



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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February 2015

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **February 3**

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

### **February 16**

City Offices Closed - Presidents' Day

### **February 17**

Pioneer Garden Club Arbor Day Ceremony  
4:00 p.m.

### **February 23**

Urban Redevelopment Plan Public Hearing  
5:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building

### **February 23**

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

### **February 26**

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
6:30 p.m.

## Celebrate Arbor Day



## Plant A Tree

The Georgia Forestry Commission states "Arbor Day is a day set aside for schools, civic clubs, and other organizations, as well as individuals, to reflect on the importance of trees in our state and across our nation. J. Sterling Morton, the father of Arbor Day, initiated the holiday in Nebraska in 1872." Mr.

Morton said, "... all the people strive on Arbor Day to plant many, many trees, both forest and fruit. May the day and the observance thereof be cherished in every household, and its name and fruits become as a shower of blessing to the long lines of generations who shall succeed us."

Here are a few facts from The U.S. Department of Agriculture:

- ◆ The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.
- ◆ One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people.

**The City of Harlem and the Pioneer Garden Club will be celebrating Arbor Day on Tuesday, February 17. We urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.**

Harlem has the honor of being recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation because of our commitment to community forestry.

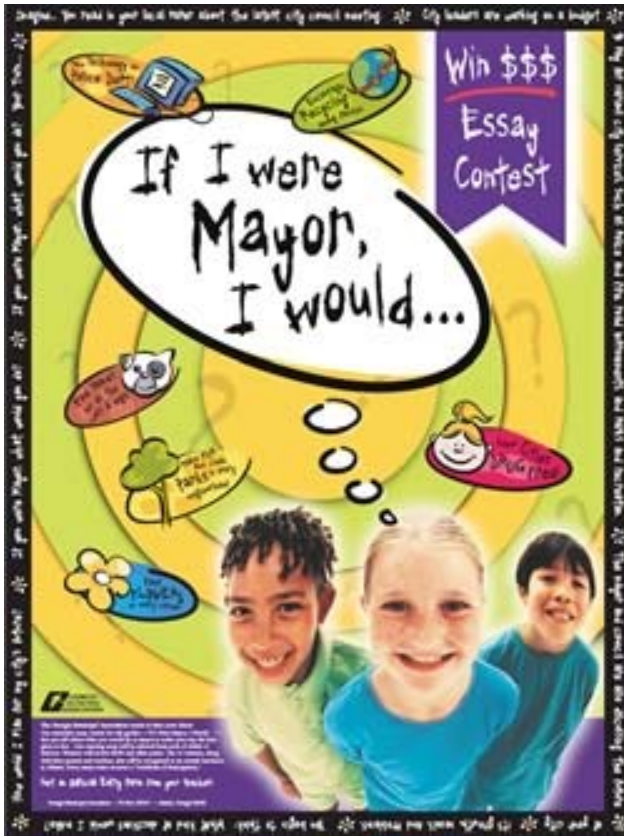


TREE CITY USA

## HARLEM COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Sheppard Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Harlem United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 18, from 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
For more information, please call (706) 556-6885.

## ***STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST*** ***"If I Were Mayor, I Would . . ."***



The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) invites **6th grade students** throughout Georgia to participate in a statewide essay contest. "If I Were Mayor, I Would . . ." lets students tell others what they would do as mayor to make their city the best place to live. One winning essay will be selected from each of GMA's 12 districts and winners will receive \$250 plus other prizes. The contest is open to all Georgia students currently enrolled in good standing in the 6th grade during the 2014-2015 school year. Essays must be received by GMA no later than March 6 and winners will be notified by the end of March. For more information, please contact your school, go to [www.gmanet.com](http://www.gmanet.com), or come by City Hall to pick up an entry form.

**The Pioneer Garden Club  
 Congratulates**

***YARD OF THE MONTH***

**457 E. Trippe Street**

### **HARLEM WOMAN'S CLUB**

**The Harlem Woman's Club will meet on  
 Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**February 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

### ***GARBAGE RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015***

RESIDENTIAL INSIDE-CITY RATES: \$12.40 SENIOR RATE (60+)  
 \$15.40 REGULAR RATE

RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE-CITY RATES: \$18.95 REGULAR RATE

RATES ARE PER 95 GALLON CAN

COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER RATES:

2 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$62.30	2X WEEK	\$124.60
4 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$79.75	2X WEEK	\$159.50
6 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$101.60	2X WEEK	\$203.20
8 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$130.00	2X WEEK	\$260.00
8 YD COMPACTOR	1X WEEK	\$319.30	2X WEEK	\$638.60

THIS INCREASE IS DUE TO A 3% INCREASE FROM ADVANCED DISPOSAL  
 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015.