



# Sugar Hill News



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## OCTOBER 2007:

October 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00 PM, City Council Work Session

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 PM, City Court

October 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM, City Council Meeting

October 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

11:30 AM, Downtown Development Authority  
Lunch Meeting at the SH Golf Course

## NOVEMBER 2007:

November 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM, City Council Work Session

November 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM, City Court

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day

City Hall Closed

November 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM, City Council Meeting

November 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting

## City Hall Closed

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

November 27<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM, Downtown Development Authority

- Everyone is invited to attend Sugar Hill's monthly Work Sessions and Council Meetings. All meetings for the City of Sugar Hill will be held in the City Hall Annex located at 4988 West Broad Street, adjacent to City Hall. DDA meetings are held at the Community Center at 1166 Church Street.
- Your comments, suggestions and support will help make your City a community you are proud to call home.
- Videos of our monthly City Council meetings are shown on Charter Cable, Channel 19, at 6:30 PM, every 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.
- Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the Sugar Hill website at: [www.cityofsugarhill.com](http://www.cityofsugarhill.com).

## City of Sugar Hill

### Candidates for the November 6, 2007 Election:

POST #1: (Term expires 12/31/2011)

POST #2: (Term expires 12/31/2011)

**Current Council Member:**

Steve Edwards (Incumbent)

**Current Council Member:**

Marc Cohen (Incumbent)

POST #3: (Term expires 12/31/2011)

**Qualifying Candidate:**

David Ray Deal

**Qualifying Candidate:**

Susie Gajewski

Advance Voting for the November 6, 2007 election will be held at the Sugar Hill Community Center from Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The hours are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Election will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you will be absent from the polls on election day, you can vote an absentee ballot at City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8-5 up until November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can also request an absentee ballot by mail.

## Public Referendum:

### Sugar Hill Police Force

The City of Sugar Hill will hold a referendum on the November ballot to allow the voters of the City to decide if the City shall establish and fund a City Police Department.

The City has researched the costs incurred by other local governments close to our size to establish, fund, and maintain a police department and has estimated that a budget of approximately \$2,000,000 would be required. This will represent an increase in the City millage rate by 3.8 mils. For an appraised home of \$200,000, this would be approximately a \$300 increase. The City currently hires off duty Gwinnett County police officers to supplement the coverage provided by the North Gwinnett Police Precinct, at a cost of \$180,000 per year.

## Public Referendum:

### Tax Allocation District

**What is a Tax Allocation District (TAD)?** A TAD is established for the purpose of financing redevelopment activities in underdeveloped areas. Redevelopment costs are financed through the pledge of future increases in property taxes resulting from new development and resulting higher property values.

**Will property taxes be increased if a TAD is established?** No. A redevelopment agency does not have the authority to levy or increase property taxes. Increased tax revenue from the sale, development, or rehabilitation of property reflects a rise in property value and not an increase in tax rate.