

the Sweet Life

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Volunteer of the Year

The City of Sugar Hill is honored to have so many amazing volunteers. It is thanks to their support and involvement that we are able to honor and protect historical sites, bring art into downtown, engage the youth of the city and so much more. Each of our community groups is made up of outstanding hard-workers who raise funds, make and implement plans and do community outreach, all on top of their day-to-day jobs and activities. Each year, Sugar Hill honors one of these community cheerleaders and ambassadors with the Volunteer of the Year Award. This year, the city honors its third recipient of the award, Ane Mulligan.

In preparation for the 2018 opening of the Eagle Theater in the E Center, the Players Guild @ Sugar Hill has performed several successful shows this year. Under the leadership of Guild President Ane Mulligan, the group has made great strides since their 2014 formation. It is because of these successes that she has been named Sugar Hill's Volunteer of the Year.

Mulligan has a long list of outstanding accomplishments as President of the Guild with 15 shows under her belt. In her "day job" she is a "Southern-Fried Fiction" author and member of American Christian Fiction Writers. Among her recent works, is a novella entitled *Love is Sweeter in Sugar Hill* which can be found in the collection, *Coming Home - A Tiny House Collection*. This novella is set in our "Sweet City", which further solidifies Mulligan's dedication to Sugar Hill.

Of course, no great leader is without a good team. The Players Guild is made up of many talented and dedicated members who work diligently to share their passion for theater with the community.



Ane Mulligan and Mayor Steve Edwards at the volunteer banquet in late November.

Mayor Edwards, the city council and city staff are all thankful for the contributions of the Guild and each of the community groups. At the annual staff and volunteer appreciation event, Mayor Edwards expressed his gratitude saying, "Building community is important for our city to continue to be successful. It is thanks to people like Ane Mulligan and hundreds of other volunteers that we are able to bring people with common interests together to celebrate their passions and our passion for a vibrant and enjoyed community. It is obvious that Ane loves what she does and her enthusiasm for theater, writing and the City of Sugar Hill is infectious."

If you have an interest in becoming involved in any of Sugar Hill's community groups, please contact our Economic Development Department at (770) 945-6716.



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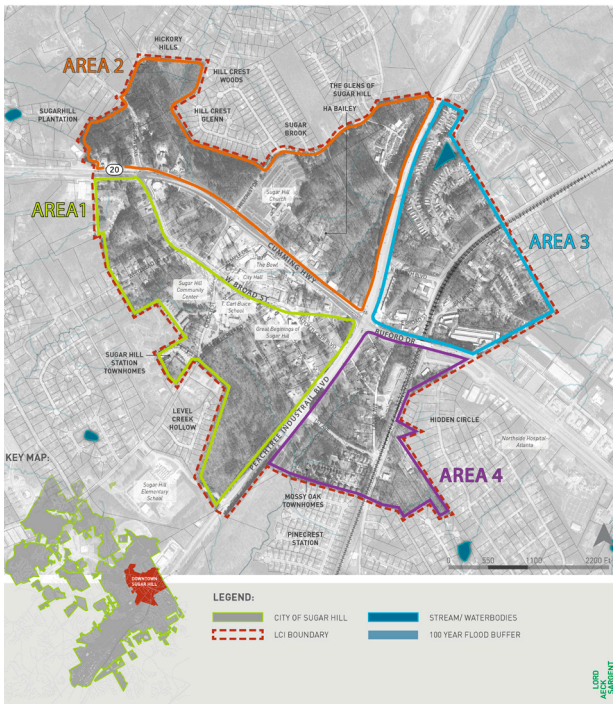
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LCI Plan

Sugar Hill is updating the downtown master plan and needs your opinion! Through the master plan, city leaders will be making informed planning decisions based on trends, real estate dynamics, mobility needs and on-the-ground conditions. Let's work together to fulfill the long-held vision for a vibrant and walkable Downtown Sugar Hill. You can help by completing a short survey.

The survey should take you about 15-20 minutes to complete. You will be providing valuable insight into our community's needs, values and aspirations for the future of Downtown Sugar Hill. The survey is anonymous, so please provide your honest feedback.

Take the survey online at <https://cityofsugarhill.com/lcisurvey/>

Please also plan on joining us for the final public open house at City Hall on February 15, 2018 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. We anticipate the plan update to go before city council for adoption in March.

Thank you for taking the time to invest in our "Sweet City"!

Community Garden

The Sugar Hill Community Garden, located at Gary Pirkle Park, is accepting applications for the upcoming growing season! The community garden creates a safe, friendly place for members to learn, educate and share the gardening experience. The garden comes complete with an irrigation system, rain barrels, a pollination garden and beautiful artwork provided by local artists and scout troops.

For information on how to get involved please contact Sam Taylor at (770) 831-7413 or visit the website at <https://cityofsugarhill.com/community-garden/>



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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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

6 CONCERTS @ THE BOWL

Collective Soul
Boz Scaggs
Josh Turner
KC & The Sunshine Band
Ben Folds and a Piano
Atlanta Rhythm Section



Local artist Chris Walker created Sugar Hill's second mural depicting the history of Sugar Hill.

CLEAN + BEAUTIFUL

The city's Downtown Development Authority worked with several volunteers to "Keep Sugar Hill Clean and Beautiful" through downtown cleanups throughout the year.

GOLD MINE PARK

Land containing an abandoned gold mine was acquired this year and plans are underway to build Gold Mine Park, which will be a part of the Sugar Hill Greenway.



CORNHOLE

Sugar Hill Parks and Recreation added a Cornhole League to their successful lineup.

PLAYER'S GUILD

The Players' Guild had a successful season including "Be My Baby", "12 Angry Jurors", "The Savannah Sipping Society", "Tales from the Sugar Hill Cemetery", and "Out of This World".



COMMUNITY

Events brought the community together. From Latin Nights to Sparks in the Park, there is always something happening here!

YOUTH COUNCIL

Members of the Youth Council took a trip across the pond to Germany to learn about human rights.



TOGETHER WE CAN!

The Sugar Hill community groups joined together to donate over 1000 items to the North Gwinnett Co-Op.



ICE RINK

The Ice Rink @Sugar Hill is back for the 4th season! Get tickets for the largest outdoor real ice rink in the southeast online at www.icerinkatsugarhill.com!

E CENTER - SUMMER 2018

The E Center construction continues. Opening date is scheduled for Summer 2018, bringing retail, offices, restaurants, a gymnasium and a roof-top bar to downtown.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society dedicated the first historic marker in Sugar Hill at the oldest home in the city. The Shelley-Howerton home, on Level Creek Road was built circa 1865.

ARTS COMMISSION

The Sugar Hill Arts Commission hosted a very successful, juried art show with over 125 judged pieces from around the globe, two live art demonstrations, and screen printing during the Sugar Rush Festival.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Sugar Hill Area Women's Club completed several service projects this year including packing meal boxes for the North Gwinnett Co-Op.

LOOK FOR THE 2018 CONCERT SERIES LINEUP ANNOUNCEMENT SOON!



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Suite Spot Dreams

Ryan Lucia was tired of sitting behind a desk taking conference calls. After years of working in software sales, he took a bold risk, cashing out his savings and retirement to launch his own business. Lucia had a friend, Larry Conte, who owned Aaron Overhead Doors in California. After researching the garage door business, Lucia fell in love with the opportunity and worked with Conte to open the third location of Aaron Overhead Doors.

Lucia worked out of a small garage in downtown Buford, where he kept all of his supplies, but office space was lacking. After learning about the Suite Spot, a business incubator in Downtown Sugar Hill, Lucia jumped on board, "I've always wanted to have a warehouse/office combined, but we couldn't afford it. The Suite Spot gave us the opportunity to have a great working environment and keep our cost down until we could afford to get our own place."

The Suite Spot is located at 4988 West Broad Street in Sugar Hill. The former City Hall building turned business incubator offers a variety of options for members. Co-working memberships start at just \$60 per month and include access to the general co-work area, high-speed internet, and a conference room that is available upon appointment. Premium membership includes the same amenities plus a

dedicated workspace that is not shared with other members, a locking file cabinet and USPS mailbox. The second floor of the Suite Spot houses tenant-only dedicated offices for small businesses and entrepreneurs. This is a private, secure option for those looking to expand beyond the co-work memberships.

The Suite Spot is meant to do exactly what it did for Lucia and Aaron Overhead Doors, help them grow to the next level. Lucia's company has now grown in size and has an office/warehouse just about a mile from the Suite Spot.

Lucia is thankful for his time at the Suite Spot, "We've not only gotten four or five jobs from people in there, I've made friends with a few that I talk to on a regular basis even when I'm not in the office. I love the people there. I've even hired people who work out of there to help me with things. The main reason it was hard to leave was because the connections you can have there." Those connections are what Sugar Hill is all about, building community.

For more information about the Suite Spot or how you can get a membership, visit www.suitespot.space.

For more information about Aaron Overhead Doors, visit www.aaronoverheaddoors.com.



Outdoor Burning

Prior to any outdoor burning, grilling, smoking or the use of fireworks, please contact the Office of the Gwinnett County Fire Marshall to stay informed of restrictions and safety

precautions. Always exercise care when burning, and be sure to obtain a burn permit for any uncontained fires.

JANUARY

Jan 1	-----	City Hall Closed - New Year's Day
Jan 2	7:00 PM	Council Work Session
Jan 3	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Jan 8	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Jan 10	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Jan 11	5:30 PM	Business Alliance Meeting
Jan 15	-----	City Hall Closed - MLK Jr. Day
Jan 16	5:30 PM	Arts Commission Meeting
Jan 17	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Jan 17	7:00 PM	Historic Preservation Society
Jan 24	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Jan 25	6:30 PM	Women's Club Meeting
Jan 30	6:30 PM	Downtown Development Authority
Jan 31	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting

Wednesdays 12:00 PM Toastmasters

FEBRUARY

Feb 5	7:00 PM	Council Work Session
Feb 7	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Feb 8	5:30 PM	Business Alliance Meeting
Feb 12	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Feb 14	5:30 PM	Youth Council Meeting
Feb 19	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
Feb 20	6:00 PM	Arts Commission Meeting
Feb 21	7:00 PM	Historic Preservation Society
Feb 25	6:30 PM	Women's Club Meeting
Feb 27	6:30 PM	Downtown Development Authority

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