



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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October 2014

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **October 4**

Oliver Hardy Festival  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### **October 13**

City Offices Closed  
for Columbus Day

### **October 16**

Doug Stone Concert  
Harlem City Park  
6:00-10:00 p.m.

### **October 23**

Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
6:30 p.m.

### **October 27**

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

Dear Community –

I hope you're all enjoying this first taste of fall! As I write this, we are putting the final touches on the 2014 Oliver Hardy Festival. We hope you'll all plan to join us on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We're also working with Harlem High School on the Homecoming Parade that will be held Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Come out and show your support for the Bulldogs!

I wanted to give everyone a quick update on the downtown planning process that is currently underway. We now have a website up and running - <https://sites.google.com/site/cityofharlemplan/> - and you can go there to view survey results, conceptual designs, and future meeting dates. You can also submit comments on the comment board. I'd encourage you to visit the site, and please continue to offer input as we work to shape the future of Harlem. An additional public open house is in the works, and we'll let you know that date as soon as it is determined.

The conceptual designs I mentioned above include a new library. Although an exact location in Harlem has not been determined, a new \$3.4 million library is included in the SPLOST project list that will go before the voters on November 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a continuation of the penny sales tax that is currently in place, and it also includes \$2.5 million for Harlem to use on other projects – primarily paying down the debt on the Public Safety Building.

I also wanted to remind you that Harlem recently received a \$300,000 Community HOME Improvement Program (CHIP) grant for rehabilitation and repairs to single-family owner-occupied homes. The residents must meet certain income guidelines. Eligible work would include major repairs like a new roof or a new heating and air conditioning system. Other projects may qualify as well. For more information, please contact our grant administrator Linda Grijalva at the CSRA Regional Commission - (706) 650-5694 or [lgrijalva@csrarc.ga.gov](mailto:lgrijalva@csrarc.ga.gov). We'll also have applications available at City Hall.

As always, if we can ever be of service, please don't hesitate to contact us. Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Jason Rizner  
City Manager

The Pioneer Garden Club  
Congratulates

***YARD OF THE MONTH***

180 Shady Grove Court

## **CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS**

The City of Harlem and Starling-Evans Funeral Home continues to collect gently used cellular phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers, Inc. on-going program. This program is dedicated to providing deployed and returning soldiers cost-free methods to communicate with family while serving in the United States military. Funds raised from the recycling of cellular phones are used to purchase pre-paid calling cards. You may drop off your old cell phones at Starling-Evans Funeral Home or at City Hall. For more information, go to [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com).

# MONSTER MASH

Columbia County Community Connections and the Harlem Woman's Club will be sponsoring **MONSTER MASH** on Thursday, **October 30 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Harlem United Methodist Church field. Cost is \$3.00 per family or a donation of school supplies for the teachers at North Harlem Elementary. The fee includes a hot dog, popcorn and a bottle of water. There will be games, face painting, a costume contest (so come dressed up), coloring stations, apple bobbing, prizes and candy! If you bring a school supply donation, they are requesting some of the following school supplies: one inch vinyl binders, sheet protectors, pencils, cap erasers, black dry erase markers, white board erasers, Expo cleaner for dry erase boards, color pencils, crayons, copy paper, children's scissors, brown paper lunch-size bags, vinyl 2 pocket folders with brads, glue sticks, Crayola markers, three ring binder paper, 3x5 index cards, composition notebooks (the ones with the black and white cover), handwriting paper for kindergarten and first grade, white construction paper (regular and legal size), white card stock, wide masking tape, jumbo paper clips, one minute timers, Lysol wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer, and treats like dum dums, smarties, etc. Join us for **MONSTER MASH** and help MASH out underage drinking!

**OCTOBER 4, 2014**



COME AND ENJOY THE

LAUREL & HARDY LOOK-A-LIKES

LAUREL & HARDY MOVIE MANIA

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY

INFLATABLES FOR THE CHILDREN

*OVER 300 CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS*

AND MUCH MORE!

***NO PETS, PLEASE***

***BOOTHS OPEN AT 9:00 A.M.***

***PARADE STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.***

## HARLEM COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Sheppard Bloodmobile will be in  
the parking lot of

Harlem United Methodist Church

on Wednesday, October 15,

from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

For more information, please call

(706)556-6885.



## HARLEM WOMAN'S CLUB

**The Harlem Woman's Club will meet on**

**Thursday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m.**

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**October 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

### A call for citizens interested in forming a Visual, Performing and Historical Arts Council in Harlem . . .

If you are interested in participating in the formation of a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to offer the citizens of Harlem and visitors a quality experience with performing arts, visual arts and a history of Harlem exhibit, please contact Janet Luckey-Short at [luckey\\_janet@yahoo.com](mailto:luckey_janet@yahoo.com) or Ann Blalock at [blalock@hotmail.com](mailto:blalock@hotmail.com).

The motto for the group is, "Embracing our past, celebrating our present, and promoting our future with the arts." Its primary objectives would be (1) creating a draw for downtown Harlem from surrounding counties; (2) improvement to Historic Downtown; (3) preservation and use of the historic Wilson House; and (4) exposing citizens to arts and history.

If interested, please contact Janet Luckey-Short or Ann Blalock at the email addresses above by November 1<sup>st</sup>.