



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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May 2018

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **May 1**

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **May 9**

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

### **May 24**

City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### **May 24**

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **May 28**

City Offices Closed- Memorial Day

\* Meetings are held at the Public Safety Building unless otherwise noted

\* All meetings are subject to change

May is a very special month with three very special days — Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Election Day. These three days have many things in common but none more so than how they have shaped and will shape who we as Harlem are — who we are as individuals.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of Harlem! Whether you are a biological mother or the "neighborhood" mother, your job of raising a family is sometimes left without receiving gratitude but the marks you leave on many are priceless. A very special "Thank you" to my own mother — I cannot imagine what my life would be like without your guidance and influence.

On May 28th, we will celebrate Memorial Day — a day to remember those who fought and died for our freedoms. As you drive down our main street and see the flags blowing in the wind, I hope you will take time to reflect on those who fought for each of us to live freely. Thank you to the families who sacrificed as well so we could live in the greatest country in the world. Your loved one's determination to keep us a free country will never be forgotten.

May 22 is Election Day. Voting is one of those freedoms many of our armed forces sacrificed their lives for you to exercise. I encourage you to study each candidate and most importantly VOTE. We have two very important seats that could affect Harlem's future — that of our representative on the County Commission and the County Commission Chair. We need someone who will be the voice of Harlem and to ensure our needs are met especially as we re-negotiate our SPLOST and LOST revenues in two years. You have a chance to make an impact on the future of Harlem and I hope you will utilize your voice in making this decision. VOTE on May 22nd.

Congratulations Class of 2018 — may all your dreams come true as you enter the world as graduates.

And don't forget to shop locally!

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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## COLLECTION OF CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING MATERIALS

The City of Harlem and Advanced Disposal (formerly Precision Waste Services) are not responsible for the removal or collection of construction and remodeling materials. Per City Ordinance, these materials include, without limitation, sheet rock, plaster, lumber, bricks, vinyl siding, roofing materials, and the like. The contractor and/or occupant shall be responsible for the removal of these items.

Now is the time to make sure you are NOT "Growing your own mosquitos"! The City will be placing larvicide in areas such as detention ponds, standing water and any other areas that pose a threat for the breeding of mosquitos. Areas that property owners need to address are gutters, standing water in pots and containers, swimming pools, tarps, old tires, high grass, etc. **Please be proactive in this fight against mosquitos!**



### Harlem Arts Council Open House

Harlem Arts Council is excited to have another Open House on **Saturday, June 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Harlem Civic Center, 375 N. Louisville Street. We will feature "Chicks That Click", (great photography), "Clay Artists of the Southeast" (wonderful clay art) and Bill Karp (a Best in Augusta—five years running—Jazz musician). Save the date, shop local downtown and enjoy a beautiful day in Harlem!

*Pioneer Garden Club Yard of the Season Award  
Goes to:*

**440 East Boundary**

*Congratulations to the owner of this spectacular Spring Yard*

### Attic Treasures Customer Appreciation Day

**Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Door prizes and free hot dogs!**

## SWIMMING POOL REMINDER

On January 1, 2017 Georgia adopted the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. This building code applies to in-ground and above-ground pools and spas connected to a circulation system. This code most often is applied to new pools. However, the state standards are especially helpful in protecting small children from drowning. For this safety issue, the most important features are a barrier, the gates and latches, and ladders. The City of Harlem is more than happy to answer questions you might have about your current pool and how we can protect the children of Harlem. Please contact the City at (706) 556-0043 or [djenkins@harlemga.org](mailto:djenkins@harlemga.org) if you have questions about your swimming pool (or spa) barrier fence, gates and latches, and ladders.

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