



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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December 2021

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **December 7**

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

### **December 8**

Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 9:30 at City Hall

### **December 11th**

Christmas Festival, Christmas Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade

### **December 23-24**

City Offices closed for Christmas

### **December 27**

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

Merry Christmas! I cannot believe Christmas is just a few short days away and Harlem has some great events planned to get even the "grinchiest" of Grinches in the holiday mood. On December 11th, we will have our Christmas Festival, Christmas tree lighting, and night time parade. If you would like to participate as a vendor or enter a float into the parade, please contact Andrew McMahon at the museum, 706-556-0401. Last year's parade was spectacular—I have no idea how many lights were on the Coca Cola truck but I bet you could have seen it from the moon! Also, on December 11th Breakfast with Santa is being hosted by Red Oak. Please see their webpage for reservations.

All you children get your letters ready for Santa! The big red mailbox located in front of the museum is awaiting your letter. Santa's elves plan to pick up letters by December 15th so Santa will have time to answer each letter before Christmas. Please remember to include your return address on the letter.

On December 18th, Harlem will be participating in Wreaths Across America. This is a National campaign honoring our deceased armed service members by placing wreaths on their tombstones. There will be a special ceremony acknowledging the different Armed Services prior to the dedication of wreaths. There will be a small ceremony located at the Cemetery and all are invited to attend. You may purchase a wreath for this ceremony for \$15.00 a wreath. This order will need to be complete by November 30th to ensure enough wreaths will be sent to our four cemeteries. More information can be found on the Wreaths Across America webpage. Information will also be posted on the City webpage and facebook page along with the Harlem Happenings Facebook page. Thank you Valarie Wingate, Arnold Gonsalves with our VFW, Karen Helton, Attic Treasures, and our Women's Club for organizing this special recognition.

By now you may have heard Meridian is no longer our garbage and recycle provider. They were acquired by Orion who has taken over the remaining contract. If you should have any issues or questions about the garbage or recycle process, please contact City Hall at [706-556-3448](tel:706-556-3448).

From my home and family to yours, Merry Christmas. May God continue to bless each of you during this holiday season.

Your Mayor,

Roxanne Whitaker

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*The City of Harlem Mayor, Council and Employees  
Would Like to Wish Everyone a  
Merry Christmas*



REMEMBER the Fallen...HONOR those who Serve...TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

On December 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Friends of Harlem Veterans (GA0370) will be helping Harlem Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you. We are still in need of volunteers to help lay the wreaths. If you can volunteer please email Valarie Wingate at [vwingate@icloud.com](mailto:vwingate@icloud.com).

Thank you so much for supporting the Friends of Harlem Veterans (GA0370) and Wreaths Across America!

**CHRISTMAS IN HARLEM  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET 11 am -5 pm  
TWILIGHT PARADE 6 pm**

**TREE LIGHTING 7 pm  
MOVIE UNDER THE STARS 8 pm**

Call 706-556-0401 for information.

**FAMILY HISTORY NIGHT AT THE HARLEM  
LIBRARY—1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
FROM 6:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.  
LEARN HOW TO GET STARTED WITH YOUR  
FAMILY HISTORY OR HELP OTHERS TO  
LEARN THE PROCESS.  
COME JOIN US!**

Support small businesses  
in Harlem this holiday  
season. Come out and  
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Pro tem John Thigpen



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