



# Sugar Hill News



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## Meeting Schedule 2005:

### NOVEMBER 2005:

November 7<sup>th</sup> -

7:00 PM, City Council Work Session

November 14<sup>th</sup> -

7:30 PM, City Council Meeting

November 21<sup>st</sup> -

7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting

November 29<sup>th</sup> -

7:00 PM, Downtown Development Authority

### DECEMBER 2005:

December 5<sup>th</sup> -

7:00 PM, City Council Work Session

December 6<sup>th</sup> -

5:30 PM, City Court

December 12<sup>th</sup> -

7:30 PM, City Council Meeting

December 19<sup>th</sup> -

7:00 PM, Planning and Zoning Meeting

December 27<sup>th</sup> -

7:00 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.
- 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 8:00 PM, every 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.
- Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the Sugar Hill website at: [www.cityofsugarhill.com](http://www.cityofsugarhill.com).

## NEW PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD FILING PERIODS

Georgia law recently changed the homestead exemption application filing period for property owners. The law provides for different filing periods for 2006 and afterwards.

- 2006 homestead exemptions filing period, June 1, 2005 through March 1, 2006.
- 2007 exemptions, property owners need to file from January 2, 2006 through March 1, 2007.
- After 2007, application filing periods will begin at the start of each calendar year proceeding the year for which exemptions are applied.

Property owners already receiving an exemption and who had no ownership changes to their deed do not need to reapply. They will continue to receive their current exemption from property taxes. Gwinnett County offers special homestead exemptions to eligible property owners, disabled and senior citizens. Special exemptions are based on age, disability, and/or income. If you feel that you may qualify for a special exemption, please contact Gwinnett County at 770-822-8800. Since many of the special exemptions have income limitations, a copy of the individual's Federal and State Income Tax Returns for 2004 should accompany the application for a special exemption.



### Holiday Can Drive and Toy Collection



#### Get into the Holiday Spirit!

The City is collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items and personal need items during the Holiday Season for the North Gwinnett Co-Op and the Georgia Mental Health Facility.

Collection bins will be located in the lobby at City Hall. When you drop by the Post Office located in City Hall or when you pay your gas bill, bring the items with you. We will also be accepting unwrapped toys for the Co-Op. We deliver food items both at Thanksgiving and Christmas; at Christmas we deliver the toys. The patients at the Georgia Mental Health Facility are often forgotten during the Holiday Season. All of the patients are adults or teens; they need everything from house slippers to toiletries and games. Checks should be made payable to the Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta. Gift wrap, ribbons and bows are also needed. If you have any questions or need a list of accepted items, contact Jane Whittington, City Clerk, at (770) 945-6716.

### BUSINESS LICENSE/OCCUPATION TAX

All City of Sugar Hill Business Licenses will expire on January 31, 2006. Your gross receipts must be filed with the City Clerk's office so the Occupation Tax can be calculated. Applications for renewal will be sent in December. It is crucial for all businesses to make any changes on the application and to fill in the portion requesting gross receipts or the number of professionals and mail this back to the City. Invoices will then be generated and mailed. The licenses will be mailed upon receipt of payment. If you have any questions about the Business Licenses Process, check the City's website or call the City Clerk at (770) 945-6716.

Alcohol/Beer and Wine Licenses are due December 31, 2005. The application must be completely filled out, signed, notarized and mailed back to the Clerk's office by the expiration date. This renewal date is different from the Business License so be sure your renewal is complete by the end of this year. Any questions about the renewal process call the City Clerk at (770) 945-6716.

### GWINNETT FLOOD RISK INSURANCE OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1PM in the auditorium at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. For more information visit the website at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.georgiadfirm.com](http://www.georgiadfirm.com).



All City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>, for Thanksgiving.

