



Suite Spot @Sugar Hill seeking Future Tenants



Is your local home-based business looking for a new home? If so, your small business is invited to come grow with the City of Sugar Hill.

The Sugar Hill City Council on Monday, April 14th approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority to lease the old city hall to the DDA. This action allows the DDA the opportunity to market the building and sublease space to home-based businesses. The sublease agreements are incredibly reasonable, given the market in Sugar Hill, and the need for co-working space in the City. “We think this will be an excellent use of city property,” noted Mayor Steve Edwards, who said the facility will be named **“The Suite Spot @ Sugar Hill.”**

“Eighty percent of businesses in Sugar Hill are home-based businesses,” council member Hembree said after the meeting. “They really need intermediate space for development. In fact, our first tenant will be Grasp Learning, a tutoring company that had been operating out of a home in Sugar Hill. We are excited about their growth and think the Suite Spot @ Sugar Hill will fulfill the growth needs of other businesses in Sugar Hill in the future.”

For more information on the Suite Spot @ Sugar Hill contact: Communications, Events, & Downtown Manager, Scott Andrews at 770-945-6716, ext. 1304 or sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com

Goal!!! Sugar Hill Scores All-In Futbol



The new **All-In Futbol Club @ Sugar Hill** will begin play with a fall season, fielding recreational, academy, select and men’s teams for all ages. The organization will play predominantly at **Gary Pirkle Park**, but also has space at nearby **E.E. Robinson Park**. “We are pumped about launching our own soccer program at Sugar Hill,” Sugar Hill Mayor Steve Edwards said. “We waited until we were in a position to do it right. Waiting for the right partner, we found All-In Futbol Club, which has a professional management team experienced, excited and willing to take our program to the next level.” The park will have two full-sized, synthetic turf fields, one or two under-6 synthetic turf fields and two natural grass under-12 fields. The field at E.E. Robinson also is natural grass. The park will be available for the league on both Saturdays and Sundays. Online registration begins this week at www.allinfc.com.

News Bites:

Were you born in 1939, or do you know a resident who was? The City of Sugar Hill is looking for residents **celebrating their 75th birthday this year** as part of the City’s 75th Anniversary Celebration., you can play a special part of our August 2 big event festivities. To participate and be recognized, contact Scott Andrews at sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com

Sugar Hill Honors Tech Savvy Innovation of Students

At the April City Council Meeting, a select group of Lanier High School CDAT students were recognized for their outstanding and innovative work in creating an interactive mobile application as part of the Verizon Technology competition. The application called “TagIt” will according to student Michael Johnathan, “provide citizens with a way to ‘tag’ problems. The app may be used to report a variety of things in the City including damaged sidewalks, roads, or other attributes. As other people notice and tag the issue, it increases the score of the tag, allowing for the City to prioritize the use of their resources. Thus, saving tax money and fixing the pothole that needs to be fixed not the one that can wait.”

Technology instructor, and CDAT Academy Lead, Mike Reilly states that, “we are so proud of the accomplishments of this student team. They had to use real-world technology, communication and collaboration skills in developing the app concept. To have 10th graders as national semi-finalists speaks so highly of the opportunities that our school offers, as well as the raw talent found in our own town.” For more information on this creative innovation designed by local students please visit www.thetagitapp.com. The TagiIt team includes Michael Jonathan, Brian Willis, Joshua Chatelain, Benjamin Rosenthal, and Andrew Esteves.



Level Billing Option Open to Residents

The City of Sugar Hill again is offering an innovative program that allows you to have a level billing amount for your monthly natural gas bill. By averaging your bills from the previous year and flattening out the peaks, as well as the valleys, you are able to achieve a consistent bill for your gas utility services. This convenient program lets you pay the same amount each month. Thus, taking the surprise out of your utility bill and making it easier to budget in advance. We will continue to read your meters as usual and you will receive information on your actual usage on your utility bill. At the end of the level billing program your account will be reviewed and a settle-up will be performed to determine the difference between your actual consumption and your budget-billed consumption. The amount due on the account (credit or debit) will be applied to the account at that time. The deadline to sign up for the program is **June 4th, 2014**.

For more information on how the Level Billing Program works please call the City of Sugar Hill Customer Service Department at 770-945-6716.

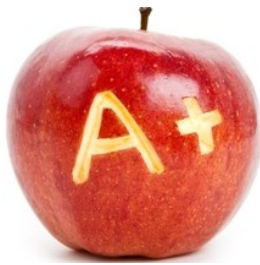
News Bites: City Welcomes New Communications & Events Manager



Scott Andrews started with the City of Sugar Hill on April 21 as the City's Communications, Events, and Downtown Manager. He will be the point of contact on all events, city-related communications, downtown development and community outreach. Scott is a native Floridian, who comes to Sugar Hill after serving the City of Temple Terrace the past 11 years. His background is in local government administration, event planning, recreation and higher education.

Scott was very involved in his previous community, where he had spent his entire life. He was a high school coach and a member of numerous civic groups. He is looking forward to embracing his role as a community ambassador in Sugar Hill as well. One of the city's most ambitious goals is to fully program the city lawn and amphitheater on a regular basis with concerts, plays and other types of family friendly entertainment. Organizations that are interested in partnering with the city on downtown events are urged to contact Scott. Activity is really going to heat up @Sugar Hill. Scott can be reached at sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com, or 770-945-6716 x 1304.

Congratulations to the Georgia Association Principal of the Year



Congratulations are in order for Wanda Law of North Gwinnett Middle School. Mrs. Law is not only a gifted principal, respected by both the school community and her peers alike, she has shaped a vision of academic success for all students; and has recently been recognized as the top middle school principal in Georgia as the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principal of the Year for 2013-2014. Wanda Law Wanda will now advance to represent Georgia for the National Association of Secondary School Principals Principal of the Year title; and the City of Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council recently acknowledged Wanda Law during April's council meeting. Sugar Hill encourages all citizens to congratulate Mrs. Law on her accomplishments. Thank you for your continued service to the youth of Sugar Hill.

Georgia DCA expanding Georgia HomeSafe Program

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) recently announced expanded program changes for HomeSafe Georgia so it is now available to a wider pool of applicants.

WHAT: HomeSafe Georgia, the state program funded by \$339 million from the U.S. Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund to help states grappling with home foreclosures due to unprecedented home price declines and sustained and higher unemployment. Georgia's program is targeted to help homeowners avoid foreclosure and remain in their homes, and is housed at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

WHAT'S NEW: On Feb. 1, 2014, DCA expanded the eligibility pool: in addition to assisting homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed, HomeSafe Georgia now also assists homeowners who have experienced other financial hardships, including those associated with military service, death of a spouse, or a medical hardship that occurred in the last 36 months.

WHO'S BEEN HELPED: As of March 25, 2014, 4,901 individuals and families in 122 Georgia counties have received more than \$95 million in temporary mortgage assistance from HomeSafe Georgia since 2011. Homeowners assisted by HomeSafe Georgia have a 99% retention rate after 24 months of entering the program.

To see if you are eligible for the Georgia HomeSafe Program contact **Cynthia Harrison, HomeSafe Georgia Outreach Coordinator** at 404-502-6176 or cynthia.harrison@dca.ga.gov for more information or materials.

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Lanier High School Hosting Golf Fundraiser for Longhorn Football Team



Support the **Longhorn Football Golf Tournament** to be held Friday, June 13, 2014 at the Sugar Hill Golf course. Lanier High School Longhorn Football is seeking sponsors and golfers for the Annual Longhorn TD Club Golf Tournament.

Funds raised from the tournament will be used to purchase necessary equipment and related expenses for the players. The TD Club invites you to be a part of this tradition by supporting them as a sponsor or participating in this year's tournament.

Sign up at <http://lanierfootball.com/fundraising/golf-tournament/>



❖ SAVE THE DATE! ❖

- As part of the **75th Anniversary** celebration year - we invite you to come out
- and join us for a day of fun, music, and community on **August 2, 2014**. We will
- have carnival rides, a parade, vendors, arts & crafts, food, music, activities, a
- community dinner among other events. Stay tuned for the announcement of the
- big concert act that evening. For more information visit the City website at www.cityofsugarhill.com

SUGAR HILL RESIDENTS TO SELECT GRAND MARSHAL FOR PARADE

Do you know someone that exemplifies exceptional Sugar Hill attributes? Residents will have the ability to select the **Grand Marshal** for the 75th Anniversary celebration parade on August 2nd. Submit your nomination by emailing Scott Andrews at: sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com. Subject: **Grand Marshal**



Reminder: City Hall will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day

2014 Meeting Schedule :

May

May 5

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

May 12

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

May 16

1:00 PM, Municipal Court, City Hall

May 19

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

May 27

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.