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City Holds Millage Rate at 3.8 Mils for the 12th Consecutive Year

The City of Sugar Hill has established the budget for 2013. As a result of sound financial practices, maximizing SPLOST Funds, the Mayor and Council will maintain the City Millage rate at 3.8 mils representing the 12th consecutive year with no tax increases. The City has made significant progress in meeting the goals set forth by the Mayor and City Council. The results include: a beautiful new 33,000 sq. ft. City Hall with an accompanying parking deck, the West Broad Streetscape Project with wide, brick accented sidewalks, street trees, period street lamps and on street parking for 180 autos, and behind City Hall is an amenity pond (that also serves as a retention pond) with a lighted walking trail, landscaping, fountains, an amphitheater with terraced seating for 1000, and a new "Town Lawn" which could be used for vendors and rides during events in the amphitheater.

We have established new stormwater controls for the future development of the Central Business District (West Broad St.) which include an underground stormwater system that controls runoff in the Amenity Pond and an additional detention pond at the north end of West Broad St. This retention system will allow future businesses to maximize their land usage and to immediately build facilities while using the City owned regional detention system.

E. E. Robinson Park has been updated with three new "T" Ball fields, two new intermediate baseball fields, new equipment storage buildings, additions to the playgrounds, new walkways and several acres of overflow parking for major events. Gary Pirkle Park has an additional concession/bathroom facility, upgrades to the Community Garden and coming soon an additional parking lot that is under construction.

The City's Street Department is constantly monitoring the condition of our roads and makes recommendations on re-surfacing, sidewalks and curbing. In the last seven years, the City has spent \$4.7 million of SPLOST Funds improving 23 miles of streets and sidewalks within Sugar Hill.

Most importantly for our residents is that the City continues to meet your needs without any long term debt. Again, prudent financial management has allowed the City to keep the millage rate stable over the past 12 years, and with the addition of SPLOST funds the City continues to have no debt - an even more impressive feat when you consider that the City has doubled in population, has expanded and created new events, festivals and has created the infrastructure and foundation for a downtown.



Send your comments on the newsletter, e-mail dkelemen@cityofsugarhill.com

Construction Watch: City Projects



The photo on the left is a new storage shed at EE Robinson Park to accommodate supplies for the Parks and Rec Dept. The center photo is the new parking area at Gary Pirkle Park. The pipe handles storm water from the parking lot. The last photo is the access road we are constructing from Hwy 20 to our 90 acre parcel.

News Bites:

- Come see **“The Hobbit”** - July 26th showing on the big screen set on the synthetic field at Gary Pirkle Park. This PG -13 rated movie is FREE & open to the public. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, a picnic and enjoy!
- The “All Stars Rock Academy” will present a “Grand Opening Concert” August 3rd, 2013 at their facility parking lot (5700 Cumming Hwy, Sugar Hill next to Lanier Animal Hospital). Featured bands are “Departure” a Journey tribute band, “Once A Rebel” and the Rock Academy instructor’s band. There will be dancing, food, DJ Eddie, performances by All Stars Kids, inflatables and fun for the whole family. The event runs from 3pm to 8pm.
- Get to Know the Sugar Hill Post Office - this great community service is located in City Hall. Mail clerks Barbara Peterson and Doug Staley, each retired from the USPS with 30 years and 26 years respectively. The Post Office is on the main floor and with expanded quarters and ample storage the postal unit sells stamps, facilitates mailing of letters and packages, and offers most services of a full service post office including sale of some packing supplies. The office hours are 8:00am till 4:45pm Monday through Friday. Drop by and say hello and ask about their combined 12 grandkids! (We do not offer rental mailboxes, receive non-city mail, or sell postal money orders - these services are locally available at the main Buford Post Office.)
- The City will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary next year. The 75th Committee is working on a number of exciting projects. If you are interested in volunteering to help manage or participate in running one of the planned activities, please contact: Marc Cohen at marccohen@cityofsugarhill.com



2013 Meeting Schedule :

July / August

July 1 / August 3
7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall

July 8 / August 12
7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall

July 19 / August 16
1:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall

July 15 / August 19
7:00PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall

July 30 / August 27
6:30 PM, Downtown Development Authority, City Hall

Everyone is invited to attend Sugar Hill’s monthly Council Work Sessions and Council Meetings. All meetings for the City of Sugar Hill will be held in City Hall located at 5039 West Broad Street. 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.