



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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December 2022

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **December 6**

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **December 8**

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

### **December 10**

Christmas Festival, Christmas Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade

### **December 14**

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

### **December 15**

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

### **December 19**

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

### **December 23-26**

City Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday

### **January 2**

City Offices Closed - New Year's Day

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

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

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! I LOVE LOVE Christmas! Our downtown is turning into a Christmas wonderland! A great big Thank You to our Merchants Association for the beautiful sleigh and to Main Street Treats for the "accessories" in our Pocket Park. What a perfect place for those Christmas photos! Speaking of Christmas photos, I cannot wait for you to see our Christmas tree shining in all its glory. A great big Thank You to our Public Works Department for getting our downtown area ready for Christmas. It looks wonderful! Don't forget to shop locally! We do have some neat shops with some unique gifts for anyone on your list.

Santa's mailbox is accepting letters from all the children. His elves will come get the mailbox on December 10th. Shortly after this date, letters from Santa will be sent to those who wrote him. Thank you to our Woman's Club for sponsoring this special event.

I hope you will join me at the Harlem Cemetery on December 17th for the National Wreaths Across America. There will be a small ceremony and then volunteers will lay wreaths on our American Hero's graves. Thank you to the organizers of this ceremony.

We have several opportunities to help those in need this Christmas Season. Toys for Tots have collection bins set up at Red Oak Manor and our Public Safety Office. Attic Treasures is also collecting toys. Fishes and Leaves, our food pantry, is accepting extra food. And please remember our Blessing Boxes located around our City.

Our Christmas Festival is on December 10th followed by a twilight Parade and tree lighting. There is still time to enter as a parade participant. Contact Meghan at the museum. If this is your first Christmas Parade in Harlem, you will be amazed. There is something about a twilight parade that brings out the beauty of Christmas. Even in the rain last year, our parade was spectacular!


I'd like to end this year with a Thank You to each of you. You make Harlem who we are! There are some exciting things on the horizon for our small City and I cannot wait to see these additions come to fruition. I also hope you will share your ideas for our City with me. WE are Harlem and it does take us all to be the best little City around.

God bless you and your family this Christmas Season.

Wise men still seek Him,

Roxanne Whitaker

Harlem's Mayor



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## December Events:

**Dec. 3 - Christmas Craft Events for Kids**  
at the Harlem Museum 2 pm - 3 pm  
(Reservations only, first 25 children)

**Dec. 6, 13, & 20 - Augusta Locally Grown** at  
the Civic Center

**Dec. 10 - Christmas Festival** 11 am - 5 pm  
**Parade** - 6 pm  
**Tree Lighting** - 6:30 pm  
**Movie** "The Year Without a Santa  
Claus" - Library Lawn 7 pm

**Dec. 17 - National Wreaths Across America Day**  
Harlem Cemetery 12 pm



**Remember \* Honor \* Teach**  
**National Wreaths Across America Day**  
**Harlem Cemetery**

**December 17, 2022 at 12 p.m.**

Help the Harlem Cemetery Honor local heroes!  
Volunteer or Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on  
a Veteran's grave this December at the Harlem  
Cemetery. Contact Valarie Wingate to Sponsor or  
Volunteer 706-832-1230 or go to our Link  
<https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/170340/Overview/?relatedId=0>



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

### HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

GARBAGE PICK-UP DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY WILL BE ON THE REGULARLY  
SCHEDULED DAYS.

*From my family to yours,  
Merry Christmas!  
Councilman Al Reeves*

This Holiday Season  
Support Your Local Businesses And  
Shop and Dine Local



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](https://www.facebook.com/CityofHarlem), for information and updates.



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