

# MARCH 2023

A MONTH IN REVIEW FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## Parks & Recreation

The Sugar Hill Parks & Recreation Department enriches the quality of life for the Sugar Hill community by providing recreational, educational and wellness programs within facilities, parks, and natural open spaces. If you are interested in renting a meeting or event space in Downtown Sugar Hill, contact an E Center representative.



The Parks & Recreation Department currently has 18,369 active E Center memberships. The E Center and the city's various parks continue to bring in athletes from several athletic programs who utilize the city's fields and courts for practices, games, and tournaments such as i9, Georgia Force High School and LAA basketball teams, and All-In FC. With warm weather approaching, the Ice Rink at Sugar Hill wrapped up its 2022 - 2023 season on February 19 with more than 24,000 visitors. The operator will be parking and storing the rink for the season, making way for the 2023 Splash Park season.

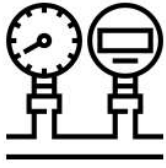
On January 21, 42 players participated in the ABCD Scramble Tournament at the Sugar Hill Golf Club. To learn more about the Sugar Hill Golf Association and the course, call 770-271-0519. Improvements have also started on the golf course driving range, including a new safety netting project.

The stream bank under the main bridge connecting the playground side of Pirkle Park to the new fields east of Austin Garner has been repaired. Work will resume this Spring to pave the approaches to the bridge.



# Customer Service

To schedule a passport appointment, please call 770-945-6716 or visit in person at Customer Service in City Hall.



## February 2023

New Gas Services: 78  
Disconnected Services: 83  
Newly Installed Meters: 3  
Total Active Meters: 12,095



## February 2023

Passports: 189  
Photos: 174

## Business Licenses

New Businesses in February: 13  
Business Renewals: 231  
Total Businesses: 996

# Public Works & Utilities

The Gas Department added 274 automatic meter transmitters in

February, bringing the total number of accounts to 8,831. These transmitters can be read automatically through a radio-based system.



## February 2023

93 Truckloads of Bagged Clippings  
10 Loads to Disposal Site

Dumpsters are available to rent for Sugar Hill residents. Dumpsters are 10-yards long and are available for weekend rentals only (holiday weekends excluded). If you are interested in renting, please call City Hall at 770-945-6716.

# Public Safety

This month, four volunteer, POST-Certified Officers were sworn into the city's Reserve Marshal Program within the Sugar Hill Marshal's Office. The Reserve Officer Program provides POST-certified police officers the ability to volunteer 10-hours a month to work alongside Sugar Hill City Marshals.

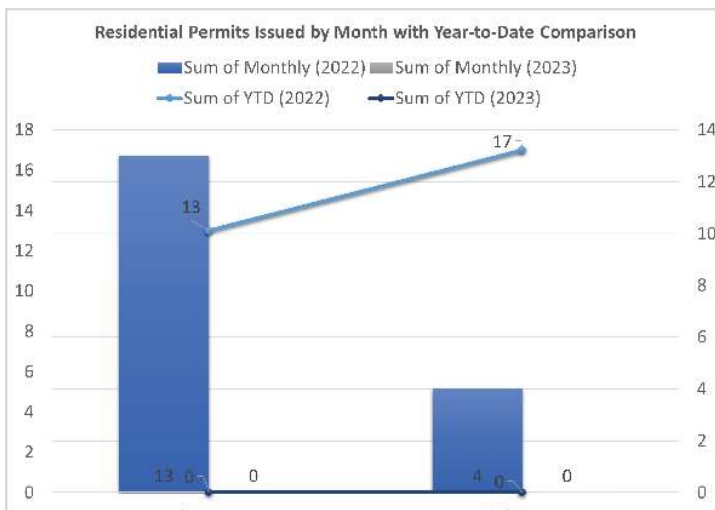
This program helps expand Marshal services and helps these volunteer officers retain their POST-certification. Members of the Reserve Officer Program provide additional staffing at community events, assist with patrol operations, and perform other assignments as needed. Reserve Officers meet the same criteria and requirements as the City Marshals.



The Marshals continue to monitor and tag illegally parked vehicles in Downtown Sugar Hill. Parking regulation signs are posted in areas where parking is time-restricted along West Broad and parking structures. Daily patrols are conducted in all residential areas, businesses, and schools within the city limits with a focus on Downtown during evening hours.

The Marshal's Office is dedicated to making sure it stays connected with its citizens and the community. The department encourages citizens to reach out to them with any questions or concerns they may have. They can be contacted by email at [shmarshal@cityofsugarhill.com](mailto:shmarshal@cityofsugarhill.com) or by calling 770-932-2532.

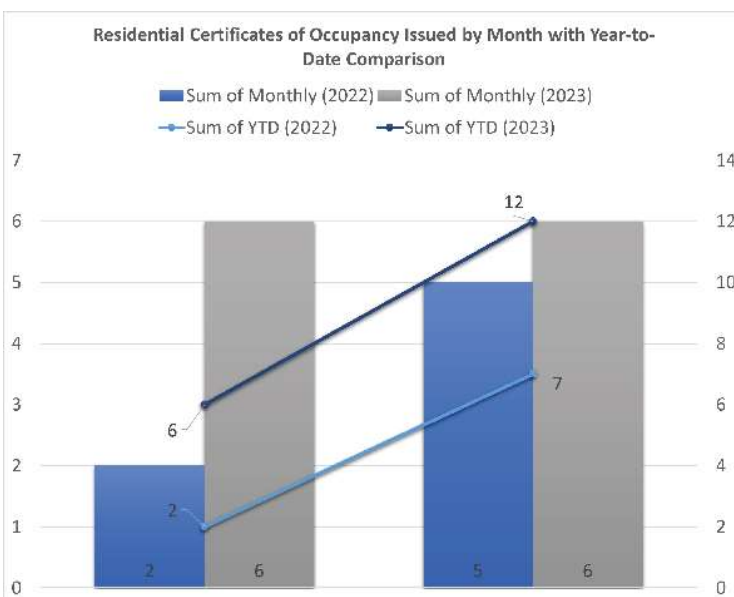
# Planning & Development



Talk of the Table, a wine and cheese tasting room, adjacent to the Sugar Hill Art Gallery & History Museum, has received a permit for commercial remodeling. It is estimated to open Spring 2023.

A new Goodwill drop-off location has been added at Sugar Hill Corners, the Publix shopping center. This will serve as a location for individuals to drop-off goods, and is not a store front location.

Breiner Custom Cutting, a company specializing in custom die cutting and CNC services, is expanding at 653 Buford Highway. Site development is underway for access improvements and 10,000 sq. ft and 5,000 sq. ft buildings.



For the second month in a row, no new residential building permits were issued as active builders continue to finish and sell their existing stock.

Two projects were considered by the Planning Commission in February. Both are on the agenda for tonight's meeting, March 13, 2023.



# Community & Downtown Updates

## Public Art in Downtown

Staff and Council Member Marc Cohen attended the 'More than Murals' conference in Thomasville, GA to learn about creative place-making and public art in a downtown area. The Georgia Council for the Arts is supporting creative place-making projects. Sugar Hill received an \$8,000 grant for an arts-focused strategy to activate a space within Sugar Hill.



## Youth Council

This month, staff will accompany the Youth Council on their trip to Washington D.C. for the National League of Cities' Congressional City Conference.



## Gold Mine Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



Add some SPRING into your step this season at the Gold Mine Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, then race on over using the Greenway where X marks the spot! The Gold Mine Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony is on Monday, March 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Bring your friends and family to enjoy this treasured event and fantastic new amenity!

Guests will have the opportunity to mine for gems of their own with the Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society while learning about Sugar Hill's rich history in gold mining as they make their way along the Greenway trail. Throughout the event, meet and greet with our Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Stormwater departments as well as several of our mayor and council, and community groups.

Public parking will be available in the back parking lot of Gwinnett Church. Gold Mine Park is located at 440 Level Creek Road, Sugar Hill, GA 30518



## Sugar Hill's Birthday

You're invited to celebrate Sugar Hill's 84th birthday on Friday, March 24, 2023! Enjoy our downtown, local businesses and say happy birthday to Sugar Hill by entering a raffle for a chance to win birthday goodies. Then, join friends and neighbors for a sweet treat on Cornerstone Park at 3:30 p.m. with special guest, Eddy the Eagle. The fun doesn't stop there. Tune in to our social media later that day for a sweet birthday surprise! Use #SweetLifeCelebration to say Happy Birthday to Sugar Hill.



## 2023 Concerts & Events

The 2023 Bowl Concert Series and Event Calendar is anticipated to be released in late-March. The concert series is scheduled to kick-off in June and conclude in September with the addition of free concerts at Sparks in the Park in July and the Sugar Rush Arts Festival in October.

The 2023 season at the Eagle Theatre is well on its way for another successful and busy season. The first Sugar Hill Live On Stage concert of 2023 was held in the Eagle last week with Haley Reinhart's Off The Ground Tour which had a great turnout. Box office hours at the theatre will soon be available to assist guests with ticket purchases for all ticketed events.

On the week of April 3, stop by the Eagle Theatre for our annual Spring Break Bash. We will be showing movies such as, Minions: The Rise of Gru, Black Adam, Thor: Love and Thunder, Turning Red, and Lightyear. Enjoy showings at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Come to the Eagle Theatre for some family-friendly fun! For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.eagleatsugarhill.com](http://www.eagleatsugarhill.com).



## Downtown Businesses & Residences Update

Rivermill Bakery has added new menu items including breakfast and lunch sandwiches, fresh bread, and smoothies.

The Rooftop is currently hiring with an estimated opening in mid-April.

Solis now has units available for pre-leasing. To schedule a tour or learn more about Solis and its availability, sign up at [www.solissugarhill.com](http://www.solissugarhill.com).

Find out more information about Skyview on West Broad by visiting their website, [www.kittlehomes.com](http://www.kittlehomes.com).



# Construction Update

## Ridge Lake Park

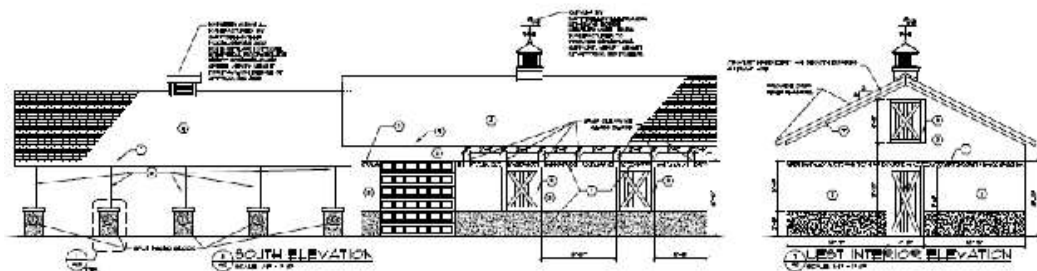
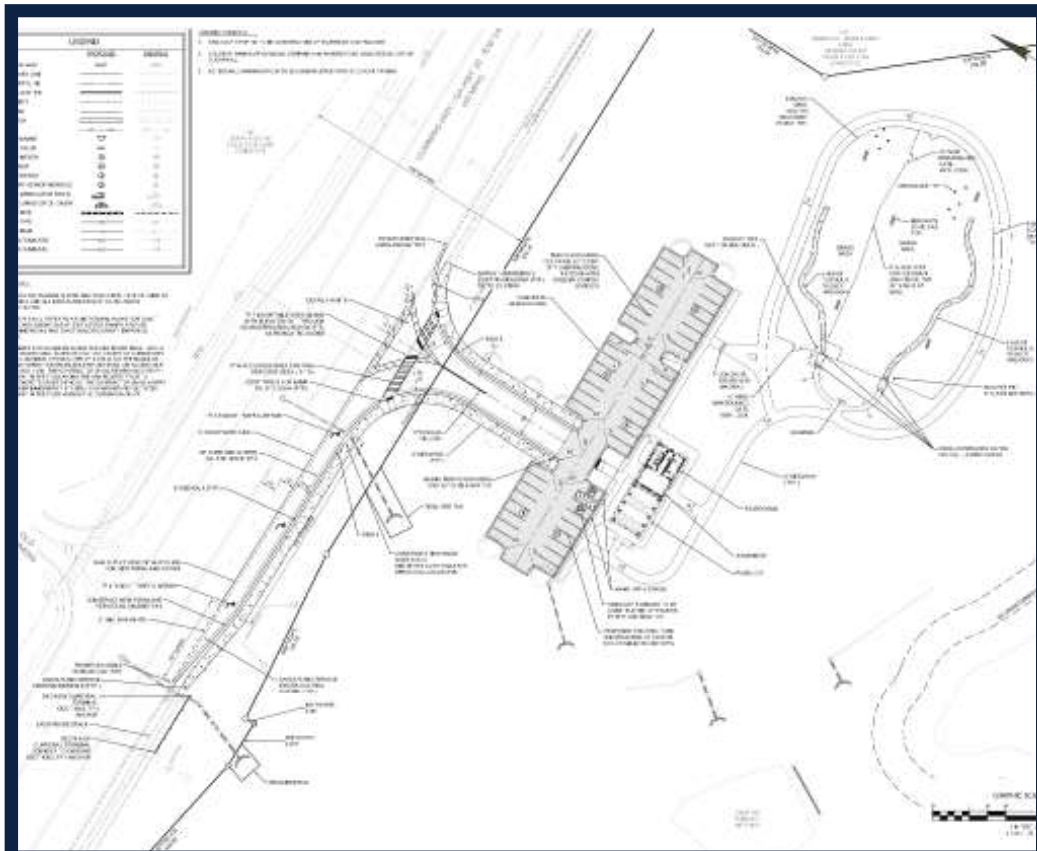
This 22-acre park off Highway 20 will consist of a parking area, restroom building with a covered seating area, dog park, pond improvements, and trails.

### Current Construction:

- Grading
- Underground Plumbing
- Electrical Services Installation

### Upcoming Construction:

- Concrete Slabs & Footing
- Dam Repair



## Project 23-004 Restroom Building at Pirkle Park

Bids for construction have been received and are being evaluated for a restroom building to serve the new fields on the South side of the park. The building will incorporate 7 unisex stalls and a water bottle filling station.



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## Cemetery Improvements

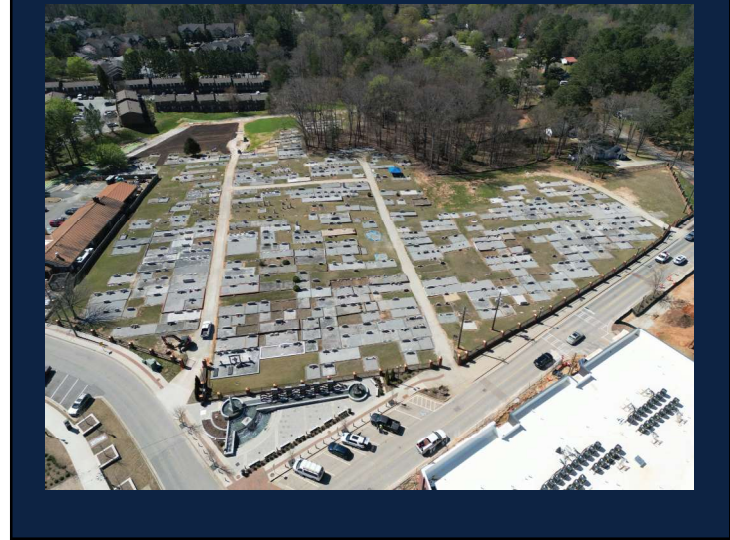
Completed or In Progress Construction:

- Gravel Drives
- Slope Grading
- Grassing

Upcoming Construction:

- Curb & Gutter
- Railing & Fencing
- Concrete Collar

One more month of construction is estimated, weather permitting.



## Bowl Pond Improvements

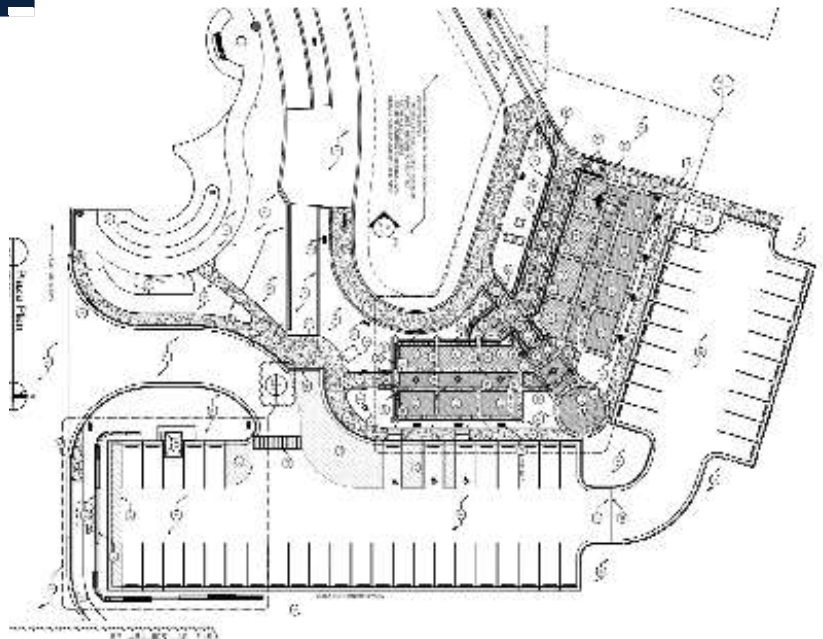


Improvements Include:

- Replacing the failed outlet that regulates pond water level & prevents flooding.
- New pavilion area for events, congregating or just relaxing.
- Parking area that will serve as a load in area for concerts and performances.
- Easy access to the new conference space at 39th Street Station.

Completed Construction:

- Outlet Control Structure
- Water Control



# Street Paving & Repair

The contract has been awarded to Georgia Paving for the 2022 - 2023 LMIG Street Project. Bids from 8 companies were received with the intention of repaving and repairing 23 streets, a parking lot, and the cemetery driveways. Work will begin later this month.

Street Name	From	To
Brookdale Dr	Hillcrest	cul de sac
Primrose Park Rd	Blossom Brook Ct	city limits
Primrose Park Ct	Primrose Park Rd	cul de sac
Summer Creek Ct	Primrose Park Rd	cul de sac
Blossom Brook Dr	Primrose Park Rd	Avalon Creek Rd
Avalon Creek Rd	Phase Line	cul de sac
Roberts Run Cove	Roberts Rd	cul de sac
Spring Hill Dr	Level Creek Rd	Whitehead Rd
Pinecrest Dr	PIB	end
Church St	Level Creek Rd	W Broad St
W Broad St	Alton Tucker Blvd	Nelson Brogdon Blvd
Alton Tucker Blvd.	PIB	W Broad St
Arbor View Way	Underhill Ct	cul de sac
Pine Branch Cir	Arbor View Way	cul de sac
Pine Branch Ct	Arbor View Way	cul de sac
Under Hill Ln	Arbor View Way	cul de sac
Oak Grove Dr	Level Creek Rd	end
Avonley Creek Dr	Old Cumming Hwy	Avonley Creek Trace
Kyle Trace Ct.	Avonley Creek Dr.	cul de sac
Glencora Close	Avonley Creek Dr.	cul de sac
Avonley Creek Trc	Avonley Creek Dr.	cul de sac
Starwind Way	Avonley Creek Dr.	cul de sac
Palser Trc	Avonley Creek Trace	cul de sac
City Hall Parking Lot	Asphalt EOP	Asphalt EOP
Cemetery Driveways	Various	N/A

## Alton Tucker Blvd. Extension

This project will improve the intersection of Level Creek Rd. and West Broad St., as well as extend Alton Tucker Blvd. to Highway 20. When design work is complete, advertisement for a construction partner will begin immediately after.

