



## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Week Ending April 22, 2016

### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

- Staff worked on preparations for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration of Willis Park scheduled for Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The celebration will include a bouncy house, an art table sponsored by Garage Door Studio, balloons, a tour of the park, cornhole and more! Lunch will be provided by Skip's Hot Dogs.
- Finders Keepers Furnishing will be moving into the old Salvation Army location in the Twin Oaks shopping center. They requested staff assist with signage.
- A local business requested assistance with possible expansion plans. The business is a legal non-conforming use and will not be able to expand. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance were provided to the business owner.
- A portion of the MARTA bus line is proposed to be closed for the next year along East College Avenue leading to the Avondale MARTA station due to the proposed Avondale MARTA station construction. Staff is working with MARTA to ensure appropriate placement of temporary stops.
- A conference call was held with a potential developer to answer questions regarding a possible development of a mixed-use project with approximately 250 multifamily units above approximately 10,000 sq.ft. of retail. The conference call was a meet and greet to answer questions. The developer is going to study the area and will be back in touch with the City and Downtown Development Authority.
- Staff attended a DeKalb County Tax Digest Preparation seminar held at the Tax Commissioner's building. The training seminar covered the updated processes and procedures for setting this year's tax millage for all cities in DeKalb County.
- This week was Georgia Cities Week. The City celebrated with various activities and prizes throughout the week. Congratulations to the winners of the trivia contest and art contest.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Chief Broden submitted an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the fiscal year 2016 Bulletproof Vest Partnership program. Each year law enforcement agencies may submit an application, which, if approved, will reimburse 50% of the cost of the agency's purchase of body armor for that year.
- Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) personnel attended "Use of Force" training pertaining to the use and recertification of the Agency's electronic control device (ECD), the taser. Officers who carry an ECD must attend annual training and be recertified, meeting Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements.
- AEPD personnel assisted and escorted The Museum School's annual Fun Run/5K Dash held on Sunday, April 17.
- A speed data report was conducted on Clarendon Avenue at Clarendon Place, monitoring southbound traffic during the period of April 1-7. The report revealed that 15,897 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 22.94 mph; 15,876 of the 15,897 vehicles were operating within acceptable limits during the seven-day study.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Cut path to pocket park between 8 and 10 Kensington Road.
- Contacted DeKalb Watershed about possible water leak at the fire hydrant across from 62 Dartmouth Avenue.
- Inspected Lake Avondale irrigation system.
- Followed up with Georgia Power about damaged decorative light pole on South Avondale Road.
- Cut the Abelia hedge and ivy to make Willis monument visible.
- Cleaned debris from the sidewalk in front of Sunbrimmer Records.
- Installed the Third Annual Avondale Estates Tree Walk banner at Clarendon Avenue and North Avondale Plaza along with the May-Ham Fest banner and pole banners along North Avondale Road.
- Met with Bright View Landscaping to procure a quote to perform maintenance at Lake Avondale.
- Cut weeds and debris from curb line at 80 Lakeshore Drive to Wiltshire Drive.
- Site Visits – 3

- Sign Violations – 2
- Household Waste Removed – 31 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 9 tons
- Special Pickups - 8