



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending April 1, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Dog Parade were held on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m.-Noon at Lake Avondale. Pictures and a video of the event can be viewed on the [City's Facebook page](#).
- The Annual Antique Car Parade was held on Sunday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m. Pictures and a video of the event can be viewed on the [City's Facebook page](#).
- A local business owner is interested in pursuing a wayfinding sign at the end of Maple Street at East College Avenue. Staff reviewed recently acquired right of way plans and measured the available right of way to see if it is a possibility within the City right of way.
- Staff met with the representative from the upcoming MayHam Fest to discuss logistics. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m.-2 a.m. on Franklin and Pine Streets. Visit the event [website](#) for more information.
- A meeting was conducted to address logistics for The Museum School's upcoming 5K Explorer Dash and One mile Fun Run scheduled for Sunday, April 17, at 8:30 a.m. Registration for the event ends on Thursday, April 14. Register online, <https://goo.gl/pXxNvz>. For questions contact, explorerdash16@gmail.com.
- Willis Park is tentatively scheduled to reopen Monday, April 18. The contractors are working on completing the final phase of the renovation. A final walk-through with the contractors is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13. The walk-through will determine if the park will be able to reopen on Monday, April 18. Upon reopening, the new playground equipment, benches, swings, pathways and pavilion will be fully accessible; however, the playing field will remain fenced off so the sod can fully establish for about 30 days.
- City Manager Brown attended the Georgia City-County Management Association Spring Conference held in Athens, Georgia.
- The Board of Mayor and Commissioners and staff toured and inspected the Public Works facility for possible renovations.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Avondale Estate Police Department (AEPD) personnel provided security and monitored traffic during the [Rail Arts District Studio Cruise](#).
- Inv. Gillis attended the monthly DeKalb Anti-Trafficking and Exploitation Watch Taskforce meeting, which was hosted at the Chamblee Police Headquarters. The meetings are attended by local and state law enforcement agencies, private businesses and special interest group personnel. The training session advised attendees of those specific organizations which can be utilized, as well as technical tools to combat the sex trafficking trade.
- AEPD had its quarterly safety inspection, which is part of the City's Safety Program. Patrol units, offices and storage areas were checked for compliance of safety standards, proper maintenance and cleanliness.
- All the AEPD have attended the "Active Shooter Response" training instructed by Department Training Officer, Cpl. Conroy. The training, classroom and practical exercises were the same training which is being taught nationwide (large and small agencies alike) to address recent/increased active shooter incidents. As to date, all patrol personnel have received the training.
- AEPD was present during the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Dog Parade, providing security and any requested assistance.
- Police personnel escorted and provided safety for the Antique Car Parade which was conducted through portions of the City.
- AEPD personnel participated in the quarterly safety inspection of the Public Works Department; the inspection is part of the City's Safety Program. Service vehicles and equipment, storage areas and offices were checked for compliance of safety standards, proper maintenance and cleanliness.
- A speed study was conducted on Covington Road, monitoring westbound traffic during the period of March 17-23. The report revealed that 36,835 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 30.2 mph; 36,497 of the 36,835 vehicles were operating within acceptable limits during the seven-day study.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Cut grass, spread pine straw and wood chips and filled in low spots on the path at Lake Avondale.
- Pulled weeds from flower bed at Glascoe Circle.
- Straightened the "yield sign" at Berkeley triangle and the "no trucks allowed" sign at Clarendon Avenue and Columbia Drive.

- Met with a representative from Hoover Pumps to de-winterize the irrigation pump at Lake Avondale.
- Set flags at half staff to honor the victims of the Brussels attacks.
- Met with the organizers of the Third Annual Tree Walk scheduled for Saturday, April 23.
- Trimmed crape myrtles on Covington Road.
- Met with contractor to replace the exit sign at the Public Works Department building.
- Trimmed overgrowth from path that runs parallel with the tennis courts and at the corner of Washington and Locust Streets.
- Performed maintenance at the entrance of Stratford Green.
- Placed tarp on the roof of Scout Hut to cover damage caused by a fallen tree.
- Inspected and turned on water fountains at Lake Avondale.
- Spread pine straw at City Hall.
- Dispatched DeKalb County Watershed to repair water leak at the corner of Sussex Road and Dartmouth Avenue.
- Responded to call about active bees on Wiltshire Drive and Berkeley Road.
- Site Visits – 18
- Sign Violations – 13
- Household Waste Removed – 32 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 12 tons
- Special Pickups - 6