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A New Beginning, Downtown Sugar Hill

The Sugar Hill Plaza located at Hwy 20 and West Broad St. is taking shape. It is the first of hopefully many new retail buildings to occupy the "New Downtown" of Sugar Hill. The firm of Custom Design & Development designed the complex that meets our architectural standards, and Matrix Development did the site design for owner Kyong OK Lee. The 12,500 sq. ft. building has several sections designed for a restaurant, specialty retail shops and offices. The unique aspect of the construction is it's underground retention system to control water runoff. The old Sugar Hill Convenience store, is now a history footnote. In the bottom photo our City gas crew is busy installing new lines in preparation for the "New Downtown"







New Business, Sugar Hill Jazzercise

Sugar Hill Jazzercise has opened in the gym at the United Methodist Church, 4600 Nelson Brogdon Blvd. Jazzercise is a 40 year old dance based exercise program that is open to all ages and body types. Owner Amie Bryans has been instructing for over 8 years, and with helpers Beth McEwen and Lucy Gravitt conducts 9 classes during the week. There are 5 morning (9:30) and 3 evening classes (4:30) plus a Saturday class at 8:15 am. Contact Amie at 404-993-0646 or amiejazz@yahoo.com



Construction Watch: New and Ongoing







The expansion of the Sugar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse is underway with the removal of the front of the building. The new full restaurant kitchen will serve the larger banquet room and be available for functions early spring. The covered playground at Gary Pirkle Park is nearing completion with the installation of the rubber play surface.

News Bites:

- The City of Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council extended their proclamation of congratulations to Carmen Smith, teacher at Sugar Hill Elementary School, for her being selected as Sugar Hill Elementary Teacher of the Year, an excellent accomplishment after two years of tenure teaching the second grade. Carmen represented Sugar Hill Elementary in the Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year competition and was selected as one of the Top Twenty Teachers in Gwinnett County. (Photo: L-R Rob Smith, Carmen Smith, Sugar Hill Elementary Principal Sandra Levent, Mayor Gary Pirkle)
- The Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council read a proclamation that in recognition of Meg Avery's service and dedication to the City, and the memory of her son, James, shall be honored by naming the North most natural grass youth soccer field at Gary Pirkle Park as **James Avery Field**. Meg Avery served as a member of the City of Sugar Hill Recreation Board for many years and during that time worked with the West Gwinnett Soccer Club to bring soccer to E.E. Robinson Park. She also served as a member of the Sugar Hill City Council for four years, re-instituting the Sugar Hill Fall Festival, starting the City Recreation Department, purchasing and building the Town Green and Community Center, and purchasing the initial property for the first new city park in 30 years.
- The Sugar Hill Business Alliance met for the second time at the Sugar Hill
 Diner to listen to updates on the City's progress towards a "New Downtown"
 The next meeting is December 17, 6:30 pm at The Sugar Hill Diner.







Did You Know:

• The contact phone number for Advanced Disposal is **770-887-6063**. If you have any questions or concerns about pick up days, times, carts, bags or recycle items, please call them directly.



Meeting Schedule 2009:

December / January 2010

December 7 / January 4 7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Annex

December 1 / January 12 4:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall Annex December 14 / January 11 7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall Annex

December 21 / January 19 7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall Annex

January 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.