



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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January 2023

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January 2

City Offices Closed for New Year's Day

### January 3

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### January 11

Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 9:00 a.m. City Hall

### January 12

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### January 16

City Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### January 19

City Council Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

### January 23

City Council Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

\* All meetings are subject to change

Happy New Year! Yes, it's 2023. I'd like to reflect back on 2022 just a quick moment, if you don't mind. 2022 was a tremendous year for Harlem - in growth, our businesses, and in our schools. We have so much to be proud of and I hope you sing these same praises for our City as I do. We are Harlem and that includes every resident that resides in the 30814 area. Thank you to all who made 2022 exciting and successful. And thank you to all who helped make our Christmas festivities extraordinarily beautiful!

I really do not bother with New Year resolutions because I know I usually cannot make it past January 31st without failing miserably; however, I would like to express my hopes and goals for our City in 2023. Some things I know will happen - The walking trail will be open - Finally! Our roads will be construction free, but unfortunately, traffic will remain busy. We will continue to grow, slowly and conservatively. Our downtown will continue to flourish. The Merchants Association and Arts Council will continue to keep us busy with all their events. Roof top dining at one of our local restaurants. Your Mayor and Council will continue to work together to make Harlem a place one wants to call home and others cannot wait to visit.

Now some of my dreams that I hope will become reality - The purchase of North Harlem Property to be finalized, and we will begin the first phase of creating a beautiful area for all to enjoy. Someone will purchase and redevelop our abandoned Pecan Factory and turn it into a creation for additional businesses. New Street will become a destination for those seeking a unique dining and entertainment experience. Our festivals and parades will be second to none. As you can tell, I dream big!

In February, we will be holding an Open House. This will give the residents an opportunity to come meet your elected officials and to see and hear our dreams. You will also get to meet those who make our City work on a day-to-day basis. I hope you will come see and ask questions. Date and time to be announced.

Happy New Year and my prayer is for each of you to be prosperous and happy in 2023!

Roxanne Whitaker

Harlem's Mayor



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**THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND THE EMPLOYEES OF  
THE CITY OF HARLEM  
WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



**Harlem Museum and Welcome Center, the Home of  
The Laurel & Hardy Museum of Georgia**

**Will be doing a  
Kid's Craft**

**"I have a dream!" Mobile  
Monday, January 16, 2023**

**1pm - 2:30 pm**

**Contact (706) 556-0401 for more information**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TO THE CITIZENS OF HARLEM**

The City of Harlem will hold a General Election this year for two Council seats.

Pursuant to the Georgia Election Code, Section 21-2-131(a)(1)(A), the qualifying fee for the November 7, 2023 General Election is set as follows:

Councilmember                      \$108.00

Qualifying to run for office will be held in August. More information to follow.

Debra E. Moore  
City Manager

**Message From the Public Works  
Department**

Please remember to separate leaves, clippings, and limbs when placing out yard debris to be picked up by the City workers. A separate machine is used to pick up leaves and this cannot be done if limbs or twigs are mixed in.

**Harlem Fire Department**

If your family enjoyed a live tree for Christmas this year and you need to dispose of it, please consider taking it to Columbia County Fire Rescue Engine Co. 2 at 518 Gibbs Road in Evans. The trees can be used for firefighter training in the department's burn building. Trees can be dropped off behind the station next to the training facility.

**Please remember to check the City of Harlem's website, [www.harlemga.org](http://www.harlemga.org), and the City's Facebook page, City of Harlem, Georgia@harlemga, for information and updates.**



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