

the Sweet Life

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A Special Thanks to Our Street and Stormwater Department

Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc on Gwinnett County. Many were without power for several days and significant damage was done to many homes in Sugar Hill. While schools and businesses were closing and people were busy stockpiling milk and eggs, one group of people was busy working to ensure Sugar Hill roads were cleared as quickly as possible.

The Sugar Hill Public Works staff worked around the clock during the height of the storm, clearing storm drains, removing trees from roadways and right-of-ways and keeping the roads safe for Sugar Hill residents. Staff even spent the night at the city's public works facility to ensure the fastest possible response time. Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche was impressed with the work the staff had completed, saying, "We have one of the best Public Works teams around. They are highly capable, incredibly responsive, particularly diligent, and remarkably courteous folks. Our field staff are some of the most skilled at their position that I

have experienced in my 20 years in local government."

Joe Appling, the city's Street Department Supervisor shared, "The amount of tree debris we picked up and have hauled off, with the two track hoes, is equivalent in size to 100 cement trucks." Of course, all of this work was in addition to the city's routine work throughout the city. Sugar Hill's Public Works Department routinely cleans litter from city streets, cuts and maintains 67 acres of right-of-way and maintains nearly 70 miles of city streets. The department also picks up bagged grass clippings, leaves and yard debris year-round and chips tree limbs and trimmings.

As the Public Works Department adjusts back to their regular routine, City Council and management would like to say thank you to each of them for their hard work and positive attitude.

For more information on the yard debris program or receiving a load of mulch, visit www.cityofsugarhill.com.



Sugar Hill Youth Council Selected

The City of Sugar Hill has named the 2017-2018 Youth Council members. Five of the Youth Council members, Spencer-Grace Williams (Youth Mayor), Kaan Cubukcu (Youth Mayor Pro Tem), Ethan Shaw (Secretary), Nida Merchant, (Youth Ambassadors Chair) and Maya Chanda are returning candidates from the previous school year. The three remaining positions were awarded to Laura Ann Acker, Camryn Flores and Camden Doker. These high school students will represent the city for the duration of the school year. *Story continued on page 2.*



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Continued from page 1: Youth Council. The newly-appointed Youth Council officials were chosen through a process much like their predecessors. Applications were accepted and reviewed by Council Member Mike Sullivan and members of staff. Applicants were then interviewed by Sullivan and a selection board. Sullivan spoke about this year's council saying, "We are very excited about the 2017-18 Youth Council. With a good mix of returning and new council members, we have a great line up of activities and they have selected some great projects both to continue and some new ones as well."

Youth Mayor, Spencer-Grace Williams, is looking forward to the upcoming year, "After having the most productive year since our Youth Council began, our group is more energized than ever to get this year rolling. The plans and events we have in store with the city are really exciting, and we can't wait to raise youth involvement in and knowledge about Sugar Hill! Through volunteering with the city for a number of years, I've had a chance to work with some wonderful people and have been presented with many great opportunities. Being there firsthand to see how fast our community is growing is inspiring and great to be a part of, so it's very important to the Youth Council that other young people get a chance to see and be a part of that as well".

Youth Mayor Pro Tem, Kaan Cubukcu also reflects on his Youth Council experience thus far, "The past two years in the Youth Council has opened doors and led me to life-changing adventures that I didn't think I could ever be a part of. Getting to know the inner workings of municipal government and experiencing first-hand the amount of effort that the community gives to their city to make it a better place has been an inspiration for not only me but the rest of the Youth Council as well. I'm proud to be part of such an active city and will do whatever I can to put more into it not only through the Youth Council but as an active volunteer as well".

The Sugar Hill Youth Council was sworn in by Mayor Steve Edwards at the City Council meeting on October 9, 2017.



Back row: Council Member Mike Sullivan, Laura Ann Acker, Ethan Shaw, Kaan Cubukcu, Camden Doker. Front row: Camryn Flores, Maya Chanda, Spencer Grace Williams, Nida Merchant.

Sugar Hill Toastmasters Club at Division Competition

After winning first place in her *Club* competition, and again in the *Area* competition, Toastmaster Stephanie Wolfe represented the Sugar Hill Toastmasters in the *Division* Humorous Speech Contest on September 30th. Her participation at this level was the first of its kind for the Sugar Hill Club. Her speech, "Living to be 100" offered the group many laughs as Stephanie shared her goal to be a centenarian so that she and her husband, Jack, can be the longest living married couple in America one day. She



shared personal stories of her health challenges and a near death experience all with a humorous spin and this passionate closing line: "They didn't know about my goal to live to be 100, and the fact that I'm apparently hard to kill!"

Players Guild @ Sugar Hill



The talented cast of "Savannah Sipping Society" received rave reviews. The hilarious yet poignant play was well attended for all nine performances. Next in the Players Guild @ Sugar Hill spotlight is "Out of This World", featuring Ray Bradbury's "Mars is Heaven" and the original script for the 1938 broadcast of "War of the Worlds." This show is presented in City Council Chambers from Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017. Tickets are available at www.pgatsh.com

MARS IS HEAVEN
by Ray Bradbury

DOUBLE FEATURE

Out of This World

OCT. 27 - NOV. 5, 2017

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Local Scout Builds Pollination Garden to Earn Eagle Scout Rank

Winston Williams is a member of Boy Scout Troop 750 out of Auburn. Scouting has been a large part of his life since he was 12 years old. Now, at 18 he has finally completed his Eagle Scout project and his pollination garden is making an impact for the City of Sugar Hill.

Williams began his project at Sugar Hill's Community Garden (SHCG) on August 20, 2017. With a short timeline of only eight days, he was able to gather volunteers and see the project to fruition. Williams' inspiration behind the garden was very personal. "Recently my great grandparents passed away and I wanted to do this project in honor of them," he said. Providing beautiful flowers to the already scenic community garden is certainly a distinguished and permanent way to honor loved ones.

This project, as most, did present some challenges. Williams remembers, "I'm glad I was able to finish the project in the little amount of time I had to complete it. The hardest part of the project other than time was the first few days, it was all grunt work, working out in the hot sun tilling the land and shoveling the gravel was very tough. I'm most proud of how quickly the project actually came to completion; I feel that my

volunteers and [I] worked hard and efficiently." He continues, "The community loves it, I haven't heard one complaint. The garden has been called marvelous, beautiful and helpful." The Volunteer Sugar Community Hill Garden Board agrees with this sentiment. SHCG President, Joanne Billingsley, remarks, "The pollination garden will bring us many positive points to our garden. The bees will pollinate our garden fruits and vegetables, [The pollination garden] provides an organic place for bees to pollinate. It provides us an education for children, as our goal is to have schools bring students over to our garden to educate them on growing your own veggies, fruit and flowers along with how important bee pollination is to our earth."

Williams had one final word of advice for future Eagle Scouts, "Don't procrastinate until two weeks before your 18th birthday to go to the eagle proposal board. It's very stressful. Get it done as soon as you can and make sure you have enough volunteers to carry out your project."

The Sugar Hill Community Garden appreciates Williams for the energy he and his volunteers put into this project. For information on how to get involved with the Community Garden, contact Sam Taylor at the Community Center at 770-831-7413.

Ready to dig?

We'll help you do it safely! Call 811 at least a few days before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

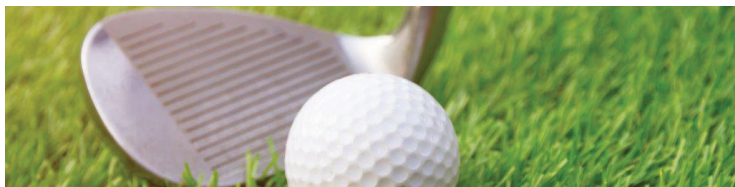


Junior Golf League

Sugar Hill Golf Club is starting a Junior Golf League this fall. This league is to prepare golfers for tournament play. The goal is to teach kids how to improve their game, but more importantly the rules and ethics on the golf course.

Please contact Scott Murphy for more details. smurphy@cityofsugarhill.com.

Remember Sugar hill Golf Club is open from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM offering more than just golf. We have great food and drink specials with one of the best views in North Georgia.



THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL'S ANNUAL

Holiday Celebration

— A FESTIVE CELEBRATION FOR EVERYONE! —

Pictures with Santa • Holiday Market • Tree Lighting • Food Vendors • Live Music • Visit from the Grinch • Coat Drive • Ice Rink • Winter Wonderland with Snow

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM IN DOWNTOWN SUGAR HILL



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Sugar Hill Area Women's Club

It's been a busy few months at the Sugar Hill Area Women's Club (SHAWC)! August's general meeting, "Be a Wonder Woman in Your Community" potluck, drew over 60 women, and featured four guest speakers to help us launch SHAWC Days of Service volunteer program for the fall. Community service through group and individual volunteering are ongoing. We provided staff to pour beer and sell tickets at the first annual GA Craft Beer Festival, with all proceeds to charity, and a team sorted and organized everything from clothing to furniture for the North Gwinnett Co-Op's October parking lot sale. Our "It's That Time of the Month" initiative continues to collect donations every month for the Co-op; to date we have delivered almost 800 items!

September's General Meeting, "Celebrate the Arts!," gave Club members and visitors alike a window into the world of the Arts in our community. Speakers from The Hudgens Center for Art & Learning, and the Sugar Hill Arts Commission were the focus of the evening.

Our October 26th general meeting, featuring "Talk With the Mayor, Unplugged!," hosts Steve Edwards and our DDA Chairman Taylor Anderson discussing Sugar Hill's plans and successes with us in a casual format. November 28th's meeting will focus on our six committees, and brainstorming workshops, speakers, and social activities for the 2018

calendar. Did you know that we will kick off our first SHAWC Presents the Holiday Market at the City's December 2nd Holiday Celebration? Vendor application information will be accessible on our Facebook page, and on the City's website. Come participate in this festive evening market during the tree lighting and family activities. Our final 2017 event, our Holiday Party, will be on December 21st. This potluck-style gathering promises a great deal of laughter and fellowship.

Interested in finding out about our non-profit organization? Come check us out at a general meeting. We are a multi-generational group of over-21 ladies, celebrating social connections, meaningful impact on our community, personal growth, and plain old fun. Visit our Facebook page to read all about us!

 Sugar Hill Area Women's Club



October 21, 2017 | 11 AM - 7 PM
Downtown Sugar Hill

Juried arts show, rides & inflatables, food, vendors, gem-panning and more!



Splash Park Closing and Ice Rink Opens!

- The Splash Park at Sugar Hill will close at the end of October.
- The Ice Rink at Sugar Hill will open in mid-November.

For more information, visit www.icerinkatsugarhill.com and follow the city's social media to keep up to date on closings, special events and more!

NOVEMBER

Nov 1	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Nov 6	7:00 PM	Council Work Session
Nov 8	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Nov 9	5:30 PM	Business Alliance Meeting
Nov 10	-----	City Hall Closed - Veteran's Day
Nov 11	7:00 PM	Atlanta Rhythm Section at The Bowl
Nov 13	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Nov 15	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Nov 20	7:00 PM	Historic Preservation Society
Nov 21	5:30 PM	Arts Commission Meeting
Nov 28	6:30 PM	Women's Club Meeting
Nov 28	6:30 PM	Downtown Development Authority
Nov 29	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Nov 23	-----	City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
Nov 24	-----	City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
Wednesdays	12:00 PM	Toastmasters

DECEMBER

Dec 4	7:00 PM	Council Work Session
Dec 6	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Dec 11	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Dec 13	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Dec 14	5:30 PM	Business Alliance Meeting
Dec 18	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 20	7:00 PM	Historic Preservation Society
Dec 19	6:00 PM	Arts Commission Meeting
Dec 24	6:30 PM	Women's Club Meeting
Dec 25	-----	City Hall Closed - Christmas
Dec 26	-----	City Hall Closed - Christmas
TBD	6:30 PM	Downtown Development Authority
Wednesdays	12:00 PM	Toastmasters

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