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# the Sweet Life

City of Sugar Hill

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## Sugar Hill Youth Council Visits Washington D.C.

After a rigorous interview process, the Sugar Hill Youth Council finally began meeting in August for the 2021-2022 school year. Consisting of 8 members from Lanier High School, North Gwinnett High School, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, and Buford High School, members of the council had no idea they would eventually end up telling their stories face to face with Georgia's U.S. Senators at the Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C.

The Sugar Hill Youth Council strives to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the American political system through active participation in local government. The Youth Council assists Mayor and City Council by facilitating open dialogue and discussion regarding issues related to youth in Sugar Hill. So, when the group registered to attend the conference, they prepared for months on topics they wanted to present to our Georgia Representatives.



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*The voices of the youth were truly heard that day, as we were able to speak out on so many issues youth are facing, like mental health and the need for change in school systems,” said Milen Patel, Youth Council Mayor. Knowing that my voice was heard, and that there are active cases being worked on to deal with the issues we discussed was the most impactful part of the conference.*  
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Mimicking the Sugar Hill City Council, this organization has a Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, six youth council members and begins each meeting with a call to order before agenda items are discussed. Members implement change within the city and their respective high schools, taking on challenges such as recycling and financial literacy. During their weekly meetings members speak with city staff, councilmembers, and leaders in the Sugar Hill community. They learn the fundamentals of local government by discussing policy, current events, strategies for community building and also seek opportunities to engage the public through events and volunteerism in Sugar Hill. For those interested in becoming a member of the Sugar Hill Youth Council, applications for the 2022 – 2023 Sugar Hill Youth Council will open in mid-August on the city’s website.



*“My experience on the Youth Council has been outstanding these past three years. I’ve had the opportunity to learn about local government, testify at the Atlanta Capitol, and learn about issues occurring on a national level.”*

-Milen Patel  
 Youth Mayor

*“Youth council has been the best learning experience for me because of the real-life issues we get to observe, endure, and discuss.”*

-Maya Laurens  
 Youth Mayor Pro Tem

*“To be a youth in Sugar Hill is to be given potential. Just like the city, the youth have a lot of potential to grow through the schools and extracurriculars like the youth council.”*

- Bailey Coleman

*“It was amazing to hear from our leaders, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and the President of the United States in person at the conference.”*

-Timothy Son



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# THINGS TO DO

## E Center Fitness Classes

The E Center community gym has a basketball court, an indoor, six-layered padded walking and running track, treadmills, bikes, ellipticals, row machines, free weights, and classrooms available to rent. It's also known for its variety of classes tailored for every age, workout preference and fitness level!

Check out the full recreation guide on the city's website.



### Did you know?

Signs restricting parking from 2 a.m. - 4 a.m. will be posted throughout the E Center and City Hall parking decks.

Be on the lookout for additional parking restrictions on West Broad St. Once the parking signs are installed, enforcement will begin.

## Parks in Sugar Hill

A new addition to Sugar Hill's parks is coming soon! As a celebration of its gold mining heritage, the City of Sugar Hill is building a 9.2-acre park named "Gold Mine Park," which will sit along Level Creek Road and will serve as a trail head to the Sugar Hill Greenway. In the meantime, check out one of the city's several world-class parks.

- Gary Pirkle Park: synthetic turf fields, giant covered playground, 1.7 paved walking trail, picnic pavilions, and community garden
- E.E. Robinson North: baseball and softball fields, pickleball courts, sand volleyball courts, community garden, covered playground
- E.E. Robinson South: football/multi-purpose field with track, tennis court, playground, splash pad



## Sugar Hill SPRING CLEANING 2022

The week of May 23 - May 27 on your normal garbage pickup day.



The City of Sugar Hill's annual Spring Cleanup event is being offered again in partnership with our solid waste vendor, Waste Management, the week of May 23 - May 27 on your normal garbage pickup day. We are limiting each city address to dispose of a few bulk items; each item should not exceed 25lbs and all items must fit within a total area of 4-feet by 6-feet (similar to yard debris pile limits.) These size and weight limitations are in response to a shortage of labor and the need to process the waste promptly.

Please keep in mind that this event is for residents of incorporated Sugar Hill only. If you are not sure if you are a city resident, please call Customer Service at 770-945-6716 for confirmation.

### Items Accepted

- Small Furniture
- Boxes
- Toys
- Lamps
- Home Décor
- Dishes
- Clothes
- Plastic Shelves
- Rugs
- Small Appliances

### Items Not Accepted

- Construction Debris
- Refrigerators and Freezers
- Yard Trash or Trimmings
- Hazardous Materials or Chemicals
- Engines Containing Gas or Oil
- Propane Tanks and Gasoline Cans
- Automotive Parts



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# WHAT'S GOING ON IN SUGAR HILL?

## Splash Park

The Splash Park is tucked behind City Hall and borders the Dawn P. Gober Plaza just above The Bowl with tables, umbrellas, and plenty of turf to spread out a picnic blanket.

Splash Night brings residents, visitors, local food trucks, artists, and musicians into one space for a night of fun.



## Sugar Hill Greenway

The Sugar Hill Greenway is a 16.5-mile trail connecting downtown to parks, neighborhoods, and greenspaces through and around the city.

The city is working with Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources on a Level Creek sewer project which will include a segment of the Sugar Hill Greenway and Gold Mine Park. During this project, there will be intermittent closures of the trail for 6 – 8 weeks. Closures will be communicated at a later date when construction of the sewer pipes begin.

Sidewalks are accessible on Whitehead Rd. and Level Creek Rd. which connect to Downtown Sugar Hill. The Sugar Hill Greenway section between Level Creek Rd. and Whitehead Rd. is near completion. The bridge over Level Creek Rd is installed and is the longest bridge on the Greenway at 120 ft. in length and spans across Level Creek's floodway.



## New Website

The City of Sugar Hill website is getting a makeover. Stay tuned for our new look!



## Sugar Hill's City Council

This year, Sugar Hill welcomed three new councilmembers: Alvin Hicks, Mason Roszel, and Jenn Thatcher. They join existing councilmembers Taylor Anderson and Marc Cohen.



Alvin Hicks



Mason Roszel



Jenn Thatcher

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

### Suffer from FOMO? (Fear of Missing Out)

Keep up with the latest events, city projects, and everything City of Sugar Hill.



## 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.



# WHAT WAS SUGAR HILL UP TO?

February, March & April 2022



## ■ Broad St. Film Fest

The city's third-annual Broad St. Film Fest was hosted virtually in February. Many of the award-winning films were shot locally. From drama to romance, no matter how bizarre or interesting the film, we'd recognize our sweet city and its venues anywhere.

## ■ Spring Break Bash

Those who stayed in Sugar Hill for Spring Break saw five of the funniest films played back-to-back at the Eagle Theatre. If you missed it, don't worry. Check the Eagle's \$2 Tuesdays schedule.

## ■ Dig Safety Month

Are you dreaming of your next home improvement project? Remember to add calling 811 to your to-do list for any digging projects! If you don't call 811 before digging, you could knock out a utility service, injure yourself or face fines.

## ■ Moonshine in Sugar Hill

The Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society partnered with the Sugar Hill Distillery and heard from George Sudderth, a member of the Moonshiner's Hall of Fame. Now his son, Andy, runs RM Rose and uses his father's recipe.

## ■ Birthday Celebration

The City of Sugar Hill turned 83-years-old! We celebrated with cake, balloons and our favorite mascot, Eddy the Eagle.

## ■ Ask the Mayor

We asked Mayor Brandon Hembree some fun facts about himself and here's what he said:

Q: Coffee or Tea?

A: I love coffee or tea, either one is good to me. But, I will say in the mornings I drink a lot more coffee than I do tea.

Q: Favorite Ice Cream Flavor?

A: My favorite ice cream flavor is pineapple sherbet from Scoops and if you haven't tried it, I encourage you to go try it because it's wonderful.