



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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December 2017

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **December 2**

Festival of Trees & Holiday Market  
2:00-7:00 p.m.

### **December 5**

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **December 13**

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

### **December 21**

City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

### **December 25 & 26**

City Offices Closed—  
Christmas Holiday

### **December 28**

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
6:30 p.m.

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

Citizens of Harlem,

There has been an issue lately in our City that I would like to bring to everyone's attention. Recently, it appears packages left on someone's front porch or entranceway by the Postal Service have been stolen. This has been happening across the nation and now it appears it is happening in Harlem. Our police force is vigilant in preventing these types of crimes from happening but there are things we as citizens can do to help prevent this. I ask that everyone be observant and report anything that looks suspicious to the Harlem Police Department. The Postmaster recommends that if you prefer the United States Postal Service not to leave packages at your residence, come by the Post Office and let them know. Once they receive notice from you, a card will be left in your mailbox requiring you to come to the Post Office to pick up your package. Again, please help keep our community safe by reporting suspicious activity to the Harlem Police Department.

John Thigpen  
Mayor Pro Tem

## **HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE**

*For the week of December 25th and January 1st:*

If your garbage is normally picked up on a Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday for each week. If your garbage is normally picked up on Tuesday, it will be picked up on Wednesday.

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## UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Would you like to avoid penalties, delinquent fees, and disconnects? Consider signing up for Automatic Bank Draft for your account. There are no fees for this service. All you would need to do is complete the authorization form and provide a voided check from your bank account. We do the bank draft once a month to come out on the 15th and it is applied to your account that day, thus avoiding the 10% penalty and your account incurring any further fees or being disconnected on the 25th.

Other payment options include: 1) On-line Bill Pay ([www.harlemga.org](http://www.harlemga.org)) - there is a 3% Convenience Fee charged for this service; 2) We currently take debit or credit card in house with no fees; 3) We take cash, check and money orders.

When using the City's on-line Bill Pay, you must submit your payment by the 13th in order to avoid the penalty. It can take up to two days to apply to your account. We do not receive the payment the same day as submission.

If you use another on-line bill pay service (personal banks, etc.), these companies issue checks to the City for your payments. You would need to make sure you schedule the payment in enough time for the check to reach us by the 15th. These services may take the funds from your bank accounts the same day you request it, but we do not receive it that day and it is not applied to your account until we receive it.

If you have any questions you can call City Hall at 706 556-3448.



The City of Harlem  
Mayor, Council and Employees  
Would Like to Wish Everyone a  
**Merry Christmas!**

### **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

The Sheppard Community Blood Center will sponsor the Harlem Community Blood Drive on **Tuesday, December 5**, from 2:00—6:00 p.m. at the Harlem Branch Library. For more information visit their website at [sheperdblood.org](http://sheperdblood.org).

### **GARBAGE REMINDER**

Please remember to contain loose garbage in enclosed bags before placing in your garbage container. All garbage should be placed inside your container for disposal, not on the ground outside the container as Precision Waste is not required to pick up any garbage that is put out beside your can. Also, once your garbage container has been emptied each week, it should be moved off the street and placed at the back of your property per City of Harlem Code Section 51.07.

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