

the SweetLife



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2016 Concert Lineup



May 28, The Mavericks
Eclectic American band, combining neotraditional country music, Latin, and rockabilly influences



June 11, Blues Traveler
American rock band with blues, psychedelic rock, folk, soul and Southern rock influences



July 16, Kool & The Gang
Jazz, R & B, soul, funk, and disco influences



Aug. 13, The Purple Xperience
5-piece Prince tribute band featuring former Prince member, Doctor Fink



Sept. 3, Third Eye Blind Pop rock, post grunge band with commercial success in the late 1990's



Oct. 15, Sugar Rush
The Second Annual Sugar Rush Festival in Downtown Sugar Hill will have something for everyone



SOUNDS OF SUMMER FREE CONCERT SERIES

June 18, Joe Hall local country musician
July 3, Sparks in the Park featuring A1A
Aug. 27, Fly Betty Band party music from the 1970's to today
Sept. 17, Moby Dick 80's rock & pop, 60's rock, modern pop & country, and more

Purchase tickets at www.thebowlatsugarhill.com

The first 200 Sugar Hill residents to purchase tickets when they go on sale will receive a \$5 discount with the code: **SWEETLIFE**

Also, join us for the City's **BIRTHDAY BASH** on **March 24th** & Thursdays @The Hill starts **April 21st** on the Town Green!

Changes Coming to The Bowl @ Sugar Hill

Concert goers will have an even more exciting experience at The Bowl @ Sugar Hill this year! The addition of sidewalks and turfed areas on the common area will allow for better set up of festivals and events in The Bowl. A large splash pad area on the lawn will be available for families to use in the park during hot summer days. Music fans can also now enjoy the show with their friends in the privacy of a party suite! The suites can be rented for individual concerts or for the series depending on availability. For information on The Bowl improvements or how to rent a suite, contact Scott Andrews at sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com.



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Sugar Hill Community Garden Gets New Artwork



*Girl Scout Troop 2440: Top row: Council Member Marc Cohen, Council Member Susie Gajewski, Emilie Kressel, Kate Dickey, Wayne Billingsly
Bottom row: Amelia Thompson, Lena Towne, Kaitlin Kahren, Katie Holmes, Isabella Kahren, Kierstin Rawls, Joanne Billingsley
(not pictured: Gabby Ditore, Maya White, Erica Brabner)*



Located at Sugar Hill's Gary Pirkle Park, The Community Garden is a peaceful place to grow your own vegetables, meet other members of the community, share gardening tips, and even give back to the community. This year, thanks to the local Girl Scouts, gardeners will have a little touch of Americana enhancing the scenery.

As part of a service project toward their Bronze Award, Girl Scout Troop 2440 created a beautiful interpretation of an American flag from a discarded pallet. The girls left their mark on the artwork using each of their handprints in place of stars on the flag. The troop has also worked with Suwanee's Harvest Farm Board this past year to create pieces of artwork for Suwanee's butterfly garden. Susie Gajewski, a Council Member for the City of Sugar Hill proudly accepted the artwork on behalf of the Garden saying, "The Community Garden members were both excited and honored to accept a handmade American flag from Girl Scout Troop 2440. This piece of art will be enjoyed by all for years to come." Council Member Marc Cohen was also excited to accept the artwork on behalf of the Arts Commission, "The City of Sugar Hill has a vibrant arts community. We are honored to accept this piece of artwork from the Girl Scouts and add it to our growing collection of public art. The hard work and dedication the girls put into this piece is evident. By placing it prominently at the Community Garden it can be enjoyed by all."

The Girl Scouts, their leader, Ms. Kim Towne, and parents met City Officials and representatives of the Community Garden's Advisory Board, Joanne and Wayne Billingsly, at the Garden to present the artwork. The City is excited to have the attraction as it not only brings more color to the Garden, but also furthers the City's art initiative.

The Garden has several amenities to enhance the garden experience including a secured barn that houses gardening equipment and rain barrels for use by all Community Gardeners. Residents who are interested in maintaining a plot at the Garden should contact the Community Center at (770)831-7413. Registration begins March 1st for both the Seasonal and Annual Gardeners. Plots are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis, with priority given to Sugar Hill residents

Come visit the Sugar Hill Golf Course in 2016

Established in 1992, the Sugar Hill Golf Club is a beautiful 18 hole championship par 72 course with some of the most spectacular golfing vistas anywhere. With rolling fairways and Champion Bermuda greens, the course is fun for all skill levels. Boasting a recently renovated banquet room, full-service kitchen and bar, Sugar Hill Golf Club is also the perfect place to hold a corporate outing or charity event. Meet new golfers in the area by joining the Sugar Hill Golf Association (SHGA), which hosts tournaments each month. Membership in the SHGA costs \$100 per year and includes discounted greens fees, a USGA handicap and food and beverage at each event. Tournaments are for all skill levels and include a match play championship, a club championship and an interclub tournament.

Glass Recycling

The City of Sugar Hill recognizes the importance of protecting our environment and the impact that recycling has on preserving our City's beauty. While recycling is incredibly important to all of us, recycling glass presents some difficulties. Glass recycling can cause a safety hazard to workers and often requires more energy and additional materials to create a safe environment to recycle glass. Because of these difficulties, the glass recycling process often leaves a larger carbon footprint. In addition to these challenges, glass is also more costly to recycle than other materials. It has become an industry-wide and government wide trend to halt glass recycling. These market conditions and issues with maintaining a clean recycling stream have forced a change in recycling. Advanced Disposal is no longer accepting glass in the recycling bins.



There are a few alternatives to glass recycling. One suggestion is to reduce the amount of glass that your family purchases. This can be done by purchasing products in cardboard, plastic or metal containers at the grocery store. Products such as beer, wine, and even root beer can be purchased at local growler shops which re-use glass growlers to bottle beverages. There are still a few recycling locations outside of Sugar Hill that accept glass, you can see an updated list at Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful's website:
<http://www.gwinnettcbo.org/recycling-center-material/glass-bottles-and-jars/>.

Please remember that Advanced Disposal will be unable to collect your recycling bin if it is contaminated with any glass or other items not eligible for recycling. For more information about glass recycling, please visit:
<http://cityofsugarhill.com/glass>.

With Spring rapidly approaching, it's time to get some edible treats established for your garden. In March, you can start several plants indoors including: celery, tomato, eggplant, peppers, and melons. April will begin to invite outdoor planting. Corn, beans, and cucumber are good options to begin throughout April.

April 30th is the last day outdoor burning is permitted in Gwinnett County. No Outdoor Burn Permits may be issued after that date.

Budget Billing Program Renewal

Did you know that the City of Sugar Hill offers a program that allows you to pay a level amount each month for your monthly gas bill? By averaging out your usage from the previous twelve months, we calculate your monthly level billing amount for the upcoming year. The program is only offered once a year. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please look for the 2016 Annual Budget/Level Billing Agreement form coming soon in your utility bill.

Award-Winning City

Sugar Hill was recently named Georgia's Fittest City by Georgia Municipal Association and the City also gained recognition as an American Heart Association Gold Fit-Friendly Worksite and received the American Heart Association's Worksite Innovation Award! The City is also proud to say that The Bowl was named the "Best of Gwinnett" for Outdoor Concert Venue! In addition to these awesome awards, the City was also awarded two Kaleidoscope Awards from Southeast Festivals and Events, which covers the entire Southeast United States, for our Sugar Rush event!



Gwinnett Cornhole is now Peach State Cornhole and they will be returning to Thursdays @ The Hill this year! Registration for the Summer season starts in April. For information on leagues and times, visit <http://peachstatecornhole.com/>.

City to Host Kiwanis Art Show

In keeping with its tradition of serving the community, the North Gwinnett Kiwanis Club and the Sugar Hill Arts Commission are proud to announce another service project by showcasing our local youth talent in the visual arts and providing the opportunity to win a State Kiwanis scholarship.

The 2nd annual Youth Art Contest for grades 9-12 will be held on Saturday, March 19, at Sugar Hill City Hall. Judges will select 4 grade winners and an overall winner and these 5 students will advance to the State Kiwanis Art Contest in Albany on April 30 where the winner will receive a \$3500 scholarship. After the judging is completed, the Art Show will be open to the public for viewing from 10AM-1 PM.

Each art teacher from the area high schools may enter 20 pieces of art with no more than 2 pieces per student. In addition, other students, including homeschooled students, may also submit art work by registering and paying the \$15 entry fee. Accepted art work includes painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculpture, metal work, graphic design, mixed media, and crafts. Each piece of art must be the original work of the contestant submitting the item and not copied from a photograph unless the contestant is the photographer. An exception is made for the mixed media collage.

Registration forms are due by March 11 to mcarnell@cityofsugarhill.com Forms are available at www.northgwinnettkiwanis.com.

Sugar Hill Important Dates

March 2016

- Mar 2** 12:00 p.m. Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test
- Mar 2** 5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Mar 3** 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Women's Club Meeting
- Mar 7** 7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session
- Mar 8** 6:00 p.m. Arts Commission Meeting
- Mar 10** 5:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting
- Mar 13** Daylight Savings Time begins
- Mar 14** 7:30 p.m City Council Meeting
- Mar 16** 5:00 p.m Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Mar 19** 12:00 p.m Sugar Hill Easter Egg Hunt at E.E. Robinson
- Mar 21** 6:30 p.m Planning & Development Work Session and Meeting
- Mar 21** 6:30 p.m Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
- Mar 24** Sugar Hill Birthday Bash (Charter Day)
- Mar 25** City Hall closed: Good Friday
- Mar 29** 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority Meeting

April 2016

- Apr 4** 7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session
- Apr 6** 12:00 p.m. Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test
- Apr 6** 5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Apr 7** 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Women's Club Meeting
- Apr 11** 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
- Apr 12** 6:00 p.m. Arts Commission Meeting
- Apr 14** 5:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting
- Apr 17-23** Georgia Cities Week
- Apr 18** 6:30 p.m. Planning & Development Work Session and Meeting
- Apr 18** 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
- Apr 20** 5:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- Apr 21** Thursdays @ The Hill starts
- Apr 21** 7:00 p.m. Sugar Hill Housing Authority Meeting
- Apr 26** 6:30 p.m. Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority Meeting

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