



CITY MANAGER REPORT

Week Ending May 20, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- The City is required to prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report each year. Staff drafted a review of current and future initiatives, business, studies, and redevelopment opportunities.
- A commercial property owner requested a meeting with City staff to discuss options for property which currently houses a legal non-conforming use. Staff met with the owner and reviewed the non-conforming regulations and options.
- The Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC) is considering an ordinance to provide a monthly stipend of \$600 for the Mayor and \$400 for the Commissioners that would go into effect in 2018. The BOMC requested City staff research other municipalities. Click [here](#) to view the information, and click [here](#) to view the proposed ordinance.
- Recently, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners asked the Greenspace Ad Hoc Committee to draft a residential tree ordinance. The committee recommended that a tree canopy survey first be performed to see if the City's canopy had increased, decreased, or stayed the same between 2009 and 2015. To view the results of the survey click [here](#) and [here](#). To view the draft residential tree ordinance click [here](#).
- Every year at this time the City announces and sets the tax millage rate for property taxes. DeKalb County has set a date of July 1, 2016, where all cities must adopt the millage rate for fiscal year 2016. The preliminary Tax Digest for the City has increased 6.45% over 2015.
- Commissioner Fisher, City staff, Finders Keepers Consignment associates, friends, and neighbors gathered on Friday at the new location of Finders Keepers Furnishings at 2853 North Avondale Road to celebrate the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictures from the ceremony can be viewed on the City [Facebook page](#).

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Avondale Estates Police Department (AEPD) received the final shipment of all active shooter response body armor and related equipment.
- A traffic plan for the upcoming Atlanta Caribbean Festival parade scheduled for Saturday, May 28, was finalized. The parade will begin on Kensington Road between Memorial Drive and Covington Highway. Kensington Road will be closed starting at noon for the staging of the parade. The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. and proceed directly along Kensington Road turning east onto Covington Highway, crossing over Memorial Drive, and ending at 3952 Covington Highway, Decatur, at the old Mama Country Showcase parking lot. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, AEPD personnel will have patrial barricades at Covington Highway and Kensington Road and Covington Highway and Mountain Drive. There will be a full barricade and closure at Nottingham Drive and Covington Highway. AEPD will be onsite helping to direct traffc. After the parade exits the City, the barricades will be removed and roadways will be fully accessible.
- AEPD received a shipment of Taser body cameras and related equipment. The charging docks have been installed and software instituted. Training and implementation will begin in the upcoming weeks.
- Cpl. Serban attended the two-day course for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcment and received his certification. The class was presented at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Installed police Thank You banner on the corner of North Clarendon Avenue and North Avondale Road.
- Cut grass at Berkeley pocket park and sprayed weed killer.
- Contacted arborist to inspect tree at Fletcher Park.
- Inspected dead tree at 59 Wiltshire Drive.
- Trimmed hedges at Stratford Green entrance and Clarendon Plaza.
- Inspected the United States flags for Memorial Day.
- Cut back overgrowth from Right-Of-Way on Old Rockbridge Road and on Laredo Drive.
- Reset leaning Avondale Estates City Limits sign on Laradeo Drive.

- Filled pothole at the corner of Old Rockbridge Road and North Clarendon Avenue.
- Site Visits – 12
- Sign Violations – 13
- Household Waste Removed – 27 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 6 tons
- Special Pickups – 9
- Grass Violations - 2