



**CITY MANAGER REPORT**  
Week Ending August 18, 2017

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

- City staff is working on a grant opportunity with the Southeast Sustainability Directors Networks and the Kendeda Fund to complete the rain garden and associated stormwater infiltration system detailed in the [Lake Master Plan](#). The City will partner with local schools to highlight the project and provide students and the community with educational classes, workshops and field work on the Lake Avondale project. This educational piece will also show how individuals can positively impact water runoff in their community. Staff met with Avondale Elementary and Druid Hills Middle schools, which will be partners on the project, if the City is awarded the grant.
- The City of Avondale Estates received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division (DNR HPD) to install an interpretive marker at Carl's Corner. Staff received the contract and met with HPD officials to kick off the project and determine next steps.
- A new business owner completed the Initial Project Assessment (IPA) for Department of Community Affairs and Georgia Cities Foundation revolving loan funds. Staff is reviewing the proposed document and will add any City specific information. The DDA/Main Street Board was provided an outline of the proposal and process by staff at its August 17 meeting. The DDA/Main Street Board made a motion to allow the Chair to sign the application.
- Staff assisted a number of residents with questions about the 656 Aston Place zoning application and 660 Ashton Place rezoning application. 656 Ashton Place, is not currently zoned and 660 Ashton Place is currently zoned Central Business District (CBD) with no designated subarea. The Planning and Zoning Board will have a [Public Hearing](#) on August 21 at 6 p.m. and the BOMC will discuss it on August 23 at their [Regular Work Session](#) which begins at 5:30 PM.
- Staff is reviewing consistency matrix categories that were provided by the zoning audit consultant for comments. The consistency matrix will capture the City's goals, vision and policies from adopted planning documents and compare them to the regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. This will illuminate discrepancies and

barriers to development supported by the community. The kick off meeting is August 29 at a [BOMC Special Called Work Session](#) at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Chief Thomas attended the presentation and signing of the updated 2017 DeKalb County Child Abuse Protocol agreement between DeKalb County and all police agencies within the county.
- Officer Fox attended a 24-hour training class entitled “Tactical Diffusion Strategies” at Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, GA. The training provides officers with the latest theories in verbal communication and situational de-escalation techniques.
- Captain Conroy attended a block of training hosted by GPAC (the Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition) in reference to asset forfeitures. The training is designed to assist the agency in its quest for state agency certification.
- AEPD continued its Citizen Patrol ride-along program during the month of August by providing the service for two more patrollers. The program is ongoing and current patrollers are encouraged to sign up for a ride along with an officer by contacting the AEPD at 404-294-5400.
- A study was conducted on Clarendon Avenue to monitor southbound traffic with the speed display set in the “ON” position. The study covered the seven day period 08/07/2017 to 08/13/2017, revealing that 16,578 vehicles traveled the roadway at an average speed of 23 mph in a posted 30 mph zone; 16,565 of the 16,578 vehicles were operating within acceptable limits during this study.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Straightened 30 mph street sign at the corner of S. Avondale Road and Coventry Close.
- Trimmed Russian olive tree across from City Hall.
- Trimmed back section of abelia hedge next to the Marta bus stop.
- Cleaned out all beds at Windsor Park and added wood chips to the path.
- Cut weeds from all beds/plazas along N. Avondale Road and N. Avondale Plaza.
- Cut overgrowth and removed weeds from Beech Park.
- Cut overgrowth from bushes and shrubs along Berkeley path.
- Trimmed rose bush in front of City Hall.

- Tightened all loose bolts on the playground equipment at Willis Park.
- Backfilled erosion hole at the corner of Berkeley Road and Kingstone Road.
- Removed damaged tree at 22 Exeter Road.
- Household Waste Removed – 26 tons
- Yard Waste Removed – 8 tons
- Sign Violations – 29
- Special Pickups – 6
- Site Visits - 17