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# Plan to Attend the 75th Time Capsule Ceremony March 23rd

• At 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 23rd the City of Sugar Hill Time Capsule will be closed and placed under the stairwell in City Hall. The enclosure will be sealed and a plaque flanked by two watercolors by a local artist Alan Corbett, will be placed on the wall instructing future generations on when and how to open the time capsule 75 years from now in 2089. We have several events planned for the day including the reading of student essay contest winning entries - "Life in Sugar Hill Today" and "What I Think Life in Sugar Hill Will be Like in 2089" - which will be placed in the time capsule. In addition the Time Capsule will include items, photos, documents and memorabilia from the City, our history, local residents, schools and businesses. So plan to join us on the 23rd and of course there will be cake and mementos. (photo) Mayor Steve Edwards/Mayor Pro-Tem / 75th Anniversary Chair Marc Cohen



# Sugar Hill Public Works Keeps Streets Clear During Snowstorms

• With two uncharacteristic snow and ice weather events over the past couple of weeks - we want to praise the unsung heroes who were out all night keeping the streets clear and safe. Their dedication kept our major roadways cleared and our intersections salted, sanded and graded.

Several years ago, the City experienced a heavy snow event. From that point on we made it a priority to purchase the resources and necessary emergency equipment to better cope with Georgia's infrequent snow and ice storms. The City invested in two road scrapping blades that could be attached to our larger pickup trucks and two salt/sand spreaders, to supplement the small equipment we already owned that would assist in any type post storm cleanup efforts.

The City built a protective equipment building to store the snow removal equipment and materials needed to clear our main streets. This plan proved to be a very good decision and very useful even if used infrequently. We purchased enough equipment to be able to clear our major roads and important intersections knowing that it could be days, if not longer, before the County and State equipment would arrive to clear Sugar Hill roads. Roads are cleared on a priority basis for public safety, and therefore we do not have the resources to clear subdivisions and individual roadways. While we were enjoying the weather, or bundled up in our homes with our families - the dedicated employees of the Sugar Hill Street Department were working through the night. All of our efforts were organized and supervised by our Streets Supervisor - Joe Appling, who along with his employees: Matt Allen, George Bearden, Jared Bennett, Jerry Bennett, Joey Cantrell, Jason Davis, Joey Goodrich, Darron Master, Kevin Pittman and Eddie Whitt, did a tremendous job opening up and clearing the roads and intersections for emergency vehicles to use.





# City Councilman Mike Sullivan awarded Kiwanis Georgia Leadership Award

• Each year the Kiwanis organization elects a new Kiwanis Governor, and each year, the new Kiwanis Governor tours the different divisions in Georgia. This year, at the Division 8 Governor's Rally (Gwinnett), Councilman Mike Sullivan was awarded Kiwanis' Leadership Award. Mike is the North Gwinnett Club's secretary, involved with both Key Club and Key Leader programs (both focusing on High School Students) and is the MNT (Maternal Neonatal Tetanus prevention) coordinator for the division. Photo: Mike Sullivan with Kiwanis Governor Katrina Baranko.



• The White Oak Wellness and Environmental Expo, also known as WOWEE!, is excited to bring together wellness and environmentally oriented vendors, exhibitors, demonstrations and attractions, to educate and empower our community to make healthy lifestyle choices and improve our environment. PLUS, to encourage active participation, we are holding the first annual WOWEE! 5K the morning of the expo. The WOWEE! 5K will be a USATF certified race that takes you through the beautiful scenery of the surrounding Lake Lanier area. When: March 29, 2014 WOWEE 5K 8:00 am Expo 9:00 am - Noon Where: White Oak Elementary, 6442 Suwanee Dam Rd. Sugar Hill, GA 30518



After your run, or walk if you prefer, join us for the Expo! There will be so much to do with all the attractions and activities! You can come hungry and leave without feeling guilty! Sample healthy foods, smoothies and drinks too! Proceeds from the event will to be used for to fund further development of the White Oak Outdoor Discovery Zone (WOODZ), an outdoor classroom for students at White Oak Elementary. In today's world where children are less exposed to nature, gardening and the origins of the foods they eat, environmental education is imperative. Our WOODZ center will not only teach children about planting, harvesting and caring for the environment, it also contributes to areas of learning such as math, social studies and science. Plus, studies have shown environmental education engages students, raising test scores, and encouraging youth to pursue careers in environmental and natural resources. The Earth Day Celebration has been a success for the past 4 years and brings with it additional participants and attendees!



# Downtown Development Authority Chairman Dawn P. Gober Honored

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sugar Hill did proclaim Monday, February 10, 2014, as **Dawn P. Gober Day** in the City of Sugar Hill. Dawn P. Gober has served on the Sugar Hill DDA since it was first created in 2000; and has participated in a leadership capacity, as both Vice -Chairman and Chairman for many years. Dawn offers a unique expertise and passion for Sugar Hill that has made her a valuable asset to our community. They thanked Dawn for her tireless service and willingness to volunteer her time and energies to improve this community and look forward to Dawn serving many more years on the Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority.



# News Bites: Lanier Cluster Teachers of the Year

The purpose of the "Teacher of the Year" award is to honor educators that have made an exceptional difference in the lives of their students; provided inspiration to their peers; and to recognize and promote excellence in education. The City of Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council acknowledged the following teachers as the Lanier Cluster Teachers of the Year for 2013-2014, and encourage all its citizens to congratulate them on their accomplishments as one of Gwinnett County's finest educators.

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

Buice School
Christi Wells
Special Education Teacher (Pre-School)
19 years @ Buice / 21 years total teaching

Sugar Hill Elementary Dr. Carrie Doker 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

16 years @ Sugar Hill / 16 years total teaching

Sycamore Elementary Beverly B. Carlan 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

8 years @ Sycamore / 10 years total teaching

White Oak Elementary Terri Turner Special Education Teacher

5 years @ White Oak / 16 years total teaching

White Oak Elementary
Jennifer Diaz
2013 Counselor of the Year for Gwinnett County &
State of Georgia
5 years @ White Oak / 11 years total as a Counselor

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Lanier Middle School

Joan McElroy

6th-8th Grade Literacy Teacher

8 years @ Lanier / 10 years total teaching

# **HIGH SCHOOL:**

Lanier High School
Roger Prill
9th & 10th Grade AP Human Geography & AP World
History
4 years @ Lanier High / 9 years total teaching



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# News Bites:

# City of Sugar Hill Presents the 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 5, 2014 E.E. Robinson Park 12:00 – 3:00 PM

### Event Schedule

12:00 – 12:15 PM: Welcoming

12:25 – 12:40 PM: 1 - 3 years of age hunt

12:50 – 1:00 PM: Break/Awards

1:10 – 1:25 PM: 4 - 6 years of age hunt

1:35 – 1:40 PM: Break/Award

1:50 - 2:05 PM: 7 - 9 years of age hunt

2:15 – 2:25 PM: Awards

### Event Activities: 12:00 - 3:00 PM

• Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1-9

• Pictures with The Easter Bunny

• Inflatable rides

### Refreshments

Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon filled with excitement. Children participating in the hunt MUST bring their own Easter basket. Rules for this event will be posted on our website <a href="www.cityofsugarhill.com">www.cityofsugarhill.com</a> or call the Recreation Department at 770-831-7413.

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### 2014 Meeting Schedule:

March / April

March 3 / April 7 7:00 PM, City Council Work Session - City Hall Annex (Jan.)

March 10 / April 14 7:30 PM, City Council Meeting, City Hall March 21 / April 17

**1:00 PM,** City Court Session, City Hall

March 17 / April 21 7:00PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting, City Hall

March 25 / April 29 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 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: <a href="www.cityofsugarhill.com">www.cityofsugarhill.com</a>.