HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5
City Offices Closed—
Labor Day

September 6
Planning Commission
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

September 14
Urban Redevelopment
Agency Board Meeting
9:30 a.m. at City Hall

September 22
Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

September 26
Public Hearing
Sewer Plant Expansion
6:00 p.m.

September 26
Work Session at
6:30 p.m. with Regular
Council Meeting to
immediately follow

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

Dear Citizens,

I'm sure if you have been by City Hall since July 28th you share in my sadness of the loss of our huge tree. It was struck by lightning and inspection by a professional revealed damage severe enough to warrant its removal.

If you have experienced any problems dealing with us at City Hall, it could have been because of all the damage that the lightning did to our electronic systems. They are still finding things that are fried!

This experience has made me realize that in the last few years we have lost quite a few of our old beautiful trees. We all know and realize that everything has a life cycle, including our trees.

I'm writing to seek your blessing to help start a "Tree Renewal" program in Harlem. It has been said, "the best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago". We are way behind! I will present this to the City Council, I think they will be supportive and I hope you will too.

Your Mayor,

Bobby Culpepper

TEMPORARY STOP SIGNS ON VERDERY STREET

To help protect the safety of the construction workers at the new Harlem Library, the City of Harlem has placed temporary signs on Verdery Street. If you are traveling west on Verdery Street, a temporary stop sign has been placed at the intersection of Cook Street and Verdery Street. These signs will be in place until the construction is complete, so please drive with caution!

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OLIVER HARDY FESTIVAL PARADE

Come join us on Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. for the Oliver Hardy Festival Parade. ***The deadline for parade applications is September 23rd by 5:00 p.m.*** The theme for the parade is from the Laurel & Hardy film, The Chimps, with trophies being awarded to the best decorated entries. The Woodmen of the World is this year's parade sponsor. We invite you to bring the family to downtown Harlem on Saturday, October 1, and enjoy the 28th Annual Oliver Hardy Festival and Parade!

Do you have a worn, tattered, or soiled beyond repair American Flag that you would like to have respectfully retired? If so, bring it to Harlem City Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The United States Flag Code states: "The flag when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning". The Woodmen of the World Lodge #1406 will be collecting your unserviceable flags from City Hall so that they can be disposed of properly.

PIONEER GARDEN CLUB

The Pioneer Garden Club will have its first meeting of the year at the home of Ann Blalock, 135 Ballard Drive in Harlem, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The program will be: Propagation for the Frugal Gardener. We will explore possibilities of FALL plants that can be cloned into new plants from the ones you already love. Call 706-556-6656 or 706-513-2634 for more information or directions.

HARLEM WOMAN'S CLUB

Yard Sale Fundraiser

The Harlem Woman's Club will sponsor a yard sale on Saturday, October 15. Space is available for only $10 if you are interested in bringing your items to sell. For more information and to secure your space, please call Loreen at (706) 220-0402.

Harlem Arts Council

Harlem Arts Council meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: September 6 and October 4 at Tippy Cakes Bakery. We welcome all who are interested in Harlem Arts! You can also visit us on our new website: www.harlemartscouncil.org.

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