



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **August 5**

Planning & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

### **August 25**

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

### **August 28**

Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
6:30 p.m.

Dear Community,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. There's lots going on here at City Hall! As you may know, we have been awarded a \$300,000 housing grant and a \$200,000 grant that will be used to fund a walking trail. We've also been working with Columbia County on a new SPLOST package that will come before you in the November election. The county project list contains a new \$3.4 million library in Harlem. If approved by the voters, the City would also receive approximately \$2.5 million for other local projects. Those funds would primarily be used to retire existing debt from the Public Safety Building project.

But perhaps the most exciting thing going on is the downtown planning process, and **we want your input!** As of July 21st, over 250 people have completed the survey that was distributed via social media and the City website. If you haven't completed it yet, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/harlemga> and let us know your thoughts about the future of downtown Harlem! There's also a link on the city website ([www.harlemga.org](http://www.harlemga.org)) and we have hard copies available at City Hall.

Mark your calendars for September 6th . . . that's the date of our Downtown Design Workshop where you'll have an opportunity to give us your thoughts in person of what you'd like to see downtown. What should it look like? What should be there? Do we need more parks or a town square? We need your thoughts on these critical issues, and this is a unique opportunity to shape the future of Harlem!

As always, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jason Rizner  
City Manager



**AUGUST 6, 2014**  
**HAVE A GREAT YEAR!**

## **HARLEM COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

The Sheppard Bloodmobile  
will be in the parking lot of  
Harlem United Methodist Church on  
Wednesday, August 13, from 3:00—7:00 p.m.  
For more information, please call the Church at  
(706) 556-6885



## OLIVER HARDY FESTIVAL

The 2014 Oliver Hardy Festival is Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Time and space is running out and the deadline for vendor applications is Friday, August 29. This year's event is almost to full capacity so get your applications in NOW! You may pick up an application at Harlem City Hall, download one from our website—[harlemga.org](http://harlemga.org), or e-mail Stacie at [shart@harlemga.org](mailto:shart@harlemga.org).

### HARLEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH *EXTRAVAGANZA*

Harlem United Methodist Church is having an EXTRAVAGANZA with lots of fun for all on Saturday, August 23.

Yard Sale - 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Live Music - noon to 5:00 p.m.

Other activities from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. include: silent auction, home-made baked goods, crafts, and services. There will be kids activities with pony rides, three inflatables, and kids games.

For more information, please call the church at (706) 556-6885.

### Leash Law Reminder

Remember to keep your dogs either on a leash or within a fence. A roaming dog may land the owner in Municipal Court. Please help keep your pets and your community safe!



### 9/11 CEREMONY

**The Annual Woodmen of the World 9/11 Ceremony will be held on September 6, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Woodmen of the World Building, 577 W. Milledgeville Road. Everyone is welcome! For more information you may e-mail Allen at [am713435@gmail.com](mailto:am713435@gmail.com) or call (706) 449-8269.**

### SIGN NOTICE

It is a code violation to place yard sale signs or any other type of sign on any telephone pole, light pole, or within the right-of-way of any street. When found, these signs will be removed and discarded. However, a recent change to the City of Harlem sign ordinance permits a standard informational sign (similar to a real estate sign) to be placed on property in the City, as long as it is not within the right-of-way. This allows for yard sale signs to be placed at the location of the sale or on others property with their consent. If you have any further questions or would like a copy of the sign ordinance, please contact Will Butler, Community Development Coordinator, at (706) 556-0043.