



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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February 2023

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **February 7**

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **February 8**

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

### **February 9**

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

### **February 16**

City Open House at 7:00 p.m.

### **February 20**

City Offices Closed in Observance of President's Day

### **February 23**

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

### **February 24**

Council Quarterly Work Session at 8:30 a.m. City Hall

### **February 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

Happy February! Please remember our trash pick up days will be changing. If you have questions, please call City Hall at 706-556-3448.

In lieu of the recent tragic event near Harlem involving a young boy and unsupervised dogs, I would like to take this time to remind everyone that there are leash laws in our City. These ordinances are not to make your life hard, but are in place to keep your pets safe, our residents safe and to prevent any events from happening that could place someone or someone's beloved pet at risk. Our ordinances state your pet needs to be in your control on a leash when away from its home. At home, your pet is to be confined in a sturdy and reliable enclosed yard, but you may not keep your pet tethered to an object, tree, or pole for extended amounts of time especially without adequate food, shelter, and water resources. I think we all realize that curious pets may occasionally escape their homes for various reasons. Most pets are docile and will not bite in its normal environment, but a pet that is scared and lost could very well be aggressive if approached by a stranger. If you should find a missing pet, please contact Animal Control so they can secure the pet until the rightful owner can be contacted. If you are missing your pet, please report the missing pet to Animal Control so they can be on the lookout for your pet. Facebook and Social Media postings are very helpful in reuniting an owner and pet. The ballfields at our City Park are not for pets to roam freely. Our children play on these fields and do not need to be subjected to your pet's body waste. I would like to remind everyone to please be courteous and pickup after your pet when walking them out in our community. I love my Lily P. as if she were my child, as I am sure most pet owners feel the same. That is why it is important to protect our fur babies the best we can while assuring our residents that it is safe to walk our streets. You may refer to Article 2 section 6 of our City Ordinances for further explanations.

On Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m., there will be an Open House at our Public Safety Building. This event will give our residents an opportunity to see our new fire truck and meet the people who work for the City. I have asked the directors of our departments to be in attendance along with Council. We will have a short presentation of our goals for 2023 and our SPLOST monies. There will also be an update on our Walking Trails. You will also have time to ask questions. I do hope to see you there.

Various groups throughout our City are busy planning events for our downtown area. We have Shamrock and Roll in March, Mimosas on Main and the Bloomin Arts festival in the Spring. The Swinging Medallions are also scheduled to be in concert on April 8th. This is just a small list of events that will take place. Many of these events are put on by our businesses and Civic groups and are free to you. I urge you to continue to shop local and support the ones who work far beyond their normal business hours to support our City.

Don't forget Attic Treasures when you start your Spring cleaning. We also have needs at our Fishes and Loaves Food Bank and our Blessing Boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

As always, I continue to pray for our City, businesses and our residents as I hope you do as well.

God bless you all,

Your Mayor - Roxanne Whitaker



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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.

### Placement of Containers

#### Sec. 26-26 Placement of Containers:

“ All refuse containers shall be placed for collection at curbside or where directed by the refuse collection service provider, on the day of collection. Refuse containers shall be moved behind the property's main building or to a location along a side wall of the property's main building, within 24 hours after having been serviced and emptied.”

Also, a reminder that all loose garbage must be put in enclosed bags before placing in your garbage container. The garbage contractor will only pick up garbage that is inside your container as they are not required to pick up items placed on the ground beside your container. Bulk waste for In-City residents are two items per week to be placed next to your refuse container. The bulk waste will be serviced on your scheduled household day.

### RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE & RECYCLE SERVICE CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Effective February 6, 2023 service days for garbage will change from Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to Thursday and Friday. The last service dates (M-W) will be January 30th, 31st, and February 1st; your first service dates on the new schedule will be Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th. The Thursday (or A Route) route will encompass from South & North Hatcher and West Forrest Subdivision east; the Friday ( or B Route) route will encompass the area west of South & North Hatcher and North out to Hwy 223.

Effective February 6, 2023 service days for recycling will continue on every other week but will change to Wednesday's. February 8th will be the first service date, and this will start with Thursday's route (Route "A").

If you have any questions on the day of your service please contact City Hall at (706) 556-3448.

#### Placement of Inert Debris (City of Harlem Residents)

If you are a resident of Harlem (in-city) and regularly place inert debris out for pick-up, make sure you place the debris either in front of your property or, if you have a corner lot, on the side of your property. The problem we're seeing is some residents are placing their debris with their neighbors causing the amount to exceed the "more than a reasonable" amount. If you have a contractor maintaining your yard, they are required to haul the debris off instead of placing it by the road for pick up.

Thank you for your understanding!  
Harlem Public Works Department

**FAMILY HISTORY NIGHT**  
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