

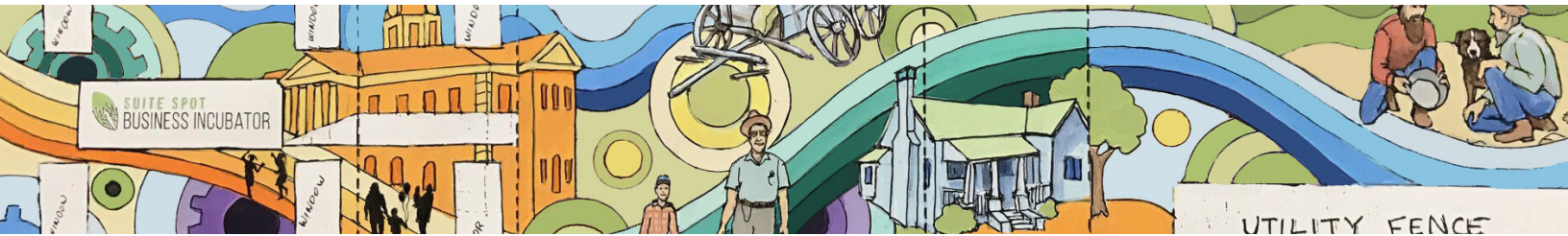
# the Sweet Life

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## Support the Arts in Sugar Hill

The City of Sugar Hill strives to continue embracing the arts; its latest effort being a new mural created by local artist Chris Walker. The mural will showcase the transition of the rich history of our past to our sweet, present day.

This will be the second mural in downtown Sugar Hill. Both murals will adorn the Suite Spot, the city's former City Hall on West Broad Street. Walker says, "The first objective of the mural is to illustrate the use of the building as a business incubator. As one approaches the Suite Spot, you will see an abstract design consisting of large gears and the Suite Spot logo. The Suite Spot houses thought and creativity, it's where ideas are fostered and houses a number of local businesses. The west side of the Suite Spot has five walls, the pattern of gears and circles repeats itself with a continuous band of color that unites the five walls. Along that band of color is a series of illustrations that serve as a timeline of Sugar Hill history: modern-day City Hall, the wagon that lost its wheel (the name sake of Sugar Hill), Carol and Walter Mangum (Mangum's Grocery), the Shelley-Howerton home (the oldest home in Sugar Hill) and some of the area's earliest residents, gold miners."

The mural has received a positive response from the community, however the project can only become a reality if it is fully funded at the amount of \$20,000. The city has set up a donation website, [www.sugarhillmural.com](http://www.sugarhillmural.com), for those who are interested in supporting the arts in Sugar Hill. Donations will be divided into several contribution level tiers, each paired with various incentives. Any donation that exceeds the needed amount will be directed towards the fund for future art initiatives in the city.

All members of the Sugar Hill community are encouraged to donate, as this mural shows support of the arts throughout the city, the work of a local artist and the public display of the city's history. Show your support for art, history and all things local by visiting the site, making a donation and sharing the campaign to further the city's effort.

For more information on becoming involved with the arts initiative in Sugar Hill, please call (770)945-6716.



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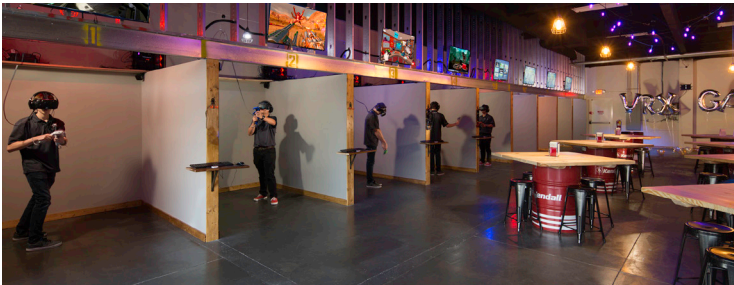
## The Future of Gaming Comes to Sugar Hill

A new concept in gaming has arrived in Sugar Hill. VRX, located at 225 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 102, opened in June of this year and offers a gaming experience unlike any other in the area.

Gamers of all ages, from seven to 100, will enjoy entering a whole new world as they step into a semi-private bay, put on the virtual reality glasses and headphones and begin play. The glasses block out all light and visual distractions so that the gamer feels like they are truly immersed in the game. Games range from virtual mini-golf to fighting robots. One of the most popular games at the center right now is a virtual dodgeball game where players can connect to each other to play against their friends. Owner Chris Reese hopes that soon he will be able to start a virtual reality dodgeball league where teams can come together to compete.

This experience is not only for the traditional gamer, people of all walks of life will find something that they will enjoy. Besides games, there are several virtual reality experiences that allow the user to explore the world. Soar over your community or take a short trip to the Eiffel Tower using Google Earth or come face-to-face with a life-sized whale and a terrifyingly realistic giant squid as you explore under the sea.

The venue also has an industrial, modern feel to it and hosts corporate events and birthday parties, with options to host private events or rent individual bays for play. For information on VRX, visit [www.vrx.games](http://www.vrx.games), give them a call at 678-288-5882, or stop by, no reservations are needed.



Use #InMySweetCity on social media to share your stories of the "Sweet Life" on [www.inmysweetcity.com](http://www.inmysweetcity.com)!

## Sugar Hill Toastmasters Club Names New Officers

Distinguished Toastmaster David Lawhorn conducted the installation of officers, which took place during the regular meeting on Wednesday, July 5. Toastmasters club members enjoy a supportive and positive learning experience while developing leadership and communication skills. Participants attest the 60-minute meeting gives them greater self-confidence. Sugar Hill Toastmasters meets weekly in the History Room of City Hall on Wednesdays 12 pm-1 pm and happily invites the public to come for a visit at any meeting.



*Pictured from left to right: Stephen Box – Club President, Kristy Babb – Vice President of Education, Kathy Neumiller – Vice President of Membership, Stephanie Wolfe – Vice President of Public Relations, and Barbara Pugh – Treasurer. Not pictured are: Genevieve D'Silva – Sergeant at Arms, and Denise Jew – Club Treasurer.*



## Bat House Donation by The Next Stop

Sugar Hill wants to extend a very special thank you to The Next Stop for their donation of bat houses for the city parks! The Next Stop is a place where adults with special needs in our community can gather and continue to have opportunities to socialize, enjoy recreation and learn life skills in a club like setting. They provide

a setting for these individuals to learn or sharpen their skills in every-day life, social settings, cooking, recreation and other skills that facilitate and support higher functioning in all aspects of life. These bat houses were created by their members and Sugar Hill proudly accepts this generous donation!



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## Together We Can!

During the school year many students in the Gwinnett County school system receive either free or reduced lunch. The North Gwinnett Co-Operative Ministries works to fill the gap and provide food and supplies for families in need. Upon learning about this, city staff decided to host a food and household supplies drive and ask the various community groups to donate.

To make it more interesting, staff decided to make it a competition in the community. The Sugar Hill Player's Guild offered one free concession for each canned good that was donated at their show. They will be doing this again for their performance of "Savannah Sipping Society."

Since food stamps do not cover personal care items, The Sugar Hill Area Women's Club has been collecting feminine hygiene products along with other nonperishable goods.

The city is immensely proud of what these groups have already done and look forward to seeing the end result. The winning group will be recognized by City Council. The community has also been very supportive of this initiative by donating items at Thursdays @ The Hill events throughout the summer.

The city will end this initiative strong on October 20 and 21 in conjunction with Gwinnett's Great Days of Service. As mentioned, Sugar Rush will also be on October 21 and the community is encouraged to drop off non-perishable food and household supplies at any Thursdays @ The Hill event or at Sugar Rush to help fill the shelves of the North Gwinnett Co-Op.



## Sugar Hill Rocks

Residents already know that Sugar Hill rocks, but the city has decided to take the term a little more literally. In August, the city opened up the Facebook group "Sugar Hill Rocks", where people are encouraged to hide rocks around the city and look for others. When you find one of these hand-painted treasures, it is yours to keep or to re-hide for others to find! Rock-finders are encouraged to photograph and share the pictures of the rocks in the online community so that those that hid the rocks are able to track them as they make their way around the city. The community is also encouraged to paint rocks and hide them along park trails, in Downtown Sugar Hill, or in other pedestrian-friendly places. To follow along, join the Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/SugarHillRocks/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SugarHillRocks/).



## Yard Clean Up Collection

The City of Sugar Hill provides free yard debris collection. Please see the following guidelines regarding yard clippings, limbs and brush:

### Yard Clippings

- Place all bagged yard clippings at curb on Mondays by 7:00 a.m. (for Mon.- Fri. pick up)
- Sugar Hill pre-printed bags not required
- No more than 50 lbs per bag
- No trash, dirt and/or stumps will be picked up (landfill will not accept these items)

### Limbs and Brush

- Place all limbs/brush at curb on Monday by 7:00 a.m. (for Mon.- Fri. pick-up)
- All limbs MUST be cut no longer than 6 ft in length and no larger than 4 inches in diameter
- No piles larger than 6 feet (length) x 4 feet (width) x 4 feet (height)
- No more than 1 pile per week per household
- Limbs MUST be placed neatly at curb or edge of pavement on right-of-way
- No limbs cut by tree services or landscape companies will be picked up (these must be removed by the company)
- No trash, dirt and/or stumps will be picked up (items cannot be processed through chipper)

*Please Note: All pick-ups are subject to change due to inclement weather and scheduling.*



## 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.



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# Savannah Sipping Society: September 8-24, 2017 at the Buice School Auditorium

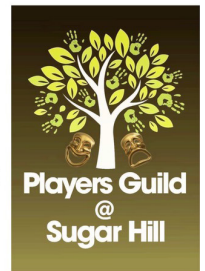
In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fate—and an impromptu happy hour—and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years.

Randa, a perfectionist and workaholic, is struggling to cope with a surprise career derailment that, unfortunately, reveals that she has no life and no idea how to get one. Dot, still reeling from her husband's recent demise and the loss of their plans for an idyllic retirement, faces the unsettling prospect of starting a new life from scratch—and all alone. Earthy and boisterous Marlafaye, a good ol' Texas gal, has blasted into Savannah in the wake of losing her tom-cattin' husband to a twenty-three-year-old dental hygienist. The strength of her desire to establish a new life is equaled only by her desire to wreak a righteous revenge on her ex. Also new to town, Jinx, a spunky ball of fire, offers her services as a much-needed life



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coach for these women. However, blinded by her determination and efforts to get their lives on track, she overlooks the fact that she's the one most in need of sage advice.

Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures, and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment—and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make new old friends. So raise your glass to these strong Southern women and their fierce embrace of life and say "Cheers!" to this joyful and surprisingly touching Jones, Hope, Wooten comedy! Get your tickets today at [www.pgatsh.com](http://www.pgatsh.com)!



## Congratulations to our Rec League winners for the past seasons:



**Pickle Ball**  
Champions:  
Cat Hardeman and  
Paul Lombardo  
(middle)

Runner-ups: Matt  
Hardeman and Carl  
Bast (ends)

**Cornhole**  
Winners:  
Charlie Herrington &  
Curt Horianopoulos  
(Far Right)

Runner-ups:  
Johnny Harrison &  
Keith Reid (Far Left)



### SEPTEMBER

Sept 2	7:00 PM	Ben Folds at the Bowl
Sept 4	City Hall	Closed - Labor Day
Sept 5	7:00 PM	Council Work Session
Sept 6	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Sept 11	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Sept 14	5:30 PM	Business Alliance Meeting
Sept 18	7:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
Sept 20	7:00 PM	Historic Preservation Society
Sept 21	6:00 PM	Thursdays @ The Hill
Sept 22	7:00 PM	Latin Night
Sept 26	6:30 PM	Downtown Development Authority Meeting
Sept 28	6:00 PM	Arts Commission Meeting
Sept 28	6:30 PM	Women's Club Meeting

Wednesdays 12:00 PM Toastmasters

### OCTOBER

Oct 2	7:00 PM	Council Work Session
Oct 9	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Oct 12	5:30 PM	Business Alliance Meeting
Oct 16	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 18	7:00 PM	Historic Preservation Society
Oct 21	All Day	Sugar Rush Festival
Oct 26	6:00 PM	Arts Commission Meeting
Oct 26	6:30 PM	Women's Club Meeting
Oct 28	7:00 PM	Latin Night
Oct 31	6:30 PM	Downtown Development Authority Meeting



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