



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **October 3**

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

### **October 6**

Planning & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
6:00 p.m.  
Public Safety Building

### **October 12**

City Offices Closed—  
Columbus Day

### **October 22**

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

### **October 26**

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

Hello Citizens,

First off, I would just like to say it is an honor being able to serve you and my hometown as your new Police Chief. I promise to do my best to maintain the quality of life we enjoy in Harlem which includes driving golf carts around town.

As you should be aware, when operating golf carts, crossing and driving on state routes is currently prohibited by state law. I wanted to let everyone know that we are currently working to establish designated golf cart crossings for State Routes Georgia 10 (Gordon Highway) and Georgia 47 (Appling/Harlem Highway, Harlem/Wrens Highway). We have been working with Georgia DOT and are waiting on approval for the selected crossings. Once the crossings are approved they will be marked with the appropriate signage designating them as golf cart crossings. Please also keep in mind that our city ordinances state that in order to operate a golf cart on city streets, drivers must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid current driver's license and that all golf carts are subject to all traffic regulations that apply to vehicles while on any roadway.

We will keep you updated through this newsletter and our Facebook page when we have received final word from Georgia DOT, and if you haven't liked our Facebook page, please do so. As always, my door is always open for any questions or concerns you may have.

Thanks,

Chuck Meadows  
Chief of Police

## **PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE**

**The City has begun to exercise water valves in preparation for a hydrant replacement project that will begin in mid October. During this period, you might find your water temporarily cut off. During the actual hydrant replacement, all affected residents will be notified a week in advance. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

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Would you like to join the Community Emergency Response Team? Harlem and the surrounding area is underrepresented in the county and we need your participation! Classes will begin in 2016. For more information please call 706-868-3303.

**PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST**

Attic Treasures, Harlem Arts Council, and Pioneer Garden Club are sponsoring **THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST**. *Pick up rules at Attic Treasures.* Cash prizes for children 12 and under and for adult 13 and over.

**"IT'S SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY" FOOD DRIVE**

Join Starling-Evans Funeral Home for the It's Spooky To Be Hungry Food Drive. We are collecting donations October 1st–31st. We are asking for donations of non-perishable, commercially prepared food, with a special request for canned fruits, canned meats, and canned vegetables. No glass please. We cannot accept baby food or baby formula as donations. Last year we were able to provide more than 293,539 meals to needy seniors, children, and families! For more information, please contact Starling-Evans Funeral Home or It's Spooky To Be Hungry at (706) 736-1199 x229 or [www.itsspookytobehungry.org](http://www.itsspookytobehungry.org). We thank you for your generosity and compassion as you help make our community an even better place for all of us.

**HARLEM COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

The Harlem United Methodist Church will sponsor a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 21 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. For every pint of blood that is given, three lives can be saved. For more information, please call the church at (706) 556-6885.

The Pioneer Garden Club  
Congratulates

***YARD OF THE MONTH***

360 West Church Street

**HARLEM ARTS COUNCIL**

Harlem Arts Council meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: October 6 and November 3 at Harlem Library Community Room. We welcome all who are interested in Harlem Arts!

***Harlem Senior Center***

*The Harlem Senior Center serves ALL people 60 and over! Did you know we are now 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 WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Harlem Woman's Club will meet on  
October 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Come join us for

**BINGO**

October 27 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**PIONEER GARDEN CLUB**

*Pioneer Garden Club meets Tuesday, October 20, 4:00 p.m., at the library meeting room. We will "tell all" about pumpkins and announce the great pumpkin contest in Harlem for the biggest pumpkin grown before October 2016. Guests are welcome.*