



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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January 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1

City Offices Closed—
New Year's Day

January 2

Planning Commission
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

January 10

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

January 11

City Council Called Meeting
7:00 p.m.

January 15

City Offices Closed—
Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 18

City Council Work Session
7:00 p.m.

January 22

City Council Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

January 25

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

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

I pray everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the Festival of Trees, the Christmas Parade and other events that were held during the Christmas season. Thank you to Stacie Hart and the other coordinators of these events - you truly captivated the Christmas spirit.

The year 2018 promises to be a special year for Harlem. I am excited to be the new Mayor of our City and hope that together we can embrace the opportunities to enhance Harlem but yet remain who we are - a small town with a lot of pride in our people - in our City. Let us always remember that Harlem is who we are. I look forward to meeting each of you and hearing your perspective and ideas on Harlem and her future.

I encourage you to meander around our downtown area and support our businesses. Many of you may not know but our business owners have taken a special interest in Harlem. They have formed a Merchants Association that is focused on improving downtown. If you are a business owner and would like to become part of this group, please contact any of the downtown merchants and they will be glad to get you the information you need to join their group. I will warn you - this is a very active group whose goal is to enhance our City. As we grow, we will be looking for more businesses to come in to Harlem to complement the existing businesses and add to our City's charm. Remember - for every dollar spent in Harlem, a penny is spent on Harlem.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mayor Culpepper for his time over these past few months in educating me on the processes and plans that are in place to enhance Harlem's future. I am ready to work for you - the people of Harlem. We are Harlem because of each of you.

Roxanne Whitaker

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE

This is the time of year when a fair amount of leaves are being placed by the curb for pick up. In doing so, please make sure there are no other objects such as metal, bricks, concrete, etc. mixed in with the leaves or other inert debris. These objects will eventually damage the equipment used for inert removal. Thank you for your understanding.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

For the week of January 1st

If your garbage is normally picked up on Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday and if your garbage is normally picked up on Tuesday, it will be picked up on Wednesday.

PIONEER GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday, January 16th
4:00 p.m.
at the Harlem Civic Center
(the Old Library)

HARLEM ARTS COUNCIL

The Harlem Arts Council will feature Franz Schmidt, a gifted local artist, at an open house on **February 3, 2018**. Please join us between 10 am and 2 pm at the Harlem Civic Center as we celebrate his life and work. Franz was born in Switzerland and comes to Harlem by way of Paris, France (where he went to University), then England, Australia, Canada and Florida. His paintings reflect his love of the sea and the beautiful landscapes of his homeland. For more info call Ann at 706-556-6656.



The City of Harlem and Starling-Evans Funeral Home continues to collect gently used cellular phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers ongoing program. Cell Phones for Soldiers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing cost-free communication services to active duty military members and veterans. Funds raised from the recycling of cellular phones are used to purchase pre-paid calling cards. You may drop off your old cell phones at Starling-Evans Funeral Home or at City Hall. For more information you may visit their website at www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

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