



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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April 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 12

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

April 15

Trash for Treasures
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Harlem City Park

April 15

Easter Egg Extravaganza
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Harlem City Park

April 20

City Council Work Session
7:00 p.m.

April 24

City Council Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

April 27

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

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

Dear Citizens,

Dr. Brooks Keel has called it the "Cyber Tsunami". We are beginning to see it as "change". Eight years ago, when I first became mayor, I worked and hoped for growth in Harlem. The reality today is that growth is coming, there is no stopping it!

Our city is going to change; the landscape of the future will be different, drastically different. What that change looks like is going to be up to us and it is not as simple as we might like! It will require collaboration. It will require creating synergy. It will require a positive attitude. Most importantly, it will demand that we be unselfish in our efforts; we must put the good of the greater community over our own personal preferences. If you look at pictures of Harlem 25, 50 or 100 years ago you will see that change does come; we need to be proactive in the changes that are undoubtedly coming.

What we value about Harlem can be summed up as "southern hospitality". Harlem can remain the same community that we love, if we welcome and model that "southern hospitality" to our new neighbors and citizens. As long as we work to find the good in people, places and changes, we will remain what we like about Harlem. Let's work together for the positive growth of Harlem.

Your Mayor,

Bobby Culpepper

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

A Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held on **Sunday, April 16**, at 7:00 a.m. on the grounds between Harlem Baptist Church and Harlem United Methodist Church. The Methodist Men will serve a breakfast following the Sunrise Service in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at (706) 556-6885.

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CITY EVENTS

The Harlem City Park will be the location for two great events on
SATURDAY, APRIL 15

The "*Trash for Treasures*" Community Wide Yard Sale benefitting the Laurel & Hardy Museum will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Senior Center parking lot. Come search for lots of treasures and help support your community. If you would like to reserve a space, you may email shart@harlemga.org, go on our website at harlemga.org to download an application, or you can come by City Hall to pick one up. Vendor space fee is \$15.00 and you will need to provide your own tables and tents. Deadline for applications is Thursday, April 13. All spaces are first come, first serve.

Bring the kids to enjoy the *Easter Egg Extravaganza* from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, games, and a free cookout for **children 12 years of age and under**. Bring your chairs, blankets, and don't forget your Easter baskets! **NO COOLERS PLEASE.**

NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS

Effective May 1, 2017, water and sewer rates will increase due to increased cost for the operation and maintenance of the system. The rate will increase by 1.9%. The new rates will be as follows:

WATER RATES INSIDE CITY:

0 – 2000 GALLONS	\$13.93
2001 – 20,000 GALLONS	\$ 3.79 PER THOUSAND GALLONS
20,001 + GALLONS	\$ 5.13 PER THOUSAND GALLONS

SEWER RATES:

EQUAL TO WATER RATES

WATER RATES OUTSIDE CITY:

0 – 2000 GALLONS	\$27.86
2001 – 20,000 GALLONS	\$ 7.96 PER THOUSAND GALLONS
20,001 + GALLONS	\$10.70 PER THOUSAND GALLONS

These rates will be in effect for the billing that will go out at the end of May.

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