



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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July 2010

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 5

City Offices Closed

July 13

Oliver Hardy Festival  
Committee Meeting  
7:00pm @ City Hall

July 19

Tax Hearing  
9:00am @ City Hall

July 19

Tax Hearing  
6:15pm @ City Hall

July 19

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

July 20

BINGO

Woman's Club  
@ 7:00pm

July 26

Tax Hearing  
6:00pm @ City Hall

Change is the only constant:

With this in mind, I announce the official retirement of Jean Dove. The good news is that Jean will not leave, she will just move to special projects that need her full attention. She has confidence in Jason Rizner to take over the day-to-day operations of the city, therefore she feels comfortable in making this change. Our future looks good with two fine people working for the city's well being.

One other change that has taken place is the move by Randy Frost (Harlem Farm Supply) to his new location on New Street. Many of you know that this is due to the city's future project of making his previous location the Public Safety Building. Randy could have moved anywhere, but he chose to remain in Harlem. Let's support him in his effort to remain an asset to Harlem.

Finally, but certainly not least in importance, we lost a great man last week. Francis Tracy was someone who made everyone and everything he associated with better. He was a man of wisdom, intellect, character, moral strength and quiet passion. He loved his family, his community, his business and most of all, his God. Although he is gone, like all great men, his legacy lives on. Tracy - Luckey Company is alive in our community and most importantly his granddaughter works everyday to continue his legacy. It is a high bar, but I have every confidence she will reach it.

Your Mayor,

## **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

"Back To School Bash", Saturday, July 24, 2010, 10:00am - 2:00 pm at the Harlem City Park. This event is for ALL students, from preschool to college. College students will have to show their college ID or proof of registration. There will be special speakers, music and booths. The booths include education, health, civil, arts & crafts, face painting, Harlem community center, finger printing, and much more. Special prizes will be given away throughout the event. For more information or to make a donation, please contact New Hope Baptist Church Outreach Ministry at 706-556-8066 or email to [newhopebcoh@hotmail.com](mailto:newhopebcoh@hotmail.com).

Dear Citizens:

I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the support you have given me while serving as City Manager. I am truly blessed to have served such a wonderful community!

I will still be involved with on-going City projects in a part-time capacity.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the new City Manager, Jason Rizner, and look forward to working with him.

Sincerely,  
Jean R. Dove

### **Harlem Library Summer Reading Program**

Activities include movies every Tuesday at 2:00pm and special programs every Wednesday at 2:00pm. Activities for the month of July are: July 7 - Special Story Time with Ms. Pam; July 14 - Special Story time with Ms. Nancy; July 21 - Mr. Bob the Singing Story Teller; July 28 - Reptile Show. For more information, please call (706)556-9795.

#### **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**

is now open, along with Jack and Nitro's Fiber and Yarn Shoppe. Twisted Fence is now showing the works of over 35 local artists while Jack and Nitro's has a good variety of hand-spun or hand dyed yarn, fiber and wool. Classes are also being offered teaching watercolor and acrylic painting, sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, spinning and felting. The art gallery will hold a "Twisted Tuesday" wine and cheese reception 7pm-10pm every month on the first Tuesday starting August 3. They will feature a new artist, a new scent of goat soap and a different fiber or yarn. The July artist is Sue Porterfield, while the August artist will be Cyndy Epps.

#### **Fire Hydrant Maintenance**

Every Monday during July, the Harlem Fire Department will be conducting hydrant maintenance. If you see them testing hydrants outside your home, run water for a few minutes to clear out any slit that may be stirred up before washing clothes or dishes.

#### **Recycling News**

Please 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 Merchants' Association**

Membership is July - June, please contact LeeAnn at [leeann@redoakmanor.com](mailto:leeann@redoakmanor.com) or (706)556-8222 for more information.

#### **My Sister's Loft T-Shirt Goes on Vacation!!**

Wear a T-Shirt while on vacation and have someone snap a photo. Bring your photo to the store and receive \$5 off your next purchase. Limit one photo per month per customer for July and August. Please include your name and the location of the photo to be posted on the Vacation Board.

### **NEW SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT**

Everyone should be aware of the 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 on our city streets. Remember, speed detection devices are used on approved streets within the city limits. Please call 706-556-6262 if you have any questions.