



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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April 2024

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **April 2**

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **April 4**

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

### **April 10**

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

### **April 18**

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

### **April 21-27**

Georgia Cities Week

### **April 22**

City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### **April 26**

Arbor Day

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

**\*All meetings are subject to change**

Welcome Masters guests and visitors! During the week of April 8th - 15th, our children will be out of school for the traditional Master's Week. This week also brings people from all over the world to our neighbor Augusta, and believe it or not, some of those visitors find their way to Harlem. On Saturday, April 13th, our Museum will host Harlem Jeopardy starting at 1:00 p.m. Come see just how much you really know about our City's history.

April 27th the Harlem High Alumni Association will be hosting their first Legends on the Lawn Gala honoring four great people associated with our high school. Mrs. Inez Brown, former math teacher and girls basketball coach, Mr. Jarthur Harris, alumni and Harlem businessman, Mr. Roy Lewis, State Hall of Fame Drama teacher, Mr. E. G. Meybohm, alumni and businessman. If you are interested in this gala or joining the Alumni Association, check out the Harlem High Alumni Facebook page.

April 21st - April 28th is Georgia Cities Week. Our City has many valuable employees and volunteers who dedicate their lives to serving you, our residents. Thank you to all our City employees and volunteers. Amanda Ham, our librarian, has planned a special Storywalk in honor of all our City employees.

April 26th is Arbor Day. The City will be participating in this event with the planting of a tree. Time and site will be announced closer to this date.

April 27th is a very busy day in our community. Hidden Haven Saddle Club will host a Spring Festival from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at their farm on County Line Road. Sanderlin's Nursery will host their annual Positively Pink Day at their nursery on Scott's Ferry Road in Appling from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds collected at this event will go towards Cancer Research.

Parks update - City Park located on Church Street - a committee has been formed to work with Johnson, Laschober & Associates (JLA) of Augusta. This committee is comprised of Debra Moore, our City Manager, Octavious Beard, Director of our Public Works, Gregg Stokes, Mayor Pro tem, Mike Leverette, Harlem High School Softball Coach and former Harlem High School and Atlanta Braves baseball player, and myself. We had a very productive introductory meeting and look forward to viewing the design JLA has envisioned to bring our current park up to date. The North Harlem Park - the project engineers will be at our April Council meeting to give us an update. Thank you to those who reported and identified the ones who vandalized our park. They have been apprehended. We will not tolerate vandalism, and need your help in alerting our police if someone is not appreciating the offerings at our parks.

Continued prayers for each of you and our City,

Roxanne Whitaker  
Harlem's Mayor

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### Swimming Pool Reminder!

With the Weather getting warmer, swimming might be coming to mind. Remember, a pool open to small children is a drowning danger. The Georgia Swimming Pool Code provides guidance on important safety features like barriers, 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 [rfields@harlemga.org](mailto:rfields@harlemga.org) and/or [pnickles@harlemga.org](mailto:pnickles@harlemga.org) if you have questions about your swimming pool (or spa) barrier fence, gates and latches, and ladders. Fences around in-ground pools and removing ladders from above-ground pools are important safety features!

Also, with warm and hot weather coming shortly, we would like to remind everyone that keeping your pools clean will help reduce the number of mosquitoes we have. On that same note, doing a walk-through of your property to check for containers of stagnant water, cleaning gutters, etc. is good practice.

Robert Fields  
Community Development Director

### Georgia Cities Week

April 21 - 27, 2024

### "Soaring to New Heights"

During the week of April 21 - 27, Harlem will join other cities across Georgia in celebrating Georgia Cities Week. This week has been set aside to recognize the many services city governments provide and their contribution to a better quality of life in Georgia. Our theme, "Soaring to New Heights" reflects the role cities play in the state's history, economy and culture.

City government is truly government of, by and for the people-the people who are making the decisions about our community are your neighbors, business owners and community leaders. We are in this together, and we want our city to thrive.

We recognize that throughout our lifetimes, the average person will have more direct contact with local governments than with state or federal governments. Because of this, we feel a responsibility to ensure that the public knows how the city operates and feels connected to their city government.

During this week, we want to recognize the role city government plays in our lives: from historic preservation to trash collection to public safety to promoting the area's culture and recreation. We hope you will join us in this celebration and learn more about your city and how it operates for you.

### FAMILY HISTORY NIGHT

At the

Harlem Branch Library

145 N. Louisville Street

1st Thursday of every month

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



**HARLEM JEOPARDY!**  
Prizes!  
**Date: Sat., 04/13/24**  
**Where: The Harlem Museum and Welcome Center (Columbia Theatre)**  
**Time: 1p - 3:30p**  
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