



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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April 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 12

Planning Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m.

April 16

Trash for Treasures
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Harlem City Park

April 17-23

Georgia Cities Week

April 25

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

April 28

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

**All meetings are held at the
Public Safety Building
unless otherwise noted**

Dear Citizens,

One of the hopes I had in becoming Mayor of Harlem was to affect the vitality and atmosphere of our downtown which could drive our growth into the future.

The first step in that direction came with the development of the Public Safety Building. It was a statement to everyone that we value our heritage, but that at the same time, we are progressive. The building also set the standard of our level of commitment for future growth in Harlem.

The new Library and City Center, that we just held the ground breaking for, is a major step in that direction. My opinion is that we are not going to realize the significance of this project until we can see it, walk on it and feel its presence.

Soon you will see changes at 250 W. Milledgeville Road as Family Dollar begins construction on a new store. Will Butler, our former city planner, worked with them on the exterior design and I think you will be pleased.

All this has not happened without everyone involved in city government being willing to step out of their comfort zone and make decisions that reflected vision of a new and brighter future. My opinion is that you are fortunate to have a council that puts the wellbeing of Harlem above self.

I certainly hope you appreciate the direction our city is moving in. Your thoughts and support are always appreciated.

Your Mayor,

Bobby Culpepper

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Harlem Arts Council

Harlem Arts Council meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: April 5 and May 3 at Attic Treasures Art Room. We welcome all who are interested in Harlem Arts! You can also visit us on Facebook: Harlem Arts Council.

HARLEM WOMAN'S CLUB

The Harlem Woman's Club will meet on April 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Come join us for *BINGO*
April 26 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

ARTS AT THE GAZEBO

The Harlem Arts Council is proud to announce its second annual arts festival. **Arts at the Gazebo** is scheduled for **April 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, at the Glen Phillips Memorial Park (located behind the Woman's Club). It will feature art, music, pottery, jewelry, crafts, soaps, and much more. There will be a special area for children's interactive art and other activities. Face painting will be available. Local food vendors will offer delicious lunch selections and beverages. So enjoy your local arts in your own "backyard". Come to Arts at the Gazebo!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Harlem's Annual **Trash for Treasures** will be held on **Saturday, April 16, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** in the Harlem City Park. There will be food and drink vendors. All spaces are \$15.00 each. Deadline for reserving a spot is Friday, April 8, at 5:00 p.m. Please come by City Hall for your application or email shart@harlemga.org.
- ♦ Harlem's 2nd Annual **King of the Grill BBQ Competition and Car Show** will be held on **Saturday, May 7**, at the Harlem City Park. Please email shart@harlemga.org for more information. Entry fee is \$100.00 per team.

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