



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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August 2022

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **August 2**

Planning & Zoning Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **August 10**

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

### **August 11**

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **August 18**

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

### **August 22**

City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Welcome back to school! Yes, starting August 4th, all our school doors will be open welcoming children from far and wide. Please be ever diligent in driving through our neighborhoods and along our streets as children will be in route to school. You will be expected to abide by all speed limits especially in school zones. Those flashing red lights on a bus mean STOP. Leave earlier if you think these safety measures will slow you down. And to all our students and school employees, have a great year!

On August 20th, the Harlem Merchants Association will be hosting Jazz on the Lawn in the Phillips Park located behind the Pharmacy. On September 17th, Harlem's very own Ray Fulcher will be in concert in the Plaza. More information to come in next month's newsletter.

Our City manager and council are working with the Board of Education to acquire the old North Harlem Elementary School property. Our goal is use this area for quality of life offerings- possibly a playground, splash pad, dog park, Veterans' Memorial, disc golf, multipurpose building. We hope to maintain the walking track around the old football field and possibly use the football field for other activities. I want to thank the Superintendent and the school board members, especially our school board member, Lee Ann Meyer, for helping to make this possible. For these projects to happen, we need to vote YES on November 8th for SPLOST. This vote is to renew the current SPLOST which uses \$0.01 for every dollar spent in Columbia County. Harlem is projected to receive 3% (estimated \$7 million) of the total collected for projects just like I listed. We are also hoping to purchase new vehicles and equipment for our Public Safety and Public Works Departments as well as repairs and to expand sidewalks and streets. Included in SPLOST is also \$500,000 to rejuvenate our City Park. Little to none of this can be accomplished without the SPLOST funds. I urge you to vote YES and to shop local!

As always, may GOD continue to bless each of you and our City,

Roxanne Whitaker

Harlem's Mayor



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**EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS  
ON-STREET PARKING**

At the June 23rd meeting of the Harlem City Council Staff was informed of an emergency vehicle access issue in the city. Parking habits in city subdivisions have evolved to the extent that larger emergency vehicles—fire trucks in particular—are having difficulty in reaching emergency calls for assistance. It is understood by Staff that delayed emergency response is a life safety matter. Staff is working to find solutions to this issue. Some early results include:

- Do nothing.
- Address current parking habits/practices with resident educational programs.
- Address current parking habits/practices with parking enforcement actions.
- Adopt development standards for new projects that would reduce the future problems.

As Mayor and Council review this situation, there will be more information in the coming months.

**OLIVER HARDY FESTIVAL**

If you would like to participate in the 2022 Oliver Hardy Festival as a vendor or in the parade, please note the following deadlines:

Vendor applications are due September 2nd  
Parade applications are due September 26th

Please contact the Museum at (706) 556-0401 for further information.

The Harlem Merchants Association is presenting

*"Jazz in the Park"*

Featuring All That Jazz

Saturday, August 20th

8:00 p.m.

Glenn Phillips Park

(behind Harlem Pharmacy)



**Registration is now open for Southern Dance Company, located at 205 N. Louisville St. We offer tap, ballet, jazz and contemporary. Classes start August 15th, and there are limited spots available. You can register online at [southerndanceco.com](http://southerndanceco.com)**



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