



## *Construction Watch: City Hall*



City Council Chamber

The new Sugar Hill City Hall is in the process of having its signature “copper penny” roof installed. Over the next few weeks the cupola with a clock will be installed. The interior is now completely closed in, painting and wood work is progressing. The retention/amenity pond is complete and awaiting handrails to be installed, while the “streetscape” is also nearing final completion. We plan to open West Broad St. completely on August 6th to allow school bus access to The Buice School. Check the Sugar Hill City web site for more construction photos.

**Getting to know the Sugar Hill Planning & Development Department.** Your Planning and Development Dept. is a team of six people responsible for the coordination of all long-range and current planning functions of the City. They regularly review permits, inspect development activity and carry out general administration of the City's land use policies. The office handles: issuing permits on new residential and commercial buildings/ additions/remodels, fences, retaining walls, storage buildings, accessory structures, open burning of yard debris, land disturbance activity, installation of drainage pipe, driveway extensions, garage sales, signs and banners. They judiciously enforce the various codes and ordinances related to zoning, development, building codes, property maintenance, outdoor storage, junk vehicles, other nuisances, soil erosion and sedimentation, floodplain management and stream buffer protection. P&Z documents and administers the City's long term plans, analyzing land use patterns and coordinating planning efforts with our neighbors and advises the City Council and Planning Commission.



Drop us a line to let us know how we're doing!

(photo L-R) Tim Schick-Planner, Kim Landers-Admin. Assistant

Kaipo Awana-P&D Director, Mauricio Torres, Donna McDaniel-Code Enforcement, Burny Agee- Chief Building Official

**Send your comments on the newsletter, e-mail [dkelemen@cityofsugarhill.com](mailto:dkelemen@cityofsugarhill.com)**

- **No Place for Hate** is a campaign driven by the Anti-Defamation League that is working towards stopping all forms of bias and bullying. It is endorsed by public, private and parochial schools across the country because bullying and bias are an unhappy reality in most schools today and pose a threat to the safe learning environment that all students need. To receive the 'No Place for Hate' designation, schools must engage in school wide activities focusing on tolerance and anti-bullying. All students and staff must sign a pledge that states they will serve as allies to targets of bullying and that the school will collectively adopt an atmosphere of acceptance and positive behavior. No Place for Hate is intended to encourage students to be allies, not bystanders and to stand up against all forms of bullying and bias.
- The Lanier Cluster Schools (Lanier High School, Lanier Middle School, Sycamore Elementary and White Oak Elementary) all received the "No Place for Hate" designation from the Anti-Defamation League for the 2011-2012 school year. What does this mean for our schools? Kelli Townley (5<sup>th</sup> grader from White Oak Elementary) stated that NPFH means that "no one should be bullied, no matter what, because we all should be treated equal. I always think if I do this, do I want this to happen back to me?" Zolan Poole (5<sup>th</sup> grader from White Oak) said that NPFH "showed people that we aren't afraid to stand up to bullies and that we really care about how other people are treated." For more information about No Place for Hate, please visit [www.noplaceforhate.org](http://www.noplaceforhate.org)



**News Bites:**

- The City of Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council along with the Boy Scouts of America take great pride to congratulate Graham Rogers, as he was recognized by an Eagle Scout *Court of Honor* on June 30, 2012 at The Sugar Hill Church, Highway 20, Sugar Hill, Georgia. We commend his achievement and also acknowledge all Boy Scouts and their Leaders within the community. (photo L-R) Andrew, Barbara, & Graham Rogers, Mayor Gary Pirkle
- Hanna Slater, a 13-year old Sugar Hill resident deals with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Symptoms include anemia, feeling tired or weak, being short of breath and looking pale; low white blood cell count, fever and frequent infections that are hard to treat, and easy bruising or bleeding. The City of Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council congratulated Hanna Slater for her courage, bravery, and dedication to blood cancer research as she continues to fight this dreaded disease. She is an inspiration and shining example of strength in the face of adversity. Hanna spends her time raising money and awareness of the disease for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. (photo L-R) Adam, Sienna, Becky & Hanna Slater, Councilman Marc Cohen
- **Lanier Animal Hospital** is moving into a brand-new 10,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility at 5700 Cumming Highway. Come see why Lanier Animal Hospital was voted Best of Gwinnett by [bestofgwinnett.com](http://bestofgwinnett.com). Celebrate with them August 25th at their Open House. Bring the family for festivities that will include food, fun, jumpy houses, face painting, a balloon artist, raffles and more. Pet psychic, Tim Link, will be in attendance. Meet their staff, tour the amazing new facility and have a great time! For more info. call: 770-831-5965 (photo) Office Manager Jennifer Port in front of the new facility



**2012 Meeting Schedule :**

August / September

August 6 / September 4  
7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Annex

August 13 / September 10  
7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall Annex

August 17 / September 21  
1:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall Annex

August 20 / September 17  
7:00PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall Annex

August 28 / September 25  
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](http://www.cityofsugarhill.com).