



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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February 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. ***Canceled***

February 8

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

February 14

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

February 16

Council Quarterly Work Session at 8:00 a.m. City Hall

February 19

City Offices Closed- President's Day

February 22

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

February 26

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**

Our State Legislator and City Attorney, Barry Fleming, has been appointed by Governor Kemp to be a Superior Court Judge which means he must vacate his congressional seat. I hope you will join me in thanking him for his service and representation, and also congratulate him on his appointment. With his resignation, comes an election to fill his remaining term. This election will be February 13th. I urge you to study the five candidates and their stand on issues involving not only our state but our local government, especially small cities and rural areas.

Our neighbor, Dearing, is hosting a Chili-Soup-Stew cook off on February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Dearing Baptist Church. Join them in this fun and "tasty" event.

Wondering where to go for Valentine's Day? Why not start with Harlem Java House! Shann and Sang Lee are offering special packages starting at \$20 for a flight of drinks to \$50 for a flight of drinks with a bouquet.

Our City Park is undergoing changes on how the fields and pavilion can be reserved. To prevent multiple teams and people wanting to use the same field/pavilion, we will be looking at a reservation type system to be fair to all. Look for further details as we work on this. And thank you for your patience.

On February 17th, the VFW along with BSA Troop 42 will be hosting an American Flag Retirement ceremony at the VFW home located at 330 E. Milledgeville Road. The United States has a code that defines how an American Flag should be retired when it is no longer a fitting emblem for display. This is a very solemn but special ceremony honoring our Flag and its tribute to our country. There will also be a spaghetti dinner following the ceremony. If you wish for the VFW to properly retire your flag, you may drop the flag off at City Hall.

A big congratulations to our Museum and the staff that serves within the Museum, our Museum was selected by the Georgia Business Journal as a Georgia Regional Winner.

March starts off a busy time in our City. On March 9th, Amber King will be hosting the 4th Small Business Expo in our Plaza. Vendor booths, food trucks, and even a petting zoo will be set to honor small businesses especially those that are home-based.

Our Harlem Merchants Association has carefully planned events throughout the year to enhance our downtown and our businesses. Their first big event is Sham-Rock-N-Roll on March 16th. Featuring the annual golfcart parade and festival, this day will turn us "Irish" for the day.

We continue to be greatly blessed in our small City,

Your Mayor,

Roxanne Whitaker

Form **1040** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (99) Do not write or staple in this space.
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Please remember to check the City of Harlem's website, harlemga.org, and the City's Facebook page, City of Harlem, Georgia@harlemga, for updates on City office closures, essential services, etc.

MONTHLY GARBAGE RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

RESIDENTIAL INSIDE - CITY RATES:

\$14.00 SENIOR RATE (60+)

(Note: Rate for one cart only; 2nd cart at Regular Rate)

\$17.00 REGULAR RATE

RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE - CITY RATES:

\$21.00 REGULAR RATE

COMMERICAL DUMPSTER RATES:

2 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$75.00	2X WEEK	\$150.00
4 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$96.00	2X WEEK	\$192.00
6 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$123.00	2X WEEK	\$246.00
8 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$155.00	2X WEEK	\$310.00
8 YD COMPACTOR	1X WEEK	\$379.50	2X WEEK	\$759.00

**** Effective for billing dated February 29, 2024****

Harlem Museum and Welcome Center

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 17 - Drawing in the Exhibit Space

Experience drawing Laurel & Hardy in the museum's exhibit space. Drawing instructions and art supplies will be provided. All ages welcome.

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Feb. 22 - Museum Advisory Board Meeting

Open to the Public; Time: 6 pm

Mar. 23 - Kids Craft: Blarney the Leprechaun lost his Green

Blarney the leprechaun lost his colors! Help him get them back! Coloring supplies will be provided. Ages 10 and under.

Time: 1 pm - 3:30 pm

Apr. 13 - Jeopardy: Harlem History

Play a game of Jeopardy and beat your competition to win a prize! At least 2 people are needed to play. Ages 12+

Time: 1 pm - 3:30 pm

May 4 - Star Wars Day

Come out to the museum and learn about Laurel & Hardy's connections to Star Wars! You will get to watch Star Wars and get to see a light saber in person! All ages welcome - Time: Sundown

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

The City of Harlem will pick up a "Reasonable Amount" of debris from in-city residents on a weekly basis. Please **DO NOT** place debris on sidewalks, ditches or in the street. We are aware that some homes are limited on where the debris can be placed since the sidewalk and ditches front their property. In this case, the debris will have to be placed in the yard. If you are unsure where to place the debris, please call City Hall at (706) 556-3448 and someone from Public Works will let you know where to place the debris. The Streets and Drains crew will do their best to remove the debris in a timely manner. Please separate limbs from grass clippings and leaves to make the pickup more efficient. Contractors that are hired to remove trees/limbs are responsible for the removal and disposal. This includes lawn maintenance companies/contractors. Thank you for your understanding.



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