



Expanding the Heart of Sugar Hill - New EpiCenter Coming Soon!

There are several exciting, and new projects coming to the City of Sugar Hill. The heart of our "Sweet City" will be transformed by the development of the EpiCenter, which breaks ground summer of 2016. The mixed-use development has its origins in the City's Downtown Master Plan Developed over 10 years ago with significant community involvement. Dawn P. Gober, a lifelong resident of Sugar Hill and a prominent realtor in the area, has served on the Sugar Hill Downtown Development Authority (DDA) since its creation years ago. When asked what her thoughts were on the project, she said, "The project is so exciting. It addresses what citizens told us they wanted years ago in community surveys and public design sessions - a downtown they could call their own with shops, restaurants, office space and entertainment. I can't wait to take my granddaughters to a show, go shopping and grab an ice cream cone in our own downtown".

The project will be constructed just east of City Hall on City-owned property along West Broad Street. It will be home to a 326-seat performing arts theater, community meeting rooms, a state-of-the-art gymnasium, indoor walking track, volleyball, basketball and pickleball courts. The EpiCenter will also feature over 30,000 square feet of office, retail and a rooftop bar overlooking The Bowl @ Sugar Hill.

Residents and visitors will soon be able to see a performance by the Players Guild @Sugar Hill, the Broad St. Band or a traveling theater group and then enjoy a great dining experience all within walking distance. A rooftop restaurant/ bar will provide a nice relaxing setting to enjoy a refreshing drink while overlooking the amenity pond or taking in the sounds of one of the great concerts in the "Best of Gwinnett" outdoor amphitheater, The Bowl.



The projected completion date is December 2017. The project will be partially financed with 2014 SPLOST funds earmarked for recreation as well as cash reserves. The remaining cost of the project will be financed with historically low tax exempt bonds, using the City's AA+ credit rating. The City and the DDA have no outstanding debt and the City is in excellent fiscal and financial condition. All debt service for the project will be covered by lease payments, internal budget management and NO additional taxes. The City will also have the opportunity to pay off the debt service early.

Taylor Anderson, Chairman of the DDA, shared his views, "This is an important time for Sugar Hill, and an excellent time to be a Sugar Hill resident. We are grateful for the leadership and vision of the Mayor and Council and look forward to being their

partner in the years ahead. As the City grows and new amenities are added like this development, the quality of life in Sugar Hill gets even sweeter. Our homes, businesses and families will be the direct beneficiaries of this bold and forward-thinking vision.”

Currently, there are nearly 30,000 vehicle trips a day on Highway 20 and this is projected to increase to 50,000 trips a day once the highway widening project is completed. The 2016 completion of the new Level Creek Park and other new development opportunities on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard will turn Downtown Sugar Hill into the true “EpiCenter” of this new commercial hub.

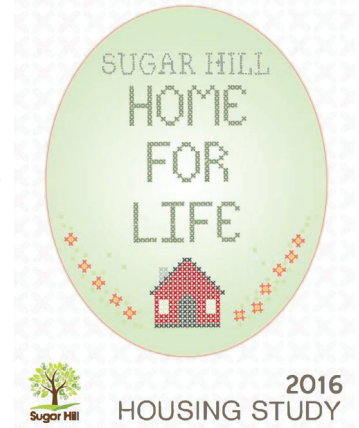
Mayor Steve Edwards summed up the planning process for this project, stating, “There is an art to building a City. It is a strategic and methodical process, much like a game of chess where there are nearly limitless outcomes to consider when making a major move. The timing is right for this move and investment. We are becoming a commercial hub and our goal is to keep commerce, jobs and spending right here in Sugar Hill. We are doing what others are only talking about – creative place-making. It is in our DNA.”

This project has become a catalyst that has already attracted almost \$200 million in newly planned private sector investment in the downtown area. As these projects unfold in the next few years, the family-friendly and business-ready Sugar Hill of the near future will be a dynamic live, work, play community.

For more information about the EpiCenter or other development opportunities, contact Scott Andrews at sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com or (770)945-6716.

Housing Study

The City of Sugar Hill Housing Study is now available to view online or in person at our planning office. The study identified several needs and community values which will guide policy decisions related to housing over the next five years. This includes the promotion of a walkable footprint throughout the community, more diverse housing options, and more creative, proactive programs to maintain the visual integrity of the community. To view the complete study and learn more about the future of housing in Sugar Hill, please visit: <http://cityofsugarhill.com/housing-study>.



Players Guild@Sugar Hill and Quantum National Bank present Funny Money

A mild mannered C.P.A, accidentally picks up the wrong briefcase—one full of money. He assumes it is illicit cash and he decides to keep it. Then, a police detective arrives at the door. He thinks Henry was soliciting in the men’s room of the local pub. Actually, Henry was sitting in the loo counting the cash. Another detective arrives thinking Henry is dead; a man with bullet holes in his head and Henry’s briefcase were found in the River Thames. Henry’s inept attempts to extricate himself from this impossible situation lead to increasingly hysterical situations.

Show dates are May 6-8 & 13-15
www.playersguildsugarhill.net

Mosquito Spraying Schedule

Round 1

All streets and subdivisions north of Hwy. 20 - May 30th through June 3rd
All streets and subdivisions south of Hwy. 20 - June 6th through June 10th

Round 2

All streets and subdivisions north of Hwy. 20 - July 18th through July 22nd
All streets and subdivisions south of Hwy. 20 - July 25th through July 29th

Enrollment in Sugar Hill Gas Level Billing is NOW OPEN!

Contact Customer Service at City Hall for more information or to enroll (770) 945-6716.





Sugar Hill

2016 EVENTS @ SUGAR HILL

March

- 19 | Easter Egg Hunt
- 24 | Sugar Hill's Birthday Bash featuring R&B Inc.



April

- 16 | Sugar Hill Serves 5k/10k
- 21 | Thursdays @ The Hill

May

- 5 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 6-8 & 13-15 | "Funny Money" Players Guild at Sugar Hill Performance
- 14 | Maker Fest
- 19 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 28 | Sweet Life Concert • The Mavericks

For full event lineup visit:
www.CityOfSugarHill.com

or contact the events staff
 @ 770.945.6716
 or sandrews@cityofsugarhill.com

This lineup is tentative. Events, dates & times are subject to change.

June

- 2 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 11 | Sweet Life Concert • Blues Traveler
- 16 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 18 | Sounds of Summer Concert • Joe Hall

July

- 3 | Sparks in the Park Featuring A1A
- 7 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 16 | Sweet Life Concert • Kool & the Gang
- 21 | Thursdays @ The Hill



August



- 4 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 13 | Sweet Life Concert • The Purple Xperience
- 18 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 27 | Sounds of Summer Concert • Fly Betty Band

September

- 1 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 3 | Sweet Life Concert • Third Eye Blind
- 16 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 17 | Sounds of Summer Concert • Moby Dick

October

- 2 | Vida Fest
- 6 | Thursdays @ The Hill
- 15 | Sugar Rush Featuring Ellie Lawrence & 7 Bridges
- 29 | Zombie 5k and Truck or Treat



November

- Ice Rink Opens
- 12 | Chocolate Festival



December

- 3 | Holiday Celebration



Dry Weather Screening Detects Illicit Discharges

The City of Sugar Hill implements a variety of programs to comply with state and federal stormwater regulations. One of these programs is the Dry Weather Screening program, which is intended to assist in the detection of illicit discharge or illegal connections to the storm sewer system.

Dry weather screening entails checking stormwater outfalls throughout the City after at least 72 hours of dry weather. This process is to ensure no hazardous substances are flowing out of the City-owned pipes or structures and into state waters, including streams, rivers and lakes. An outfall is the last structure, usually a pipe outlet, in a storm sewer system owned by the City that discharges into state waters (including most streams, rivers and lakes). The purpose is to detect illicit flow during dry weather, since no rainwater should be flowing through the

system. When flow is detected, an investigator measures fluoride, detergent, pH, temperature and conductivity levels in the water, and if the flow is determined to be an illicit discharge, the investigator traces the flow upstream to determine its origin.



If the source is found and the responsible party identified, the City will then enforce the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance to stop the discharge. To report illicit discharge in the storm drainage system, or to request more information, call the Stormwater Department at 770-271-2137.

Sugar Hill Important Dates

May 2016

- May 2** 7:00PM Sugar Hill City Council Work Session
- May 4** 12:00PM Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test
- May 4** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- May 4** 5:00PM Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- May 5** 6:00PM Thursdays @ The Hill
- May 6-8, 13-15** 8:00 PM (Sundays at 4 PM) Players Guild @ Sugar Hill Presents "Funny Money"
- May 9** 7:30PM Sugar Hill City Council Meeting
- May 10** 6:00PM Sugar Hill Arts Commission Meeting
- May 11** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- May 12** 5:30PM Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting
- May 16** 6:30PM Sugar Hill Planning Commission Work Session and Meeting
- May 16** 6:30PM Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
- May 18** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- May 18** 5:00PM Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- May 19** 6:00PM Thursdays @ The Hill
- May 25** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- May 28** Doors open 7:00PM The Mavericks in The Bowl @ Sugar Hill
- May 30** City Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- May 31** 6:30PM Sugar Hill DDA Meeting

June 2016

- June 1** 12:00PM Outdoor Severe Weather Warning System Test
- June 1** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- June 1** 5:00PM Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- June 2** 6:00PM Thursdays @ The Hill
- June 6** 7:00PM Sugar Hill City Council Work Session
- June 8** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- June 9** 5:30PM Sugar Hill Business Alliance Meeting
- June 11** Doors open at 7:00PM Blues Traveler in The Bowl @ Sugar Hill
- June 13** 7:30PM Sugar Hill City Council Meeting
- June 14** 6:00PM Sugar Hill Arts Commission Meeting
- June 15** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- June 15** 5:30PM Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting
- June 16** 6:00PM Thursdays @ The Hill
- June 18** Doors open at 6:00PM Sounds of Summer Concert Feat. Haley & Alexis Band and Joe Hall
- June 20** 6:30PM Sugar Hill Planning Commission Work Session and Meeting
- June 20** 6:30PM Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society Meeting
- June 22** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- June 28** 6:30PM Sugar Hill DDA Meeting
- June 29** 12:00PM Toastmasters
- June 29** 5:00PM Sugar Hill Youth Council Meeting

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