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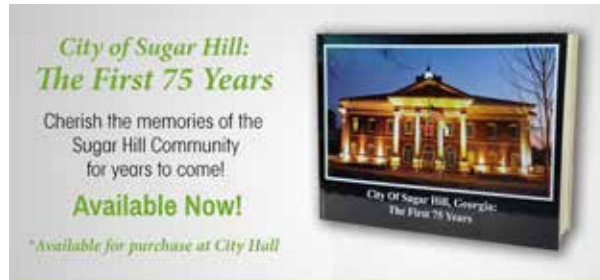


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## Share a Piece of Sugar Hill History!

In early 2014 the City decided to commemorate its first 75 years with the creation of a Sugar Hill history book. *City of Sugar Hill, Georgia: The First 75 Years* consists of 162 beautiful pages full of Sugar Hill stories. Founded in 1939 as the Town of Sugar Hill, the City was later named the City of Sugar Hill in 1975. This book details the "unofficial" story behind the name and embraces the bright, growing future ahead for the developing city. The rich information this book contains has been collected from a variety of publications, from personal observations and includes anecdotes from many residents and neighbors. While much of the information has been verified, some of it is the sweet personal stories of some of Sugar Hill's oldest residents. *Sugar Hill, Georgia: The First 75 Years* is available for purchase for \$35 at the Customer Service desk in City Hall. Thank you to all who contributed to the making of this book. Your efforts and stories are greatly appreciated, without them Sugar Hill wouldn't be the City that it is today. A special thank you to Tracy Williamson, the Graessle family, Tim Beck, and Marc Cohen for their countless efforts and diligent work to make this treasure a reality.



## City Council, Staff and Sugar Hill Schools

Investing in the future of our City is a high priority for Sugar Hill. Our Mayor, City Council, and City staff have a great relationships with the local schools and enjoy participating in school events. Throughout 2015 City officials and staff have participated in student-teacher basketball games, Principal for the Day Events, judging competitions, mentoring programs and many others. As the new year is upon us, Sugar Hill continues to look for more ways to be involved in our community and our schools.



Mayor Steve Edwards and Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Hembree viewed student presentations.



Council Member Mike Sullivan was Principal for the Day



Marc Cohen and the North Gwinnett Schools Foundation raised a generous amount for the Gwinnett Cluster Schools.



DDA Chairman, Taylor Anderson was Principal for the Day



The City Council celebrated the Teachers of the Year at the November Council Meeting

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# Sugar Hill's Sweet 2015

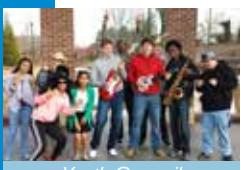
## 2015 Recap



Ice Rink @ Sugar Hill



Winning Band Pilot



Youth Council



Sister Hazel



Who's Bad?



Food Trucks

**January-March 1st**  
Ice Rink @ Sugar Hill completes its inaugural season!

**January 12th**  
The Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society was formed

**February 28th**  
Youth Council hosts Battle of the Bands- Local band Pilot won!

**March 28th**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**April 18th**  
We kicked off our 2015 Sweet Life Concert Series with the Rockin' BBQ Blast featuring Sister Hazel

**April 25th**  
Classic Rock Show Featuring The Fab Four

**May 1st**  
The Suite Spot co-working space opened!

**May 5th**  
Cinco De Mayo Concert Featuring A1A

**May 23rd**  
90s Forever Concert -Who's Bad? brought the music of Michael Jackson to Sugar Hill

**June 11th**  
Thursdays @ The Hill, the City's food truck and music event, kicked off the inaugural season

**June 20th**  
NBC's The Voice winner Danielle Bradbery performed at The Bowl



Danielle Bradbery

**June 24th**  
City of Sugar Hill featured on Communities of Distinction on Discovery Channel



**July 3rd**  
Sparks in the Park brought 10,000 people to E.E. Robinson Park.



**July 31st**  
Mayor and Council visited Greenville, SC for ideas on how to improve the City.



**August 29th**  
The Bowl hosted Rhythm & Brews featuring local band The Village Groove Band

**September 8th**  
Gwinnett County officials visited Sugar Hill on the Gwinnett County District 1 Bus Tour

**September 15th**  
Suite Spot was nominated for Pinnacle Small Business Award

**October 9th**  
The Sugar Hill Business Alliance held their inaugural golf tournament

**October 12th**  
Sugar Hill Golf Course hosted our first Soccer Golf Tournament

**October 17th**  
Sugar Rush Festival and concert featuring Travis Tritt was a huge success!



Travis Tritt

**October 17th**  
The Sugar Hill Arts Commission held their first Juried Art Show at Sugar Rush



**October 23rd**  
The Players Guild at Sugar Hill performed "Scared to Death-A Radio Play"

**October 31st**  
The City hosted Haunts at the Hill featuring a Zombie 5K and a Truck-or-Treat

**November 9th**  
The City broke ground on improvements to The Bowl

**November 14th**  
Ice Rink opened for the 2015/2016 season

**December 2nd**  
Mayor Steve Edwards and Economic Development Director, Scott Andrews, participated in the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade

**December 5th**  
Holiday Celebration

We are looking forward to an even better 2016! Thank you to our residents for making Sugar Hill a "Sweet" place to live, work, and play!



## World Changers

Last year, the Sugar Hill Housing Authority and World Changers Organization teamed up to provide a community service, painting homes, fixing porches, and performing other minor exterior home repairs for residents in need within the City. This year, World Changers volunteers will be expanding their assistance to residents in nearby Cumming, but will still be working in Sugar Hill. Since World Changers will be expanding their services locally, the application process will be more competitive this year. We encourage anyone in need within the City limits of Sugar Hill to submit an application for assistance.

## North Gwinnett Co-op

The North Gwinnett Co-Operative Ministries is a faith based organization that provides food, clothing, utility, and prescription medication assistance to the residents of Buford, Sugar Hill, and Suwanee. In addition to providing these services, they also operate a thrift store called Second Blessings, which depends on donations from the community. The sales from the store go to providing assistance for those who qualify. During the cold winter months, the Co-Op is in desperate need of gently used coats, and food items like peanut butter, canned chicken, tomato sauce, and canned soups (no glass containers, please). Donations can be dropped off at Sugar Hill City Hall, the Community Center, or at the Co-Op during their hours of operation. For more information about the Co-Op, the services they provide, or how to help your neighbors in need, please visit [www.northgwinnetccoop.org](http://www.northgwinnetccoop.org) or call 770-271-9793.

## Sugar Hill Gas Customer Payment Assistance Program:

In April 2013, the Mayor and Council adopted a policy in which the City of Sugar Hill and the North Gwinnett Co-Op would partner together to offer assistance to individuals and families needing help with paying their gas bill. Since the program began, nearly \$5k in assistance has been given to needy families and individuals.

The City's natural gas bill includes a section on the payment coupon that allows customers to add \$1, \$2, \$5, or another amount to their payment to help those individuals and families requiring assistance in paying their utility bill. When a person requests assistance, they are directed to the Co-Op where they may apply for a voucher to be credited to their gas utility account. Only customers of the Sugar Hill natural gas utility are eligible to receive assistance under this program. If you would like more information about this program, please contact the City of Sugar Hill Customer Service Department at 770-945-6716.

## Preventing Water Pollution from Hazardous Waste

Help protect our streams and lakes by reducing, recycling and disposing of different types of hazardous materials that may be found in your home. Here are a few tips on helping our environment:

- Never dump vehicle fluids down the storm drains which lead directly into your streams
- Regularly tune your vehicle and fix all leaks
- Recycle all batteries
- Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly and only as a last resort
- Take paints, stains, varnishes and sealers to an approved collection site.

Call 1.800.CLEANUP or go to [www.cleanup.org](http://www.cleanup.org) for a site near you. Please note: Putting anything other than stormwater into the City's stormwater system is a violation of the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance. There are few exemptions! The Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance can be found on-line at the City's website: [www.cityofsugarhill.com](http://www.cityofsugarhill.com). Your efforts to protect our environment are good for the entire community.



# Get Involved!

Sugar Hill has a variety of organizations that were created to bring the community together based on common interests. Find one that interests you and get involved this year! For even more information about what's happening in Sugar Hill, sign up for one of the many email mailing lists available at [www.cityofsugarhill.com](http://www.cityofsugarhill.com).



The Broad St. Concert Band is an open community band, no audition is required. Members must be age 18 and over. If you have an interest in joining the community band, visit them at one of their practices held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Buice School.



The Sugar Hill Business Alliance is the best place to get plugged in as a Sugar Hill business. The meetings are held at the Suite Spot on the second Thursday of each month. Membership is only \$50 per year. Professionals are invited to try a meeting out for free before joining.



The Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society meets on the third Monday of each month at the Suite Spot. Find more information about the Society on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SugarHillHistoricPreservationSociety](http://www.facebook.com/SugarHillHistoricPreservationSociety).

You can also e-mail them at [SugarHillHPS@gmail.com](mailto:SugarHillHPS@gmail.com)



Do you want to become a confident speaker and strong leader? If so, Sugar Hill Toastmasters club is the place is for you.

You will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows you to achieve your goals at your own pace.

Join us at our weekly meeting:

**Wednesdays from 12:00pm-1:00pm**

**City of Sugar Hill Community Room**

[sugarhill.toastmastersclubs.org](http://sugarhill.toastmastersclubs.org)

Contact: Lino Garriz - VP Public Relations

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The Players Guild @ Sugar Hill is looking for actors and crew. To get involved or get more information, visit <http://www.playersguildsugarhill.net/>.



The Sugar Hill Arts Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall and is open to artists and art-lovers of all ages. For more information e-mail Nicole at [nklein@cityofsugarhill.com](mailto:nklein@cityofsugarhill.com).

## Sugar Hill Important Dates

### January 2016

- Jan 1** City Hall Closed: New Years Day
- Jan 4** 7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session
- Jan 6** 12:00 p.m. Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test
- Jan 6** 5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Jan 11** 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Jan 12** 6:00 p.m. Arts Commission
- Jan 14** 5:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting
- Jan 18** City Hall Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 20** 5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Jan 26** 6:30 p.m. Downtown Development Authority Meeting

### February 2016

- Feb 1** 7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session
- Feb 2** 12:00 p.m. Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test
- Feb 2** 5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Feb 8** 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Feb 9** 6:00 p.m. Arts Commission
- Feb 11** 5:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting
- Feb 15** 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Planning & Development Work Session & Meeting
- Feb 15** 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Preservation Society Meeting
- Feb 17** 5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Feb 23** 6:30 p.m. Downtown Development Authority Meeting

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