



The 75th Anniversary Time Capsule Ceremony Celebration

- On Sunday, March 23rd, the City of Sugar Hill 75th Anniversary Time Capsule was closed and placed under the stairwell in City Hall. The enclosure is sealed and a plaque was placed on the wall instructing future generations on when and how to open the time capsule 75 years from now in 2089. We had many city and local dignitaries speak during the event, which also included local Boy Scouts and our two essay contest winners reading their submissions: “Life in Sugar Hill Today” by Kolby Skolnik and “What I Think Life in Sugar Hill Will be Like in 2089” by Nicole Salerno. Copies of the essays were added to the time capsule in addition to photos, documents and memorabilia from the City, an overview of the City, our history, local residents, schools and business. For photos and a complete list of items included in the Time Capsule visit the City web site.



Chairman Nash / Mayor-Pro Tem Cohen



Essay Winner Nicole Salerno



Essay winner Kolby Skolnik



Mayor Edwards



75th Chair Marc Cohen

City Going Green!

- Clean burning fuels and natural gas are both good for the environment and the City. The City is upgrading some of our vehicles to reduce the amount of gasoline used and emissions produced during normal operations. We are testing this clean fuel source by converting three pickup trucks to dual fuel capability. This means they can run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or regular gasoline. The City installed a “slow fill” station in the City Hall parking deck that can refill the vehicles overnight so they are ready for the next work day. The gas mileage is the same with gasoline or CNG. The advantage is that the CNG costs about half that of commercial fuels. The fueling system automatically switches back to gasoline if the natural gas tank runs empty without any difference in engine power or MPG. If we continue to see positive results the City will purchase CNG vehicles to replace our current fleet as they age out. Pictured next to a test vehicle: Councilman Curtis Northrup & City Manager Bob Hail.



Planning for the Future/Joint Training Workshop

As part of the City's efforts to create a vibrant downtown area, the City & the Downtown Development Authority engaged the consulting services of Billy Parrish and Kirby Glaze to provide a customized downtown development training module based on the fundamental principles and practices of the *New Community Initiated Development*© approach. Their engagement included an all-day practical hands-on "Single Project Opportunity Review" workshop to apply the fundamentals taught in the training session to real-life downtown projects selected by the group through a survey conducted last year. This meeting represented the first time that the Mayor and Council, Planning Commission, DDA, and City staff sat together and worked through issues related to fulfilling a mutual goal - building a quality downtown. This effort has helped improve communication and will serve the city and our residents well into the future.



Instructor Billy Parrish with opening remarks. Inset: Kirby Glaze



News Bites: 2013-14 Teachers of the Year - North Gwinnett Cluster

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Level Creek Elementary

Pamela Pickett

Kindergarten

10 years @ Level Creek / 30 years total teaching

Riverside Elementary

John O'Keefe

4th Grade Teacher

8 years @ Riverside / 13 years total teaching

Roberts Elementary

Dr. Judy Stephenson

1st Grade Teacher

4 years @ Roberts / 28 years total teaching

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

North Gwinnett Middle School

Rena Beckwith

7th Grade Accelerated & Gifted Science

5 years @ North Gwinnett Middle / 18 years total teaching

HIGH SCHOOL:

North Gwinnett High School

Natalie Powell

10th & 11th Grade A.P. Language/Composition & Gifted World Literature

7 years @ North Gwinnett High / 17 years total teaching



Not pictured: Rena Beckwith

News Bites:

- Mayor Pro Tem Marc Cohen was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Georgia SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)- a non-profit pet rescue organization located in Suwanee, GA. "We are delighted that Marc has joined our Board. His business expertise and influence in the community will be tremendously helpful with our efforts to raise awareness of, and support for, the homeless pets in our community." said GA SPCA President, Cindy Allen. Mr. Cohen's experience in strategic planning and marketing will help support the organization's mission to reduce the number of healthy animals euthanized in the State of Georgia. As a no-kill organization, all animals accepted by the Georgia SPCA are placed in an adoption center or foster home until suitable homes can be found. Prior to adoption pets are provided with updated vaccinations (including rabies), disease testing, treatment for heartworm (if necessary), flea and tick and heartworm prevention, spay or neuter, micro-chipping, and one month of free pet insurance. For more information visit us online at www.georgiaspca.org or at the shelter - 1175 Buford Hwy, Suite 109, Suwanee, GA 30024
- MTI Baths of Sugar Hill was one of the winners of the 2014 Manufacturer of the Year Award during a ceremony recently held in Atlanta. MTI won the medium manufacturer of the year (50-149 employees) at the third annual Movers and Makers Awards sponsored by Partnership Gwinnett in collaboration with Gwinnett Technical College. MTI CEO Katherine Adams says of the award: "From our inception in the community more than 25 years ago, we have found Gwinnett to be an instrumental part of our success. We look forward to continuing to grow and innovate in Gwinnett County." photo: Paul Radford (City) MTI CEO Katherine Adams.



Marc Cohen - Mayor Pro Tem



Paul Radford (City) MTI CEO
Katherine Adams.

"Built to Honor" Pulte Group Builds a Home for Army Sgt. Perry Haley

- Sgt. Perry Haley is a 13-year U.S. Army veteran and has served in Iraq. He sustained some injuries while serving overseas and has endured health issues as a result of a brain tumor. Pulte Homes is donating the lot and construction through its national **Built to Honor** program, which is committed to building and gifting 20 mortgage-free homes for wounded veterans across the country in 2014. The company has already delivered nearly a dozen homes through the Built to Honor program. **PulteGroup's** goal is simple: help ease the struggles of our wounded veterans and their families as they rebuild their lives here at home. Perry, 33, his wife, Autumn, and their children, Georgia (12), Eva (8), Hannah (3) applied for the new home through **Operation FINALLY Home**, an organization that works to provide mortgage-free homes. Sgt. Haley's home is in the Pulte Homes Barrington community in Sugar Hill and features 2,602 sq. ft. of living space and 3 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths with screened lanai and well-appointed features including hardwood flooring on the main, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops.



Mayor Steve Edwards and Mayor Pro Tem Marc Cohen officiate at the groundbreaking for Sgt. Haley's new home in Sugar Hill.

❖ 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 details on the big concert that evening. For more information visit the City website at www.cityofsugarhill.com



News Bites:

- The City of Sugar Hill presents **“Touch-A-Truck”**, Saturday, April 26, 2014 at E.E. Robinson Park, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. This annual event releases the kid in all of us who enjoys climbing over all types of trucks, heavy earth movers, fire trucks, SWAT vehicles and police cars. At 1:00 pm all kids are invited to come out and test your skills at the 2nd Annual **Pitch-Hit & Run** baseball skills test. This annual event is the Official Skills Competition of Major League Baseball. All participants **must** bring their birth certificate to take part.
- The City of Sugar Hill annual 2014 **“Clean-Up Our City” will be held the week of May 12th**. The City of Sugar Hill, in cooperation with Advanced Disposal, will be offering Clean-Up -Week during your normal pick up day **that week** **NOTE: This is for SUGAR HILL RESIDENTS ONLY!** Please check our web site for a list of articles that will and will **not** be picked up!
- On May 16th, our family friendly Sugar Hill Movie Series will kick off with “Despicable Me 2”, rated PG. This animated adventure features the ever lovable reformed Gru being recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help deal with a powerful new super criminal. The movie features the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Benjamin Bratt & Miranda Cosgrove. All movies start at dusk and are shown at the **City Hall Amphitheater**.
- The **Sugar Hill Housing Authority Board** has an opening for a resident to join the board and volunteer their time once a quarter to govern the Housing Authority facilities and bonds. For more information please contact City Clerk Jane Whittington: jwhittington@cityofsugarhill.com /770-945-6716
- **World Changers here in Sugar Hill in July** For the fifth year in a row the **World Changers** youth mission will be back in Sugar Hill for “hands on” mission work. In coordination with the City and the Sugar Hill Housing Authority, 200 young adults converge on the City to assist families and homeowners in Sugar Hill that may need help maintaining their home. There is no cost to the homeowner, all supplies are paid for by the Sugar Hill Housing Authority, and the young adults supply the labor. In fact they pay their way to come from surrounding states to work on homes. Local churches provide sleeping quarters and feed the workers on site. World Changers national work projects began in the summer of 1990 in Briceville, TN where 137 youth and adults spent a week performing light construction jobs on nine homes. Last year, over 30 Sugar Hill residents applied for help with their homes. The group completed repairs including: house painting, new roofs, handicap ramps, repairing decks and yard clean up at eighteen homes. Applications are available at City Hall. Contact Kaipo Awana for more information on how to qualify for assistance. kawana@cityofsugarhill.com / 770-945-6734



2014 Meeting Schedule :

April / May

April 7 / May 5

7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Annex (Jan.)

April 14 / May 12

7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall

April 17 / May 16

1:00 PM, City Court Session, City Hall

April 21 / May 19

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

April 29 / May 27

6:30 PM, Downtown Development Authority, City Hall

Everyone is invited to attend Sugar Hill's monthly Council Work Sessions and Council Meetings. All meetings for the City of Sugar Hill will be held in City Hall located at 5039 West Broad Street. Your comments, suggestions and support are appreciated.

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 www.cityofsugarhill.com.