



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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June 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3

Planning & Zoning
Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m. @ City Hall

June 18

Harlem Community
Blood Drive
3:00-7:00 p.m.
Harlem United
Methodist Church

June 24

Work Session at
6:30 p.m. with
Regular Council
Meeting to
immediately follow
Public Safety
Building

June 24

Bingo
Harlem Woman's
Club @ 7:00 p.m.

June 26

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m. @ City Hall

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

First, I would like to thank all citizens for making my first year with the City a great success. I look forward to many more. I also wanted to remind you that every Monday from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM has been designated as "Have Coffee With the Chief" time. No appointment needed – just come to my office and speak freely about any issues or concerns you may have, or even just to visit. We value your input!

Speaking of input, one specific item that I would like to hear your thoughts on is speed enforcement on Harlem Grovetown Road. I am particularly interested in hearing from residents along Harlem Grovetown Road, Knox Road, McArthur Drive and Oliver Hardy Court. The Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of speed detection devices (radar) for 45 miles per hour. As you know, the roadway is posted from GA 47 to the City limits at 35 miles per hour. In theory, certainly 35 miles per hour seems more manageable and less likely to lead to traffic collisions versus the speed of 45 miles per hour. However, the Police Department does not have the authority to use radar at the current posting.

I plan to personally conduct a speed survey to average the overall speed traveled on Harlem Grovetown Road. Based on preliminary estimations, I speculate that this speed will be in the mid to upper 50's miles per hour. In essence, the 35 miles per hour signs currently posted are not serving their purpose for speed reductions.

If the speed survey confirms my suspicions, I would propose that we change the signage on Harlem Grovetown Road at Oliver Hardy Court, eastbound to reflect 45 miles per hour and subsequently, traveling west into the City from Grovetown at the same location, 35 miles per hour will remain to GA 47. I feel confident that with aggressive enforcement, public awareness and education, coupled with a higher degree of Police visibility, we can better control the speeds. Certainly the goal will be to have an overall reduction in speed, whereas the average speed will remain under 50 miles per hour.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns or questions at the office (706) 556-6262 or my cell at (706) 564-2010. I thank you for your consideration and support regarding this matter.

Chief Gary Jones

CITY LEASH LAW REMINDER

Per City Code, every dog within the city shall be either kept on a leash or kept within a fence or other area which confines the dog to a limited area. Any dog found roaming in the streets may be seized and the owner subjected to a fine and/or an appearance in Municipal Court. Please help keep your pets and your community safe!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF



Trinity Episcopal Church on North Louisville Street, cordially invites you, your family and friends to an evening of Christian Family Social gathering on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Free dance lessons are from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. followed by karaoke from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

HARLEM COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Sheppard Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Harlem United Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 18, from 3:00—7:00 p.m. For every pint of blood that is given, three lives can be saved. Please call the church at (706) 556-6885 for more information.

HARLEM LIBRARY *SUMMER READING PROGRAM*

Wednesday Programs at 2:30 p.m.:

June 4	Magician Chad Crews
June 11	Marionette Puppets
June 18	Author talk and book presentation about <i>The Cardinal Nest</i> by Dealia Yancy and Ted Hood, Jr.
June 25	Savannah River Ecology Lab Reptile Show
** July 9	Self Defense for Kids
July 16	Fort Gordon Fish and Wildlife



Tuesday Programs:

** June 10 @ 4:00 p.m.	Morris Museum of Art Story Time
June 17 @ 10:30 a.m.	Magician and Ventriloquist Keith Karnok

**** Pre-registration is required**

For more information, please call the Harlem Library at (706) 556-9795

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

Please join the Harlem Memorial Cemetery committee members on June 14 at 9:00 a.m. for a cemetery clean-up day at the Harlem Memorial Cemetery. All volunteers are welcome! Help us keep our cemetery beautiful. For information, please call (706) 556-6271.