



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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April 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 20

Harlem
Comprehensive Plan
Public Hearing
6:00 p.m. at the
Public Safety
Building

April 23

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

April 27

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

Dear Community,

First off, I would like to thank everyone that was involved with our Center City Plan. We had an outstanding turnout for our community design charrette and an overwhelming response from our online surveys. This community participation really helped shape the vision of the Plan. The final product is excellent and provides a vision for the downtown area that we can build upon as a community.

Dovetailing off of the Center City Plan, we are also kicking off the ten year update to the City of Harlem Comprehensive Plan. The City of Grovetown and Columbia County are updating their plans as well. The Comprehensive Plan provides a "roadmap" for future growth and development and is a useful tool for the City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, and the general public. The public, along with a stakeholder advisory committee appointed by City Council, have several opportunities to voice their vision for the future of the City of Harlem.

The first public hearing will be on **April 20th at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Harlem Public Safety Building**. Columbia County will hold a public hearing for the Harlem area on **April 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Applying Courthouse**. I encourage you to attend both, and if you have any questions please contact City Hall at 706-556-0043.

Sincerely,

William Butler
Community Development Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

Harlem's Water Department will start flushing hydrants on dead end lines throughout the City of Harlem in May 2015. The purpose is to ensure all residents have fresh water and to keep a disinfectant residual in the water distribution system. During this process, you might notice cloudy or discolored water from the flushing process. Please let the water run until the water clears.

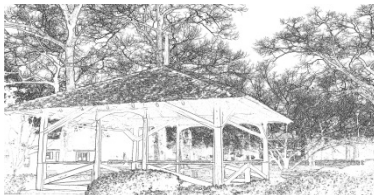
If you have any questions, feel free to call City Hall at (706) 556-3448 or Robert Fields at the Public Works shop at (706) 556-3500.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Calling all artists for Arts in the Park

Saturday May 16, 10:00 to 3:00

Glenn Phillips Memorial Park, Harlem, GA.



The Harlem Arts Council invites you to display and sell your personal work, from painting to pottery, and everything in between! For an application, email Janet at lucyjanet@yahoo.com or call Ann at 706-556-6656.

The Harlem Memorial Cemetery

The Harlem Memorial Cemetery Committee will meet on April 21, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall. We will be scheduling a cemetery clean-up day in May and all volunteers are welcome. If you would like to join our committee, send a contribution, or volunteer to help us keep our cemetery beautiful, you can contact us at Harlem Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 742, Harlem, Georgia 30814 or call (706) 556-6271. Help us keep our cemetery beautiful!

Harlem Arts Council

Harlem Arts Council monthly meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Harlem Library Community Room. We welcome all who are interested in Harlem Arts!

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.

HARLEM WOMAN'S CLUB

The Harlem Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, April 9, at 4:00 p.m.

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April 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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. The City of Harlem sign ordinance permits a standard informational sign (similar to a real estate sign) to be placed one per 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 Director, at (706) 556-0043.

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!

