



2011 - A Year in Review

2011 has proven to be a pivotal year in the effort to transform Sugar Hill. The year started off with the worst blizzard we have seen in years – prompting the purchase of additional snow removal equipment to keep the City running throughout the winter. The Kroger center welcomed a new McDonald’s, and is in the process of completing the next phase bringing many new stores to enjoy. We broke ground on the new City Hall complex, with its amenity pond already completed and the new amphitheater almost finished. Our annual community events reached new levels of participation - the “Touch a Truck” and our ever popular Easter Egg Hunt which seems to bring out every kid in Sugar Hill. Thanks to the “Right to Hike” organization we installed an emergency call box in Gary Pirkle Park this past May. In June we received a FEMA grant to install six early warning sirens in the City, and we are about to install our seventh to ensure the safety of our residents and those nearby. July saw the “Sparks in the Park” our annual fireworks show extravaganza bring in record crowds and thanks to the Sugar Hill Housing Authority we welcomed 130 members of the World Changers organization to town to fix and repair 10 homes. We look forward to their return next year. In August we broke ground for the new streetscape which is transforming West Broad Street – with a roundabout at Whitehead Rd. and new curbing almost complete. Georgia Power has relocated their power lines and AT&T is soon to follow. We welcomed several new retail businesses to the downtown area - Trader Golf, the Bark Bakery and the Sugar Hill Bakery and Café. Our annual Fall Festival in October was a success with families from around the area enjoying the festivities. One of the biggest events of the year was the groundbreaking for the new City Hall building – a self-funded, \$11M project that will anchor our new downtown – making it the place to be in Sugar Hill. We wound up the year with our annual Holiday event with Santa and tree lighting.



Construction Watch: City Hall & Amenity Pond



After weeks of preparing the soil for the new City Hall footings, it's exciting to see the walls finally being poured. The retention/amenity pond is really taking shape with the amphitheater terracing almost complete

News Bites:

• **HOW YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR STORMWATER UTILITY FEE**

The City of Sugar Hill maintains its own Stormwater Utility functions. Property owners with over 1,000 square feet of impervious area can take advantage of several of the available credits to lower their Stormwater Utility Fee. Checkout the Stormwater Credit Technical Manual on the City of Sugar Hill's website (www.cityofsugarhill.com) for Best Management Practices that can be used towards your credit. Don't delay; the deadline for Stormwater Credit applications to apply towards your 2012 Stormwater Utility Fee is February 1, 2012.



2012 Election Event Dates:	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
Presidential Preference Primary Election and Non Partisan Election Gwinnett County Referendums	February 6, 2012	March 6, 2012
Non-Partisan Election Runoff	February 6, 2012	April 3, 2012



• Remember that even though the holidays are over – the North Gwinnett Pantry still needs your help. The Pantry serves the needs of the less fortunate all throughout the year, not just the holidays. At this time shelves are extremely bare, so throughout the year, please remember to bring canned goods to City Hall or the Community Center for collection.



• The Senior Valentines Dance will be Saturday, February 4th, 2012 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Dance to live music by the Junction, at the Valentine decorated Sugar Hill Community Center. Join us for refreshments and don't forget your free Valentine photo with your sweetheart.



<p>2012 Meeting Schedule :</p> <p>January / February 2012</p> <p>January 3 / February 6 7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Annex</p> <p>January 20 / February 17 1:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>January 9 / February 13 7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall Annex</p> <p>January 17 / February 20 7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall Annex</p> <p>January 31 6:30 PM, Downtown Development Authority, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the Sugar Hill website at: www.cityofsugarhill.com.</p>
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