamarhart@outlook.com, or by phone at 770-496-9928.
- The [Rail Arts District \(RAD\) Studio Cruise](#) is this Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. This event is free, open-to-the-public and offers free trolley transportation to participating art studios. Free parking is available throughout the City. View a [map of the public parking lots](#) in the downtown area.

- The proposed vertical mixed use development at Sams Crossing is set to appear before the Architectural Review Board on Tuesday, March 22. Staff is reviewing the plans for compliance with Zoning. View the meeting agenda on the [City website](#).
- Staff attended a meeting with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) chair, a DDA member and Forum Management staff, to discuss the draft 2017 DDA budget with Forum Management.
- A local business owner is looking to open a sports bar in the open space next to the Chevron Gas Station. Staff is assisting with Zoning regulations.
- All City boards, commissions, staff and members of the Avondale Estates Police Department Command Staff personnel attended a presentation involving Open Records and Open Meetings (Georgia's Sunshine Laws). The presentation was given by Ms. Jennifer Colangelo (Assistant Attorney General) of the Office of the Georgia Attorney General, at City Hall. The presentation was open to the public and had several citizens in attendance.
- Staff attended a "Personnel Liability Issues 2016" meeting. Topics covered in the meeting included, the Federal Labor Standards Act and Proposed Overtime Rules, Haleigh's Hope Act – Georgia's New Medical Marijuana Law, Georgia Whistleblower Act, Spoliation of Evidence and Managing and LGBT Issues in the Workplace.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- A speed study was conducted on North Clarendon Avenue, monitoring northbound traffic during the period of March 7-13 with the device in the "on" mode. The report revealed that 30,501 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 23.8 mph; 30,489 of the 30,501 vehicles were operating within acceptable limits during the seven-day study. The report was the second of two completed back to back, the first study was conducted during February 26-March 3 with the device in the "off" mode. The second study revealed that 30,281 vehicle traveled the roadway at an average speed of 23.14 m.p.h; 30,275 or 30,281 vehicles were operating within acceptable limits during the seven-day study.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Straightened two leaning trees across from Berkeley Plaza.
- Trimmed low hanging limbs from a tree at 9 Kensington Road.
- Installed DeKalb School of the Arts Banner for the upcoming show, [I Can Get It For Your Wholesale](#).
- Added mulch to walking path on Berkeley Road.

- Cleared debris from Abelia hedges on North Avondale Road created by a car accident.
- Trimmed the crape myrtle in front of 33 North Avondale Plaza.
- Laid sod to fix the erosion behind City Hall.
- Removed the fallen tree and reinstalled the windscreens on both tennis courts at the Avondale Swim and Tennis Club. A contractor is submitting a quote for the repair of the damaged fencing. The City is hoping to have the repairs to court 2 completed in the next two weeks.
- Trimmed back overgrown hedges for better visibility at the intersection of Majestic Circle and Wynn Drive.
- Investigated a water leak at 651 Stratford Green.
- Removed rocks and debris from a storm drain on Wynn Drive.
- Repaired pothole at 5 Clarendon Place.
- Site Visits – 18
- Sign Violations – 24
- Household Waste Removed – 31 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 11 tons
- Special Pickups - 11