

the SweetLife

city of Sugar Hill



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Ice Rink

The City of Sugar Hill is excited to announce the much anticipated return of the ice rink! Opening night will be November 13th and this year the rink will be located in the gravel parking lot, across from The Bowl due to construction activity. Last year's inaugural season on the ice was a huge success with over 15,000 people skating.



That number is expected to double this year. Sugar Hill is throwing in some new events this season as well. To continue along the lines of Thursdays @ The Hill, Sugar Hill will be hosting Throw Back Thursdays @ The Rink (#TBT). We are taking a new approach to the idea and will "throwback" to different decades. Dress up and enjoy music from different decades like the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's all on the ice rink. Bring your family out for food, music and fun this winter!

Free Little Library Comes to Sugar Hill

The City of Sugar Hill has added a "Little Free Library" to the community! This small structure houses books available to the whole Sugar Hill area, all the time and is situated on the site of the old City Hall, now home to the Suite Spot! The Little Free Library will also allow citizens of Sugar Hill to have easy, quick access to all different kinds of great books. The Little Free Library idea began in 2009 when co-founder Thomas Bol built a bird house-sized structure modeled after a one-room schoolhouse. Bol's project was a tribute to his mother, a teacher who loved reading, so he filled the schoolhouse with books and placed it on a post in his yard with a sign that said FREE BOOKS. His idea grew popular in his area, and since the formation of the Little Free Library organization, over 25,000 Little Free Libraries have been placed throughout the world. The organization continues to encourage reading and togetherness in communities through their small libraries.

Although a small structure, it is easy to spot from the road, with quick access if walking as well. The books placed within the library are free for anyone to pull and take home to keep, with one request, place another book to take its place. City staff hopes this little library brings the community even further together. "The Little Free Library is a great way to keep a small town feel in a community that is so rapidly growing. It adds a unique touch to our downtown landscape as well." says Stacie Grayson, Marketing & Events Specialist with the City. Just like the Little Free Library organization, the City's desire is for everyone in the area of Sugar Hill to enjoy a book and pass it on!



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Youth Council

We are proud to introduce the Youth Council Members of 2015-2016. (From left to right) Aysha Jerald (N. Gwinnett), Agam Singh (Buford), Amber Nicholson (Lanier), Bryn Pugh (N. Gwinnett), Roshni Patel (N. Gwinnett), Shelby Borek (N. Gwinnett), Taylor Morain (Lanier), and Kaan Cubukcu (Lanier).



House Study



The Sugar Hill Housing Survey has now been closed. The survey will be used as part of the housing study, intended to evaluate current conditions in the City and project future needs. The study itself is designed to evaluate citizen satisfaction with housing options and housing availability for seniors and other special needs groups, identify neighborhoods in need of improvement, measure the livability of Sugar Hill, evaluate home values and affordability, and compile relevant demographics.

A workshop will be held on November 7th to review the survey results and future options. This workshop is open to the public. Planning Commission members and elected officials will attend as well. The Melgren Group, will be leading this workshop, which will feature discussion and breakout groups designed to gather input on housing issues. We invite all citizens to come and help shape the future of Sugar Hill.

Fire Safety:

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and the City would like you to be safe while you enjoy this time with your loved ones. Typically, cooking related accidents account for 43% of home fires, but on Thanksgiving that number increases to 69% (National Fire Protection Association and CNN). Here are some tips to engage in a safe Thanksgiving.

- Test your smoke alarms and fire extinguisher to make sure they are working properly.
- Keep an eye on your food while cooking. Do not leave your range or oven unsupervised for extended periods.
- Children enjoy helping in the kitchen. Allow them to be a part of the festivities, but always supervise.
- Be sure to remove lids to hot food and foil wrappers carefully to avoid steam burn.
- Make sure all electrical cords are properly stored.



Burning

From October 1st through April 30th burn permits may be issued throughout Gwinnett County. If you would like to burn yard vegetation, please come in to the City Hall Planning & Zoning Department to get your free burn permit. You will also need to call the Gwinnett County Burn Information Line at 678-518-4979. For more information, visit cityofsugarhill.com



Underground Piping Beyond the Meter

Sugar Hill operates a safe, well maintained underground gas system in accordance with state and federal regulations. Any underground gas piping beyond the meter to your home is the responsibility of the customer. If not properly maintained, metallic pipes, may be subject to corrosion. Make sure any underground piping beyond the meter is properly maintained.

Service Fee Increase

The City of Sugar Hill strives to provide a reliable, clean energy source to our gas utility customers through efficient and cost-effective operations. We are proud of our reasonable gas rates, safety record and customer service. However, our base service fee has remained unchanged over the last fifteen years, despite rising costs associated with regulatory compliance, safety, locating services, billing and required system maintenance and improvements. To continue to meet the demands associated with providing the highest level of service to our customers at the lowest possible margin, an increase of \$2.00 in the monthly base service fee will go into effect on your January bill. Even with this monthly base service fee increase, your overall 12-month cost of Sugar Hill gas will remain the lowest in the state compared to all the gas marketers and other municipal gas systems. We are glad you are a Sugar Hill gas customer and it is our pledge to continue to meet your energy needs with the smart choice of efficient and clean natural gas.



If you smell gas inside your home:

1. Please call the Sugar Hill Gas Department at (770) 271-2137 or (770) 945-6716. (available 24 hours a day)
2. Open doors and windows to ventilate your home if the smell is inside.
3. Shut off all gas appliance valves.
4. Don't use any machines, operate any electrical appliances or switches, including light switches.
5. Leave the house. Make emergency call from a neighbor's home. Remain there until a certified gas technician arrives.

If gas odor is strong leave the house immediately and make call from a neighbor's home. Do not take time to shut off valves or open windows. Wait at the neighbors until a certified gas technician arrives.



Call before you dig - It's the law!

It's the law. Please contact the Georgia One Call Center at (770) 623-4344 or 811, three days prior to digging in order for all utility-owned buried pipe and cable to be located. All digging should be carefully done by hand in the vicinity of the pipe. This service is available free of charge. Call the Sugar Hill Gas Department for information at (770) 271-2137.



Broad St. Concert Band

Interested in participating in Sugar Hill's very own Broad St. Concert Band? The band is a community band for adults that play a wide variety of musical styles. They were founded in 2014 and have played several events in Sugar Hill. Contact Jeff Cutchins at jeffcutchins@gmail.com for more information.



Players Guild

While the Players Guild has been busy rehearsing for shows, it is not too late to join! Whether you enjoy acting, building sets, or behind the scenes work, there is a place for you with the Players Guild @ Sugar Hill. Contact playersguildatsugarhill@yahoo.com

Sugar Hill Important Dates

November 2015

Nov 2	7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session
Nov 4	12:00 p.m. Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test
Nov 4	5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
Nov 7	12:00-3:00 p.m. Stepping Stones Montessori School Rise & Drive
Nov 8	2:00 p.m. Miss Sugar Hill Winter Pageant
Nov 9	7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
Nov 10	6:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Arts Commission Meeting
Nov 11	City Hall Closed in observance of Veterans Day
Nov 12	5:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting
Nov 13	Ice Rink @ Sugar Hill Opening Night
Nov 16	6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Planning & Development Work Session & Meeting
Nov 16	6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
Nov 18	5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
Nov 20	1:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Municipal Court
Nov 24	6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority Meeting
Nov 26	City Hall Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
Nov 27	City Hall Closed in observance of Thanksgiving

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With Us!



**FREE
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every month on the
second Tuesday
at 2 PM at The
Community
Center!

December 2015

Dec 2	12:00 p.m. Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test	Dec 21	6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Planning & Development Work Session & Meeting
Dec 2	5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting	Dec 21	6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
Dec 5	5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Annual Holiday Celebration	Dec 24	City Hall Closed in observance of Christmas
Dec 7	7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session	Dec 25	City Hall Closed in observance of Christmas
Dec 8	6:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Arts Commission Meeting	Dec 29	6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority Meeting
Dec 10	5:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting		
Dec 14	7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting		
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