



Epic Announcement for Downtown Sugar Hill



Above is an initial artist rendering of the Community Center which will be located on W. Broad St

there are nearly limitless outcomes to consider when making a major move. June 26th was the day that Sugar Hill made just that move,” said Mayor Steve Edwards.

On this Thursday evening during the Mayor’s Meet & Greet with businesses, residents, and community leaders, Epic plans were announced changing the landscape and improving quality of life of Sugar Hill residents forever. Sugar Hill’s next step is to bring a mix of both commercial and residential properties to our downtown. “To show our community how committed we are to bringing people to downtown, we are announcing what we are calling the Downtown Community Center @ Sugar Hill. You are the first to hear these plans and City Council just voted to agree on the terms for this land purchase,” said Edwards. The development of this project will take place in a series of planned phases.

Artist’s rendering and images of the Downtown Community Center @ Sugar Hill were unveiled and oohs, and ahhs were echoed throughout the crowded room. The Downtown Community Center will consist of a sports gym, lap pool, and a community theatre wrapped with commercial space for restaurants, retail and offices, all to be managed by the city’s Downtown Development Authority. Mayor Edwards elaborated stating “the timing is right for this investment considering the impact of the widening of Highway 20. We will see the City become a commercial hub and our goal is to keep commerce, jobs and spending in Sugar Hill. There are 30,000 vehicle trips a day on Highway 20 and once the widening project is completed, DOT is projecting 50,000 trips a day. This is not to mention the traffic currently traveling on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Downtown Sugar Hill sits at the epicenter of this commercial hub,” said Edwards.

Over the past 10 years, the City has actively engaged its citizens to determine what investments or improvements would make Sugar Hill a better place to live. The city has listened and now boasts world class parks, a new city hall and a unique town lawn and amphitheater. The recently completed streetscape has also laid the foundation for future investments downtown. The next move is building a downtown. For the past few years, the city has systematically acquired strategic properties preparing for this moment.

“There is an art to building a City. This strategic and methodical process is like a game of chess where

Wellness Fair @ Sugar Hill - August 23rd

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Event Includes:

- Vendors
- Food
- Free Group Fitness Classes
- Physical, Mental and Financial Wellness Information
- Blood Services will be available for blood donations



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The City of Sugar Hill will be holding the 2nd Annual Community Wellness Fair on Saturday August 23rd. Join City staff, community members, and local businesses as we collaborate with physical, mental, and financial wellness vendors from the area. This free event is open to the entire community, and for kids of all ages. Georgia Fitness staff will be leading free group fitness classes and conducting wellness screenings. There will be a Kid Zone on site promoting active play activities for children. We will have blood services on hand for those seeking to donate blood. If your local business is interested in joining Georgia Fitness and several others as an event sponsor, or booth vendor please contact Scott Andrews at 770-945-6716 or sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com. Let's get fit together in 2014/2015!

Sugar Hill welcomes Stepping Stone Montessori School

Stepping Stone Montessori School was founded in 2013. The first campus to open was in Cumming and now the **Sugar Hill campus will open on August 4th**. The goal of Stepping Stone's founders was to take comfort in the knowledge that they are helping to create happy children who are developing well and whose parents feel comforted by the quality of education that they are receiving. **Stepping Stone Montessori School** seeks to bring an authentic Montessori experience to the Sugar Hill community. Montessori Education continues to grow worldwide and residents are encouraged to schedule a tour to find out why. The school will open with programs for children 6 weeks to 6 years, with the elementary program anticipated to open by 2016. For further questions, contact Mark Berger at administrator@steppingstonemontessori.com. Welcome to Sugar Hill!

Meet Troy Besseche - Assistant City Manager of Sugar Hill



Troy Besseche (*Beb-SESH*), recently named the Assistant City Manager for Sugar Hill, has served local government in the functional areas of Engineering, Community Development, Utility Operations, and Public Works along with several other responsibilities in his tenure with several metro cities. During his 17 years in the public sector, he has implemented key and innovative solutions to municipal operations, ranging from those in Public Works services to Cable & Internet Operations to Code Enforcement. Drawing on his experience in municipal engineering, operations, and project management, he was instrumental in helping establish South Fulton's first successful Stormwater Utility, completed the first major revision to the City of Fairburn's Land Development Standards in the heyday of the housing market, and introduced the concept of Full Depth Reclamation to municipal roadway operations in that City. Besseche, a thirty-year resident of metro Atlanta and Professional Engineer, holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech, a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education from Georgia State, and completed his secondary education right here in Gwinnett County. He has served on numerous Technical Committees at the regional level and participated in shaping the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, protected small system's interests during the updates to the three District water resource management plans, and was influential in several transportation studies in the south metro area.

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Rhythm & Brews @ Sugar Hill - Sept. 19 at 6:30pm



The City of Sugar Hill would like to cordially invite the community to attend the first of many Rhythm & Brews events in the Bowl @ Sugar Hill. This family friendly event will be **FREE** for all to attend. Food trucks and beverage vendors will be on site for purchases, should you wish to quench your palette's desire. Performances will kick-off at 6:30pm. The main act will feature the smooth sounds of **Herman Pennamon and Friends**. Performances will run the musical gamut from the Temptations to Beyonce. Herman Pennamon, Jr. was born in Hawkinsville, GA and was involved in the music world at an early age. When he was just thirteen years old, he joined the popular R&B

band Soul Groovers. The band toured the Southeast and even had the honor of opening up for James Brown.

Georgia Force Football



The Georgia Force High School Home School football program is celebrating its eleventh season. The Force acquired its name from an agreement with the Georgia Force Arena Football Program, which is no longer in existence. The Force is an eleven man contact football program for home school student-athletes as well as Christian or private student-athletes that do not have a football program. The program also allows up to four public school student-athletes in 2014. The Force offers varsity football for players 15-18 years of age and middle school football for players 11-14 years old. The Force also offers cheerleading as well. The Force has been based out of the City of Sugar Hill since 2004. The teams practice and play their home games at Gary Pirkle Park. The Force, like all the GHSA programs, play their varsity games on Fri-

day evenings at 7:30 PM. The middle school plays it home game primarily on Saturday mornings at 10 AM with the exception of away games and one home game versus Lakeview Academy on Thursday evenings. For more information, go to www.forcehsfootball.com

Mosquito Spraying Update

Through the Mosquito Control Program; the City of Sugar Hill is maintaining its efforts to minimize the risk and prevent the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses and reduce human discomfort associated with large mosquito populations in the community. Shortly after midnight, a City vehicle will drive the streets and spray the insecticide "fog". The fog is sensitive (killed by) to sunlight and water. The mosquito spray will accomplish its work over night, and the next morning, when the sun comes up, the chemicals are rendered harmless but the process of killing the mosquitoes has taken place. We have extended our spraying schedule to (2) rounds each year to increase the effectiveness of our Mosquito Control Program. It will take two weeks to spray the entire City for each round of spraying. Please see the spraying schedule below. **Late Summer Mosquito Spraying Schedule (Round 2):**

Week of August 18th – 22nd Streets & Subdivisions North of Hwy. 20

Week of August 25th – 29th Streets & Subdivisions South of Hwy. 20

Please visit the City website to learn more about our Mosquito Control Program and how you can help to prevent mosquitoes on your property. For more information about our Mosquito Control Program, please visit our website at www.cityofsugarhill.com.

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Join the Sugar Hill Business Alliance



Sugar Hill Business Alliance

The Sugar Hill Business Alliance (SHBA) is the leading organization for establishing and growing businesses in northern Gwinnett County. The SHBA promotes social interactions between member business, as well as involvement in City events, and participation in Downtown Development Authority projects and initiatives. The next SHBA meeting will be on August 21 at 6:30pm at Sugar Hill City Hall. The ultimate goal of the SHBA is to expose member businesses to

opportunities for continued business growth. For more information, contact Scott Andrews at 770-945-6716, or sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com

Rain Barrel Workshop for Sugar Hill Residents

People everywhere are seeking ways to minimize their water use, yet maintain an attractive landscape. Rain barrels can be part of the solution. The City of Sugar Hill will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop that will be presented by the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeepers on Saturday, August 16th. This will be a 1 hour workshop which includes adequate time for you to assemble your very own rain barrel. That's right, you will receive a 60 gallon rain barrel hose spigot, overflow valve, down-spout attachment and filter screen. Staff will assist you in the assembly. There is a \$40 fee to be paid when reserving your spot. **This workshop is limited to the first 25 participants**, so call 770-831-7413 today to reserve your spot. Be sure to drive a vehicle which can carry your 60 gallon rain barrel home.

Rain Barrel Workshop:

Saturday August 16th, 2014 10am. City of Sugar Hill Community Garden. 6195 Austin Garner Road, Sugar Hill

Community Bulletin Board

- Are you an avid runner, or just looking for a group to start running with? If so, the City of Sugar Hill is looking to assist with this effort by starting a **running club** in July that meets on Mon and Wed at 5:30pm on the lawn behind City Hall. For more information, or to join-in contact the City at sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com
- The City of **Sugar Hill Community Gardens** are located at Gary Pirkle Park. There are still plots available and time to plant! Plot sizes vary and start as low as \$25. Some of the improvements underway include deer fencing for the surrounding perimeter of gardens and new, raised beds. **Call 770-831-7413**
- The City of Sugar Hill has added a Halloween themed feature for our Reels on the Lawn Series. On Friday, October 24 at sunset, the City will be viewing **World War Z** (PG-13) for residents and guests.
- **Farmer's Markets** are coming soon to Sugar Hill. Please contact the City to express your interest in getting involved a vendor, or to recommend a local business. Please contact us at sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com
- Join in on the City-wide **Biggest Loser challenge**. **Prizes will be awarded** to the participants that have the largest drop in overall body fat percentage. The City offers a plethora of low cost fitness class options to help achieve your wellness goals. To hear about our offering contact Scott Andrews at 770-945-6716.

2014 Meeting Schedule

August

August 4

7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Community Room

August 11

7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

August 15

1:00 PM, Municipal Court, City Hall

August 18

7:00PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall

August 26

6:30 PM, Downtown Development Meeting, City Hall

Everyone is invited to attend Sugar Hill's monthly Council Work Sessions and Council Meetings. All meetings will be held in City Hall located at 5039 West Broad Street, Your comments, suggestions and support help make Sugar Hill a better place.

Videos of 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.