



City Hall Grand Opening!

Mark your calendar and join the Mayor and City Council for the Grand Opening of your new City Hall. On Sunday, January 13th, 2013 from 1:00pm till 4:00pm attend the big celebration as we cut the ribbon on City Hall. The event will feature dignitaries, tours, food, and commemorative mementos of the occasion. You'll be impressed by the craftsmanship and attention to detail of the interior of the Council Chambers and the grand foyer. On the first floor we will display several historical documents of the early days of Sugar Hill. If you have any artifacts and photos of Sugar Hill we would love to include them in the Community Room. Take part in the video taping of our "Living History" project as residents provide an insider's view of what it was like growing up in Sugar Hill. After seeing the building, plan on taking a walk around the amenity pond and amphitheater behind City Hall where in the Spring we'll have concerts and our movie series. We could not have made this project successful without the support and patience of our residents, and the strong direction of our City Staff. We wish to congratulate Precision Planning, Pond Engineering, Van Winkle Construction and Reeves Construction.



Getting to know the Sugar Hill Gas Department Meter Readers. Have you ever seen a Sugar Hill employee going through your yard to read your meter? Once a month Gas Meter Readers check on every gas customer, read the meters, and assist the Gas Department in other matters including: meeting new customers at the house to turn on their gas and light all pilot lights for their gas appliances; handle turn-offs when a customer terminates service and locking the meter to prevent any tampering of disconnected meters. They also watch for high usage or spikes to help deter leakage, checking for strong gas odors around the meter to identify leaks which are reported to the Gas Customer Service Supervisor helping to prevent potential problems... The Sugar Hill Gas Department Meter Readers will always have on yellow shirts or vests and are in a marked city vehicle to identify them.

Next time you see the Meter Readers in your neighborhood or yard please say hello. (L-R) Nathan Brown, Luciano Pardo, Sherry Ashe and Jarred Landers.



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

News Bites:

- The North Gwinnett Co-Op** food supply is critically low! As we move into the holiday season there is always a struggle to keep food on the Co-Op's shelves to serve those in need. Please help by donating: peanut butter, jelly, soups, pasta, rice, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, boxed meals, can of spaghetti sauce....anything that comes in a box, can or bag! The City collects food year round at City Hall and at the Recreation Center. Thank you in advance for your support! Contact Maureen Kornowa, Executive Director North Gwinnett Co-Operative Ministries Inc., 4395 Commerce Drive Buford, GA. 30518. 770-271-9793 (o) 678-620-5756 (c) www.northgwinnetcoop.org
- The Mayor and City Council read a proclamation expressing appreciation for retiring Gwinnett County Police Department Major Dan Branch, Precinct Commander, North Precinct for his many years of service to our community. Major Branch joined the Gwinnett County Police Department in 1975 as a Police Officer serving the Sugar Hill area. After 29 years of service, in 2004 he was appointed to his current position as Major. Major Branch has received numerous awards throughout his career including Medal of Valor, Honorable Service, Lifesaving Award, Meritorious Service and many others. Major Branch is retiring to become the Public Safety Director for Buford, GA.
- Councilman Marc Cohen was "Principal for a Day" at Lanier High School. His busy schedule included bus duty at 6:45! The day really started with a classroom walk through - fine arts - math and social studies. In the photo Mr. Cohen is speaking to the US government class on the role of local government. Principal Kerensa Wing said that "discussions with actual city officials greatly enhance the learning experience for the students." The Principal for a Day program sponsored by Gwinnett Public Schools and the Chamber of Commerce, unites local industry leaders with schools in the community.
- Mayor Gary Pirkle, and Councilmembers Mike Sullivan, Marc Cohen, Curtis Northrup and Susie Gajewski took time from their busy schedules to attend our annual Thanksgiving lunch. They in turn spoke to the City staff thanking them for their service to community and the City. Also in attendance were workers from VanWinkle and Reeves Construction who were praised for their work on the new City Hall.
- Want to reduce your Stormwater Utility Fee? Property owners with over 1,000 square feet of impervious area can take advantage of credits to lower their Stormwater Utility Fee. Check out the Stormwater Credit Technical Manual on the City of Sugar Hill's webpage. Don't delay; the deadline for Credit applications to apply towards your 2013 Utility Fee is February 1, 2013.



2012 Meeting Schedule : December / January 2013

December 3 / January 7
7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall

December 10 / January 14
7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall

December 21 / January 18
1:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall

December 17 / January 22
7:00PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall

No Dec. Mtg. / January 29
6:30 PM, Downtown Development Authority, City Hall

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 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.