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Dear Sugar Hill Residents:

I would have brought this up at the annual meeting, but it caught me during a busy week and I did not see the **little poster that was put up 3 days before the meeting** until it was too late. I was surprised I didn't get a written notice by email or mail. I heard not many showed up so perhaps I am not the only one who didn't realize the **new meeting date in time**. Due to that, I wanted to write to you all about matters I feel are dire to our community's health and quality of life.

Sugar Hill is so special because it is different than other neighborhoods in Martin County. Its qualities attracted every single one of you to this place. What is it? It is the peaceful existence of being aligned with nature. Whether you all know it or not, you are lucky enough to be living **on** a dry Savannah nature preserve. As a child, I did not realize how special this was, now as an environmentalist and lover of all things nature, I feel compelled to reiterate that very few humans get this kind of experience. We are all very lucky and have a responsibility to protect it.

I want to debunk the Sugar Hill **myths regarding the Cedar Shake Roof being inferior and therefore outdated**. Fact 1: Cedar Shakes are graded for 240 MPH winds and very fire hardy. Fact 2: all you have to do is show an engineer's report to your insurance company and they cannot deny your coverage. **The only reason metal is being promoted is because of government subsidies, not because it is a better roof**. I attached an engineers report for your knowledge and for your insurance companies.

I had a 42 year old roof cedar shake roof that was never treated, not once, held up through at least a dozen hurricanes. It held up even when the side of the house got torn off by a tornado spawned from hurricane Jean in 2005. The house was rebuilt and the roof lived on untreated until I finally put a new one on in 2019, I expect it to last the rest of my lifetime because I am going to treat it. I know many have had problems with their roofs over the years, so I thought I would share that we haven't had one problem or leak. Also **it should be noted that most insurance will not cover hail damage on metal roofs because it is too expensive to replace the panels**. I learned a lot of this from Chris Brownie who has been working on roofs in South Florida for 30-40 years. He says it is the best roof your money can buy and I agree. He did an excellent job treating my roof and if you would like to have yours teated, I highly recommend Southern Exterior at 561 -502-ROOF.

A 37 year old mother of 3, who grew up in JB came to my door the other day and wanted to know if I would sell my house. After that her next words were: since when did they allow metal roofing in Sugar Hill? She never even lived in here, but wanted to because of many special features, the roofs being just one of them. Her quote: 'that is so sad, why would they let that happen?' My response: **'they wanted cheaper hurricane insurance.'** After the words came out of my mouth, I knew I needed to sit down and

write this letter. Incidentally, if anyone wants to sell their house, let me know I may have a buyer for you.

At this time in our world we are watching trade be obstructed because of conditions that are out of our control as mere civilians. There is nothing humane or environmentally friendly about metal production. Hence the reason the U.S. exported our metal production along with anything else dirty, better do that in another country and just import it, according to the globalists. We vote with our dollars everyday and I hope you will vote local and sustainable by not buying metal roofing. If your roof does, god forbid, get damaged, **you will surely get it repaired a lot faster with natural materials** (shakes, clay etc) than if you have to **wait for metal panels to be shipped from overseas** for an ever-growing cost. I am thinking long term, not the immediate **reward of a discount**. I know as modern Americans, **we have become trained for the immediate reward**, but our grandparents knew better. As an only child, I was lucky enough to be raised by the great generation and I realize how much they instilled in me values that are being destroyed and cancelled in the modern day.

The second important thing for Sugar Hill's way of life is **Glyphosate. The stuff half of Sugar Hill residents spray on their lawns to make the grass look greener**. After they spray, there is a little sign that says keep dogs and children off. That is a cancer causing carcinogen that the weed killer and grass greener is made of, hence, the warning signs. Early in 2022, the largest peer reviewed research study was done in France and nearly everyone had glyphosate in their urine (in a country that banned GMO foods which have lots of Glyphosate in them), and from a study group that was more healthy than most Americans are. I have attached documentation on the study, published January 12th, 2022 in Environmental Science and Pollution Research, a top peer-reviewed scientific journal, was carried out on 6,848 people, living in 83 municipalities in France. Glyphosate was detected in 99.8% of 6,795 exploitable samples, at "an average level of 1.19 I./g/L (ppb)."

You may have heard of blue green algae, did you know glyphosate (your lawn & weed spray) is a major contributor to that? Do you know it goes into all wells, canals, rivers, savannas, and estuaries? The habitat around us like Gopher Tortoise and Rabbits end up eating it and living shorter lives.

It broke my heart one day in Sugar Hill seeing a grandmother in her wheelchair with her precious young ones rolling around in the freshly sprayed carcinogenic grass. So this is why I write to you all: to clear my conscience and know that I did everything I could to inform and protect my community. **I know board members have cancelled many in person meetings these past years because they are scared of the flu**, so I hope you all take this seriously because Cancer is a lot more deadly than the flu. **I do feel we should have board members who are healthy enough to hold meetings**. As many know my 4 year old dog Loki died of Lymphoma in 2019, I have never had a dog die so young and I do attribute it to all the carcinogenic grass he unknowingly rolled in, licked, dug in, and ate.

On a side note, since there are many newcomers to Sugar Hill, I thought it would be relevant to make those who just got here aware that the current board members got

elected by pointing at what old board members were doing and saying 'we don't want an outside company giving us tickets or even coming into our private neighborhood,' well now **that new board passed those same policies.** There was a bit of a coup d'état in Sugar Hill in 2018-2019 and **the most current board used the laws of the Sugar Hill Covenant (which says with a majority vote you can throw out the board and install a new one, just like the Constitution of the U.S.) to throw out the old board based on the desire for privacy and promising new comers to Sugar Hill metal roofing.** It seems just like real politics in here. **I was called an 'elitest' by board members who were coercing me to vote for the metal roofing.** This is called Cancel Culture and it is an important tool to discredit a person so you don't have to actually debate an issue. One can always remember when someone has to name call that their argument can't hold up on its own. **Now that the new board has passed all the same policies the old board was trying to pass and are using our POA fees to have us monitored by a hired company instead of the board doing the job they signed up for,** I can only **assume** this was only about metal roofing from the start. It's sad people moved to such a special place that they wanted to change, instead of a place they liked the way it was. My father always said to me: 'you don't move somewhere to change it, you move somewhere because you like it the way it is and you want to contribute to that. R.I.P. dad.

Sugar Hill land was bought privately not by a developer for a reason and that gives us some rights to protect our Covenant. In other words, **the free for all** has gone on long enough and **it is time we start thinking about longterm goals and the main intention of being in alignment with nature, which is ourselves.** We humans are stewards of the earth, not just blind consumers here to exploit it for short term gain. I write to you from that place of stewardship, which is where I believe we are all equal and immensely powerful as a group.

I knew most of the people who built most of the houses in here and I think about them a lot as I get older and realize how special it was in the 1980s that a **bunch of 'Sugar Hill Eccentrics' (which is what they were known as)** built this beautiful neighborhood with a **righteous intention.** I hope you will join me in carrying on the eccentricity of not just going with **the fad of the moment because it is easier in some short term way.** I do believe situations like this is why the phrase: **'don't cut of your nose to spite your face'** was coined. I hope that we don't allow that to happen. **Most of all, I hope everyone gets the best quality roof for their house because they have all the knowledge at their fingertips, not because the insurance company or anyone coerced them to getting a sub par roof that will eventually be really hard to repair due to inevitably multiplying supply chain mishaps ahead.**

Please feel free to reach out with feedback or **just to have some tea.** It's great to know your neighbors and **isn't it so refreshing to talk about reality and not just the weather?** I have always felt a deep need to protect the sacred and there is nowhere that is more sacred to me personally on planet earth than Sugar Hill.

Wishing you many beautiful years filled with bob cats, gopher tortoises, butterflies, flamingos, sand hill cranes, bald eagles and so much more!

Long live Sugar Hill and all ecosystems protected privately by humans, which is

stewardship.

Wishing you the highest quality of Sugar Hill life possible because you deserve it! Thank you for taking time to read this and I'd like to leave you with one final quote from the woman who is the reason we even have an Everglades to presence: Marjory Stoneman Douglas. *'Be a nuisance where it counts.'*

Best Regards,
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P.S. There are so many rumors and I wanted to set the record straight: I did not write the 'Dotyville' satire that was posted on the bulletin board a year and a half ago. I know certain board members assumed and told people it was me, so I wanted to say it was not, but BRAVO to whomever wrote it. I am flattered to have been rumored to be the author. But, now you all know, I don't hide behind anonymity, I will tell you directly, I guess it's just the New Yorker in me.

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