



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 9
Back to School!

August 16
Work Session @
6:30pm with Regular
Council Meeting to
immediately follow

August 19
Merchants Meeting
at Twisted Fence Art
Gallery @ 8:00am

August 24
BINGO
Woman's Club
@ 7:00pm

Dear Citizens,

I think the saying is "when the going gets tough the tough get going" and that describes many of our merchants. After almost twenty years in business in Harlem, Connie Chaney of the Video Emporium did not want to leave. However, times are tough so she has found an innovative way to survive. She is moving her business into Williams' Bakery. Now you can order a pizza and a movie and have them both delivered to your Harlem home, neat huh!! You can't get that anywhere else! My congratulations to both businesses for being so American. The only thing left is for everyone to support them by purchasing lots of pizza and videos! Or maybe franchise it!

Your Mayor,

BACK TO SCHOOL

It's time for our children to start the new school year. Please be aware that there are many students who walk to and from school each day and use the crosswalks on Highway 78 and on Main Street. It is a state law to stop for pedestrians at the crosswalks.

Also, everyone should be aware of the new speed zones at Harlem Middle School and North Harlem Elementary School. The speed limit is 25 mph. Police officers will be strictly enforcing the speed limits for the safety of our children, especially during school hours and during school events. To avoid being ticketed, please obey the speed limits. Remember, speed detection devices are used on approved streets within the city limits. Please call 706-556-6262 if you have any questions.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SCHOOL YEAR!

Dear Citizens,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I just wanted to take a moment of your time to bring you up to speed on a few of the exciting things going on around Harlem.

I'm pleased to let you know that – in an effort to continue improving communication between the City of Harlem and its residents – we have now created a Facebook page. If you'd like to be a fan, simply search for "City of Harlem, Georgia." We'll use that page to give you brief updates on city projects, meeting notices, and provide other helpful information.

We have begun the process of finding qualified contractors to submit pricing proposals for our Public Safety Building. We aren't simply accepting bids from all comers. Through the use of a detailed questionnaire and scoring process, we'll find contractors that are knowledgeable, experienced, and financially stable. Pricing proposals from those qualified contractors will be due by September 1. We'll keep you posted on the status of this exciting project!

If we can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely,

Jason M. Rizner

City Manager

Food Program for Senior Citizens

If you are 60 or older and need help with your food budget, the City of Harlem may be able to help. You could qualify for a box of food each month if you live in Columbia County and meet the following criteria:

- If you live alone and receive less than \$1,174 in income each month or
- If there are two people in your household and you earn less than \$1,579 per month or
- If there are three people in your household and you receive less than \$1,984 each month

For more information, call Pat Grice at 706.556.0609.

Twisted Fence Art Gallery 214 N. Louisville Street

Twisted Tuesday is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Twisted Fence Art Gallery. Please join us August 3rd from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a wine and cheese (or soda and cookie) gala. Our featured Artist for the month of August is Cyndy Epps, a fantastic artist who works primarily in oils and acrylics. Besides paintings, she also creates murals for homes and businesses and just finished painting one of the six panels for the water project in Augusta on the corner of Wrightsboro and Highland Avenue. The featured fiber of the month is alpaca (of course!).

Harlem Merchants' Association

The first meeting for the new fiscal year will be held on August 19th at 8:00 am at Twisted Fence Art Gallery. Please contact LeeAnn Myer at leeann@redoakmanor.com or call (706)556-8222 for more information.

Friendly Reminder

All trash should be placed inside trash bags. Please do not put loose trash in the garbage cans. Also, do not put garbage, yard waste or hazardous substances in your recycle bins. Acceptable recyclables are: paper, cardboard, newspaper, plastic, aluminum, bi-metal, steel and tin.

HARLEM SENIOR CENTER

All seniors are invited to participate in the activities at the Senior Center, located in the Harlem City Park. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Monday and Friday are arts and crafts days beginning at 9:00 am. Tuesday and Thursday are BINGO days at 10:00 am with lunch immediately following. Wednesday is Ms. Alma's bible knowledge group at 10:00 am. The center also features a TV room, game room, card room, and computer lab. All facilities are open for use during the Senior Center hours of operation. For more information, please call the Senior Center at (706) 449-8400 or Community Connections at (706) 556-0609.