



### SEABOARD TOWNSHIP - STUDENT OF THE MONTH



This month, the Silver Comet Gazette is proud to shine its spotlight on **Oluwadamilare "Ezra" Lawal**, a resident of Seaboard Township and a 16-year-old junior at Hiram High School. Ezra's exceptional blend of academic excellence, leadership, and dedication to community service sets him apart as a remarkable young leader in our community. Born in Fulton County and raised in Paulding County, Ezra has always been passionate about learning. His favorite subjects — Literature and Anatomy and Physiology— reflect his curiosity and ambition. "I enjoy exploring different cultures through books and movies," Ezra shared, noting

that his favorites like "Children of Blood and Bone" by Tomi Adeyemi and "The Hunger Games" trilogy inspire his creativity and academic drive.

Speaking of academics, Ezra's academic record is as impressive as his interests. He has earned Honor Roll distinctions during both his freshman and sophomore years, excelling in Honors and Advanced Placement courses. His strengths in reading, writing, public speaking, and hands-on assignments have made him a standout student. "I aim to continue improving in my classes and to perform well on standardized tests," he says of his goals for the year ahead.

Beyond the classroom, Ezra also demonstrates a strong commitment to leadership and service. As the Founder and CEO of **ShockResQ**, a disaster relief nonprofit, he has organized charity events and formed partnerships that have made a tangible impact on those in need. One of his proudest achievements includes raising over \$10,500 for St. Jude through a Roblox charity event in collaboration with a prominent YouTuber. Additionally, his sneaker drives have conserved over 200,000 gallons of water and reduced carbon emissions by repurposing shoes to aid less fortunate residents of developing countries.

Ezra also serves as President of Hiram High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter, where his strategic planning skills have led to membership growth and successful service initiatives. Furthermore, as a member of the Georgia Department of Education's Student Advisory Council, Ezra is spearheading a service project to address transportation barriers for underserved communities.

Ezra's dedication extends to healthcare through Wellstar's VolunTeen program. His roles in various departments, including the ER and surgery floors, have deepened his understanding of hospital operations and reinforced his aspiration to become a physician. "Shadowing an anesthesiologist during surgeries was fascinating," he recalls. "It brought the topics from my Anatomy and Physiology class to life in real time!" Recognized for his outstanding achievements, Ezra has been featured in Voyage Atlanta as a rising star in entrepreneurship and nominated as a State Nominee for the 2025 Governor's Honors Program in Georgia. When he isn't leading projects or excelling academically, Ezra enjoys listening to music and immersing himself in diverse cultures through literature and film. His journey reflects a commitment to growth, empathy, and making a difference in the lives of others.

Congratulations to **Oluwadamilare "Ezra" Lawal**, for his awe inspiring achievements and unwavering dedication to his community and future goals!

#GoEzra

### HOA DUES - COLLECTION ACTIONS

There are a significant number of homeowners within our community with accounts that remain delinquent, and pre-foreclosure actions have commenced for those with severe outstanding balances. This is a serious matter, and all owners are required to comply with timely payment of HOA dues. Failure to pay your dues will result in late fees, accruing interest, and legal action, including liens and foreclosure proceedings. These measures are necessary to ensure the financial health of our community and to maintain its amenities, services, and property values.

If you are facing financial challenges, it is imperative that you contact HOA management immediately to discuss potential payment arrangements. **Ignoring your dues obligation will not resolve the issue!**

We appreciate your prompt attention to this critical matter. Together, we can ensure that Seaboard Township continues to thrive.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 11 - Bring One For The Chipper**  
Xmas Tree Recycling (Douglasville Home Depot)

**January 14 - New Year's Journaling**  
The Hiram Library (5pm for adults)

**January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

**January 22 - Highschool Hangout**  
The Hiram Library (5pm for teens)

**January 24 - Drive Thru Food Pantry**  
Fullerville Mission (Free - 10:30am-11:30am)

### REAL ESTATE REPORT

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**Seaboard Township Home Values**

A Snapshot for December 2024

**Median Townhouse Sale Price: \$320,000**

#### Market Trends

Property values in Seaboard Township have been relatively stable however the average number of days that listed homes have been on the market have ticked up. At the time of this publishing, there were 5 active home listings in the community.

## The Social & Civic Corner

### Special Shout-Out to the Silver Comet Gazette Street Team! 🎉



A big thanks goes out to Kaiden, Cedric, and Garnet IV for their hard work delivering the Silver Comet Gazette to nearly 200 homes each month. Rain or shine, these future leaders ensure that our community stays connected and informed!

If you see them making their rounds in the community, be sure to give them a wave or honk to show your appreciation!

*Special thank-you to **Events By Watson** for sponsoring the Street Team's new safety vests, ensuring our dedicated team stays safe while making their rounds!*

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### Home Sense Smart Tips For Everyday Living

Replacing air filters is one of the simplest ways to improve your home's air quality and energy efficiency. Dirty filters can restrict

airflow, forcing your HVAC system to work harder and increasing your utility bills. Most air filters should be replaced every 3 months, but this can vary depending on factors like the size of your home, if you have pets, or how often your system runs. To replace a filter, first, turn off your HVAC system. Locate the filter compartment, typically near the air handler or return vent, and check the filter size before purchasing a replacement. Write the installation date on the new filter as a reminder for the next change. Set calendar alerts to help stay consistent. Fresh filters not only extend the life of your HVAC system but also create a healthier environment for your family.

## Reflect, Renew, Recharge Welcoming the New Year with Purpose

The start of a new year is a special time—a moment when we collectively pause, reflect on the past, and set goals for the future. It's an opportunity to honor our accomplishments, learn from our mistakes, and embrace the promise of new beginnings. As we step into 2025, let's explore how reflection, renewal, and recharging can guide us toward our goals.

### Reflect

Reflection is a powerful tool for self-awareness and growth. By taking time to evaluate the past year, we can celebrate our successes and uncover valuable lessons from our experiences. Ask yourself:

- What were my proudest moments in 2024?
- Which challenges taught me the most?
- What am I grateful for as I look back?

Consider writing your reflections in a journal or discussing them with a trusted friend or family member. This process not only helps you acknowledge how far you've come, but also clarifies what matters most as you move forward. Reflection isn't about dwelling on mistakes or regrets. Instead, it's about understanding them, finding meaning, and using that insight to chart a better path forward. Let your past experiences inform your decisions for 2025.

### Renew

Once you've reflected, it's time to renew. Renewal is about letting go of what no longer serves you and embracing good habits and a positive attitude. Start by identifying areas of your life where you'd like to see change or growth:

- **Health:** Could you incorporate more movement into your day or focus on eating healthy foods?
- **Relationships:** Are there connections you want to deepen or relationships that need healing?
- **Personal Growth:** Is there a skill you've been eager to learn or a project you've been putting off?

Renewal often requires us to step out of our comfort zones. But remember, small, consistent steps can lead to big transformations. Whether it's committing to a morning walk on the Silver Comet Trail, or dedicating time to a passion project, each positive action reinforces your commitment to living with purpose.

### Recharge

Life can be demanding, and it's easy to feel drained as we juggle responsibilities and challenges. That's why recharging is essential. Think of it as refueling your body, mind, and spirit so you can approach the New Year with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Recharging looks different for everyone. For some, it's about quiet moments of solitude—reading a book, meditating, or enjoying a hobby. For others, it's engaging in activities that bring joy and excitement, like traveling, spending time with loved ones, or pursuing creative endeavors. Take time to identify what recharges you and make it a priority. When you're recharged, you're better equipped to tackle challenges, support others, and stay focused on your goals.

### Looking Ahead

As you reflect, renew, and recharge, remember that the journey toward growth and fulfillment is a marathon, not a sprint. So be patient, celebrate small victories and most importantly, stay true to your values and aspirations. With intention and effort, you can make 2025 a year of purpose, progress, and joy.

**Let's make 2025 a year to remember!**

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

#### Emergency Services:

**Emergency: 911**

**Hiram Police Dept:** 770-943-3087

**Paulding Fire Dept:** 770-222-1160

#### Community Resources

**Seaboard Township (HOA)**

All-In-One Community Management

Phone: 678-363-6479

Email: customerservice@allinonemgmt.com

#### Local Government and Services

**Hiram City Hall**

Phone: 770-943-3726

#### Health and Wellness

**Wellstar Paulding Hospital**

**\*\* 24 Hour Emergency Room \*\***

Phone: 470-644-7000

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