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## 2015 Event Schedule

Mayor Steve Edwards likes to say **“Go Big or Go Home”** so we are going big in 2015!



The Bowl @ Sugar Hill has a full schedule of events to encourage bringing the community together and truly enjoy the “Sweet Life” we live here in Sugar Hill. Here are some dates to keep in mind this winter:

### At the Ice Rink:

- Jan. 10** Karaoke Night
- Jan. 17** Ice Jam
- Jan. 18** Frozen- theme Night: dress up as some of the Frozen movie characters!
- Jan. 23** Ice Jam
- Jan. 24** Children’s Ice Show

- Jan. 31** Broad Street Concert Band
- Feb. 6** Karaoke on Ice
- Feb. 7** Couples’ Night on Ice
- Feb. 14** Clear Channel Cruise Giveaway
- Feb. 21** Ice Concert
- Feb. 22** LAST Night on Ice

### In the Bowl:

- Feb. 1** Super Tailgate @ The Bowl: Super Bowl watch party
- Feb. 28** Youth Council Bonfire

For hours of operation, tickets, party packages and more information on the Ice Rink visit [www.icerinkatsugarhill.com](http://www.icerinkatsugarhill.com).

If you are interested in volunteering for logistical planning, marketing, or sponsorship at any events please contact Megan Carnell at [mcarnell@cityofsugarhill.com](mailto:mcarnell@cityofsugarhill.com)

## THE SUITE SPOT



The Suite Spot is a finalist for the 2014 Partnership Gwinnett Innovation award. Partnership Gwinnett, the economic development and community initiative of the Chamber of Commerce, will pick a winner that “has demonstrated outstanding achievement and excellence” in the respective category. The Suite Spot was selected as a finalist from a field of 34 nominees in Gwinnett County.

The Suite Spot is now taking memberships for its cowork space! Sugar Hill’s first business incubator now has a cowork space perfect for entrepreneurs, startups and work from home professionals. The old City Hall building has been refurbished into the ideal space to stimulate creativity and productivity by coworking with the community in a professional setting. Introductory membership rates are available for a limited time starting at \$40. Please contact Scott Andrews at 770-945-6716 or [sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com](mailto:sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com) for more information about month-to-month options or yearly discounts.

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## SUGAR HILL GAS

# Customer Payment Assistance Program:

In April 2013, the Mayor and Council unanimously agreed and adopted a new policy in which the City of Sugar Hill and the North Gwinnett Co-Op would partner together to offer assistance to individuals and families needing help with paying their gas bill. Since the program began, many families have benefited.

The City's natural gas bill includes a section on the payment coupon that allows customers to add \$1, \$2, \$5, or another amount to their payment to help those individuals and families requiring assistance in paying their utility bill. When a person requests assistance they are directed to the Co-Op where they may apply for a voucher to be credited to their gas utility account. Only customers of the Sugar Hill

natural gas utility are eligible to receive assistance under this program. If you would like more information about this program, please contact the City of Sugar Hill Customer Service Department at 770-945-6716.



Help those individuals and families requiring assistance in paying their utility bill.

## SUGAR HILL GAS CUSTOMERS

# New Online Payment Site and Automated Phone Payments Now Available!

The City of Sugar Hill has partnered with Paymentus to provide a new online payment platform and automated phone payment system for gas utility payments. Gas bills are payable through: VISA, MasterCard, Discover and e-checks.

- There is no charge to register your account with Paymentus.
- You will be able to manage multiple utility accounts through this interface.
- You may schedule recurring payments through the Customer Dashboard.
- A convenience fee of \$2.25 will be charged by Paymentus per transaction.
- Maximum amount per payment is \$300.00. Multiple payments can be made.

All customers are encouraged to use the new payment option by visiting the City of Sugar Hill website and clicking on the "Pay Online" link from the home page. You may setup your utility account through the Customer Dashboard or if you need to make a payment in a hurry without enrolling you may use the one-time payment option.

You may also choose to pay your utility bill over the phone. Simply call City Hall at (770) 945-6716 during normal business hours or call the payment system directly at 855-748-1345. This automated payment system will guide you through the payment process at any time. Please be aware that the convenience fee still applies. Regardless of which payment method you choose, your payment will post to your utility account the next business day.

# Toastmasters International Club

Do you want to become a confident public speaker and strong leader? If so, Toastmasters is the place for you. You'll find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows you to achieve your goals at your own pace. Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development, and Sugar Hill has one of the newest club locations. Members improve their speaking

and leadership skills by regularly giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere. If you or your company is interested in joining please visit the City of Sugar Hill website and click on the Charter Member Application to sign up. Applications are due January 31st, 2015.



## CITY OF SUGAR HILL

# Intern Program

In the past three months the City of Sugar Hill has brought on six interns to assist with tasks of many levels. These responsibilities have grown as trust has been

established. The current interns consist of Lanier High School students Jonah Urquhart, Andrew Roland, Francisco Martinez, Brent Hernandez, Giovanni Manno, and Pre-med student Meena Noori. The City of Sugar Hill is very fortunate to have interns of their knowledge, skill sets, abilities, and passion for Sugar Hill.

Some of their projects have included assisting on community outreach, 3D modeling, research and planning of a mobile app for the City, and creating and finalizing logos for several 2015 events. Sugar Hill is excited to work with local college and high school students, and has volunteer positions available in several key areas. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Megan Carnell at [mcarnell@cityofsugarhill.com](mailto:mcarnell@cityofsugarhill.com) or 770-945-6716.



# World Changers

Are you a Sugar Hill resident on a limited income due to disability, retirement or other hardship? Do you need some free help with a home maintenance project? Damaged siding? Faded or peeling exterior paint? Rotting or loose boards on a porch? Fence need mending or painting? Need a wheelchair ramp?



## THE SUGAR HILL GOLF ASSOCIATION

# Sign Up Party

The Sugar Hill Golf Association (SHGA) will be holding their annual sign up party on Friday January 23rd at 6:00 pm. The party is open to anyone interested in learning more about Sugar Hill Golf Club and our golf association which conducts 12 tournaments a year. The SHGA averages 100 members of varying skill levels and the tournaments are all different formats including member/guests, club championship and an inter-club Ryder Cup match. Food and drinks will be provided at this party so bring a few friends and get involved. Become a fan of Sugar Hill Golf Club on Facebook to learn more and get updates for upcoming events.



This coming summer, the World Changers Organization, Sugar Hill Housing Authority and the City of Sugar Hill, are teaming up for three days to help out qualified Sugar Hill homeowners with exterior home repairs. The Sugar Hill Housing Authority will provide funding for materials. The City will provide administrative support. World Changers will furnish the labor. Each work group will have a senior advisor and professional construction managers will be monitoring all work. Call us for more information or stop by City Hall to pick up an application for the July 2015 program.



**NORTH  
GWINNETT  
DENTAL CARE**

The Sweet Life newsletter has advertisement space available. If you are interested in your business or organization reaching the homes of our 20,000 residents, please contact Scott Andrews at [sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com](mailto:sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com). Business card slots and quarter page slots are available for a one-time fee of \$250 and \$400.



## PLAYERS GUILD @ SUGAR HILL

# The Odd Couple

The Players Guild @ Sugar Hill presents Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*. Director, Fred St Laurent, who worked this show at the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theater in Jupiter Florida, is excited to be involved in the production again. The play won a Tony award in 1965 and was adapted both as a movie and television series soon after. This classic comedy reveals hilarious results when the clean-freak Felix Unger and the slob Oscar Madison ultimately decide to room together and *The Odd Couple* is born. The Players Guild will perform March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at the Lanier High School Theater. If you are interested in participating in the play, please contact Ane Mulligan at [ane@anemulligan.com](mailto:ane@anemulligan.com).



## LANIER CLUSTER COMMUNITY Fine Arts Festival

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Lanier Cluster Community Fine Arts Festival in the Lanier High School Commons on Saturday January 17, 2015. This amazing event is completely free. In the Commons, there will be displays of visual arts and face-painting. In the theater, the jazz and symphonic bands, philharmonic and symphonic orchestras, woodwind ensemble, multiple choruses, and more will make up the musical talents performed by Lanier Cluster students grades K-12 and community members. In commemoration of the MLK Junior holiday, author Jamilah Tetterton will read *From Where Do We Come?* Doors open at 12:30pm and performances run until 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

## Highway 20 Widening Project

In spite of the headaches associated with road construction, everyone is pleased to see activity continuing on the Highway 20 widening project. Once completed, the work will represent a significant improvement to traffic flow in the area and will ensure adequate roadway capacity for decades to come. As with this type of transportation project which includes many moving parts, as well as close to a dozen or more utility owners and sub-contractors, the relocation work has experienced some delays.

The general contractor for the project, CW Matthews, has worked diligently, even if unsuccessfully, in opening the first traffic shift from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to Hillcrest by the original target of the end of 2014. This has been re-scheduled as a result of alignment revisions near Hillcrest by the telephone company and its effects on the earthwork for the roadway construction. Nevertheless, progress continues and more updates will follow as the contractor moves out of utility relocation into full-scale road construction.

On a more positive note, the bridge has cleared the latest permitting hurdle and bridge construction will get underway in earnest in early 2015. This construction marathon's halfway-point looks like it will be in 2016 when the Gwinnett portion of the work starts wrapping up. Here are some key milestones on the project:

### June 2013

Notice to Proceed Issued

### October 2013

Clearing & Grubbing Stages 1-3

### March 2014

Utility Relocation Begins

### March 2015

Anticipated Utility Relocation Completion



## @ SUGAR HILL CITY HALL Important Dates

### January 2015

- Jan. 5** 7:00pm ▪ City Council Work Session
- Jan. 12** 7:30pm ▪ City Council Meeting
- Jan. 27** 6:30pm ▪ Downtown Development Meeting

### February 2015

- Feb. 2** 7:00pm ▪ City Council Work Session
- Feb. 9** 7:30pm ▪ City Council Meeting
- Feb. 24** 6:30pm ▪ Downtown Development Meeting

