



2011, A Stormy Beginning!

The Snow Storm of 2011 is over; hopefully we won't have another Arctic Blast in the near future. This severe weather tested our staff and our ability to clear our City streets. We came out of this event wiser and proud of our efforts. According to Georgia DOT Research, it has been 17 years since a storm of this magnitude has hit Georgia. The freezing rain, sleet and sub-freezing temperatures for over a week made it worse. We worked our streets with every available employee and equipment. We contracted for a construction road grader to assist in clearing icy roads. The roads were so iced over, the contractor, Precision Paving, had to drive the actual grader on City streets all the way from the Hamilton Mill area to clear our streets. We cleared our City streets quickly, but there was no place to go; the main collector roads and highways were closed and impassable. These roads are maintained by Georgia DOT and Gwinnett DOT.

We received many complaints from citizens concerning North Price Road, West Price Road, Old Cumming Highway, Austin Garner Road, Level Creek Road and Whitehead Road. These are Gwinnett County maintained roads. We immediately informed the GwDOT of the dangerous conditions and complaints.

We have learned a few lessons during this severe snow event. We are purchasing some additional equipment and tracking the worst areas so they can be worked early and often, if this happens again. Our dedicated employees worked during windy sub-freezing temperatures to clear the streets for emergency vehicles and our citizens. Check with Gwinnett County for road conditions and weather alerts.



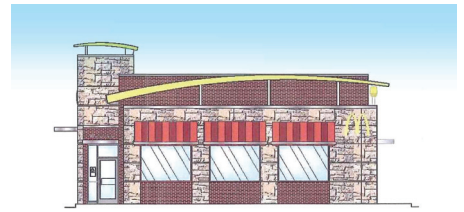
City Parks Vandalism

Unfortunately, sometime during the storm days some young adults vandalized both Gary Pirkle Park and E. E. Robinson Park. In Gary Pirkle Park, one or more 4 wheel ATVs were driven on the synthetic and grass fields. Landscaping was driven over and crushed. In E. E. Robinson Park the concession stand window was broken and entry was gained. No further damage was done but replacing the sliding window is costly. The parks belong to you our citizens, please help us by being observant and report any suspicious activity to City Hall.



News Bites:

- As you travel on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. you have seen major earth moving equipment just north of West Price Road. The Northpoint Church has started work on what will eventually become a 10,000 seat church. The 58 acre site has offered several challenges to the building of the required 3,000 parking spaces due to the terrain.
- McDonalds will move their current store in the Publix Shopping Center location, to the new Kroger shopping center. Their new store design did not comply with the City's architectural standards and was rejected by the P&Z Director. The issue was the flat roof line. The City requires that buildings of that size have a pitched roof. McDonalds representatives asked for a variance and after a public hearing was granted one by our City Council. McDonalds expects the new building to open in May.
- Councilman Marc Cohen was sworn in as Mayor Pro-Tem at the January Council Meeting. Councilman Cohen has served on the City Council since 2004 when he was first elected. Councilman Cohen has an extensive record of service to the City and community. He is a past President of the Georgia Municipal Association District 3 NE. He served as Vice Chair of the Sugar Hill P&Z Commission. He is an assistant Den Leader—Bear 1 Pack 608 Boy Scouts of America and serves on the North Gwinnett DE-CA Advisory Board, Riverside Elementary School Council.



Special Election March 15 for the County Commissioner seat.

Deadline for voter registration for the special election is February 14.
 Absentee voting for the special election begins February 14.
 Advanced voting will take place March 7-11 at the Elections Office with extended hours from 9am till 7pm.
 The special election will be held on March 14, 2011.
 A run-off election if needed, will be held on April 12, 2011.

Where:

Advanced voting will take place at the Elections Office.
 Voters will vote at their assigned precinct on the day of the election.

- The City of Sugar Hill is kicking off its 2011 campaign to fill the shelves of local food pantries. It's all part of the Gwinnett Municipal Association's annual "CAN" Do For Hunger project, where the County's member Cities team together to meet the needs of hungry Gwinnett families. We will be collecting at City Hall, the Recreation Center and the SH Golf Course.



Meeting Schedule 2011:

February / March 2011

February 7 / March 7
 7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Annex

February 1 / March 1
 4:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall Annex

February 14 / March 14
 7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall Annex

February 21 / March 21
 7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall Annex

January 25
 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.