



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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September 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7

City Offices Closed—
Labor Day

September 22

Harlem Comprehensive
Plan Open House
5:00—8:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building

September 24

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Public Safety Building

September 28

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

Dear residents of Harlem,

The City of Harlem, in conjunction with the CSRA Regional Commission and an appointed 25 member Steering Committee of local residents and business owners, has been working diligently on the **Harlem Comprehensive Plan 2016** over the past several months. The Comprehensive Plan is a document that provides a "roadmap" of where the residents of Harlem want the city to go, what they want it to look like, and what they want their elected leadership to strive towards. Because this is your plan, we of course want everyone to have a chance for input.

The City of Harlem will be holding a **Public Open House on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building** (110 West Milledgeville Road) for the public to view the preliminary plan documents and to discuss their thoughts with city staff and the Regional Commission. This is a drop-in event. We are also launching an **online survey** for residents to provide feedback to also help formulate the plan at the following: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QX3YQL7>. Please note that this link will be distributed via social and print media as well. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (706) 556-0043 or via email at wbutler@harlemga.org.

Thank you,

Will Butler
Community Development Director

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CITY EVENTS

We have very few spaces left for the **27th Annual Oliver Hardy Festival**. Please act now by contacting shart@harlemga.org. Also, the **2nd Annual Jammin' in the Park Concert**, benefiting the Columbia Theatre Restoration Project, will be going on after the festival. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and this is a GUITAR PULL TICKET EVENT! Concert tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at Harlem City Hall or at the gate. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, September 8th! This year's line-up: Daniel Johnson, Dennis Pickens, Jason White, Miranda P, Lindsey Fields and don't be surprised if we have a couple of your hometown favorites make a special guest appearance! A limited number of VIP tables for six (including tickets) will be available for \$100.00 each. Contact Stacie at Harlem City Hall or by e-mail at shart@harlemga.org for more information.

New ISO Rating May Mean Savings on Homeowners Insurance

As you may have heard, the City's ISO rating has been lowered to a Class 4. The ISO rating is one factor insurance companies use to determine your rates. **This lower rating means that you may be eligible for savings on your homeowners insurance.** We encourage you to contact your insurance agent to see if you are eligible for a reduction in your rates. This new rating is a result of enhancements to the fire department and water system in recent years, and we continue to work towards an even lower score. If you have questions or need documentation to provide to your agent, please contact City Hall at (706) 556-0043.

Jason Rizner
City Manager

THE PIONEER GARDEN CLUB

The Pioneer Garden Club Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 p.m., in the library meeting room at 375 N. Louisville Street. Jim Burke from SC Bluebird Society will be the guest speaker and will talk about setting up bluebird trails and his experiences with bluebirds and how to attract them. The public is invited. Contact Ann at (706) 556-6656 for further information.

Harlem Senior Center

The Harlem Senior Center serves ALL people 60 and over! Did you know we will now be serving fresh, delicious, made-from-scratch meals every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday? Call Stacie at (706) 556-0043 for more details. You WILL be pleasantly surprised!

HARLEM ARTS COUNCIL

Harlem Arts Council meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: September 1 and October 6 at Harlem Library Community Room. We welcome all who are interested in Harlem Arts!

Harlem Memorial Cemetery

Please join our committee members on September 26, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Harlem Memorial Cemetery. We will be having a cemetery clean-up day and all volunteers are welcome. Please bring lawn tools as we have limited supplies. For more information, you may call (706) 556-6271.

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