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Sugar Hill - "The Recreation City"

Sugar Hill is building it's reputation as "The Recreation City" with the ongoing construction of 67 acre "Gary Pirkle Park", and the 18 acre expansion of E.E. Robinson Park. We also have many sports facilities that may be unknown to citizens of the area. We're highlighting these Sugar Hill companies in the newsletter and will have features every month. This month spotlights Adrenaline Climbing (top), Silverbacks Sports Center and Next Level baseball and softball. Entering Adrenaline Climbing is a WOW experience as the interior is filled with huge climbing surfaces towering overhead. Open since 2005, owner Trey Johanson' Smith climbed for recreation and decided to bring the sport indoors. Training beginners and experienced climbers, her staff (photo of Cory Reed climbing) is there to insure a safe climbing environment. Friday night is family night, for \$10 per climber there is pizza, climbing gear, plus instruction. www.adrenalineclimbing.com

Silverbacks Sports Center has two full size indoor soccer fields, party rooms, game room and snack bar. Youth Program Manager Byron Beckwith (pictured) is excited about their "Lil' Kickers" Child Development Program. Designed for kids from 18 months to 9 years, this nationally franchised program is child centered, non-competitive and creative. Silverbacks has birthday party packages. Check their web site for more party information: www.atlantasilverbacks.com

The Next Level Baseball and Softball Academy has eight cage areas, two with professional mounds, and Iron Mike pitching machines. General Manager Kiley Coursey (pictured) said owners Rick Norton and CJ Collins are teamed up with Chad Longe (N Gwinnett HS) to provide private or group instruction and spring training clinics. Next Level offers several birthday packages to choose from that include games, cage time and instruction in pitching and hitting. Check their web site; www.nextlevelbaseballusa.com. These three businesses are located at 460 Brogdon Road, and help enhance Sugar Hill as "The Recreation City."



Construction Watch: New and Ongoing





The City has completed curb and gutter along Railroad Avenue and will install sidewalks within 60 days. Railroad Avenue has been disrupted due to the county placing a large re-use water line running back to Lake Lanier. On the right photograph, the synthetic turf has started to be installed in Gary Pirkle Park. This will when finished, create over 255,000 sq ft of soccer / multi-purpose synthetic fields, the largest in the entire Southeast.

News Bites:

- "Reels at Robinson" will continue the season Friday, April 24th at dusk with the feature film "Golden Compass" rated PG-13.
- "Clean Up Our City" days are coming in May. For Sugar Hill residents the City will be picking up discarded furniture, appliances and other debris at no charge. Starting May 13th on the north of Hwy 20, May 20th the south of Hwy 20. Check our web site for any restrictions on what may be put out for pick up and further instructions.
- Property owners in the City will soon receive a letter regarding the new Sugar Hill Storm Water Utility. The Utility Ordinance determines fees for impervious area on your property. The Ordinance applies to residential and commercial property. Our fee is 40% less than the County fee. Ways to reduce your fee for 2010 is available in the credit manual on line, more information is posted on www.cityofsugarhill.com.
- 2009 Budget / Level Billing Program Open Enrollment/Renewal May-June 2009 Even out the highs and lows in your monthly gas bill by enrolling in our Budget / Level Billing program. This allows you to budget a specific amount every month.
- Councilman Mike Sullivan has started an effort to encourage volunteerism in Sugar Hill. He wants to make Sugar Hill an outstanding example of neighbors helping neighbors. The meeting March 19th, was well attended with concerned citizens from local subdivisons, schools and churches. Check www.handsonsugarhill.com.
- Councilman Mike Sullivan, Lisa Ramsy and Don Kelemen met with Carol Williams Sr. VP Community Impact Hall County United Way, to discuss short and long term opportunities for volunteering, and methods to establish an oversight committee.











Meeting Schedule 2009:

April / May

April 6 / May 4 7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Annex

April 14 / May 5 4:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall Annex April 13 / May 11 7:30 PM, City Council Meeting,

City Hall Annex

April 20 / May 8 7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall Annex

April 28 / May 26 6:30 PM, Downtown Development Authority, City Hall Annex Everyone is invited to attend Sugar Hill's monthly Work Sessions and Council Meetings. All meetings for the City of Sugar Hill will be held in the City Hall Annex located at 4988 West Broad Street, next to City Hall. Your comments, suggestions and support will help make your city a community to be proud of

Videos of our monthly City Council meetings are shown on Charter Cable channel 19, @ 6:30 pm, every 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month.

Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the Sugar Hill website at: www.cityofsugarhill.com.