



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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January 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3

Called Council Meeting
At 6:00 p.m.

January 4

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

January 12

Urban Redevelopment
Agency Meeting
9:30 a.m. at City Hall

January 13

Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

January 17

City Offices Closed -
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

January 20

City Council Work
Session 7:00 p.m.

January 24

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**

Happy New Years! As we close out 2021, I'd like to reflect a little on what we as a City have accomplished. As we continued to battle Covid and all its variants, we maintained a safe business-like atmosphere which enabled our locally owned businesses to remain open and prosper. Thank you for your continued support in making this possible. Our City partnered with our County to reduce the rates of our water and sewage saving our residents money, if not now, then in the long run by not investing in a high-dollar sewage expansion. Thank you to Doug Duncan, Gary Richardson and Scott Johnson for working with us on this project. Our City, along with the Harlem Merchants Association and private business ventures, held many events including The ShamRock-and-Roll, Mimosas on Main, Trick or Treat on Main, Ladies Night Out, and an awesome concert by Ed Turner and Number 9 following the Oliver Hardy Festival. Our own City continued to hold movies under the stars during the summer and we hosted one of the best and largest Oliver Hardy Festivals ever. And what about our Christmas Festival and Parade? The festival was a success for our vendors as well as our businesses and our parade was beautiful. Thank you everyone who helped in some way along the way this year.

Now what does 2022 look like for Harlem? Our walking trails at Sandy Run Creek will be completed and opened within the first several months of this year. Our HMA is busy planning events for this year to help us celebrate Harlem. We will host many of the same events along with some new and exciting ones. Some of our businesses that brought us Ed Turner and Number 9 have already started making plans for more concerts. We have several business adventures that are on the horizon and I'll share more about these when plans are finalized.

Exciting things are coming to Harlem in 2022 and we cannot wait to share them with you.

Happy New Year and God bless each of you,

Your Mayor,

Roxanne Whitaker

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*The Mayor, Council, And The Employees of the City of Harlem Wish
You And Yours a Very Happy New Year!*

GARBAGE PAYMENT OPTIONS

We have several options when paying your garbage bill. One is, Automatic Draft. Once a month on the 15th, the City will automatically draft your bank account. With this feature, payment is applied to your account and you avoid having any penalties applied to your account. We will need a voided check or proof from your bank of your routing and account information to set this up. There are no fees for this service. Stop by or call City Hall for more information.

Also, we have an on-line payment option that you can either set up an account for or make one-time payments. To do either, you must have your account number and the prior month's payment amount (minus any fees). If you choose to set up an account, you will not need to use this information each month as you will be setting up a username and password. Please visit our website at www.harlemga.org, choose "Pay My Bill" and follow the instructions provided. You have the option to pay by debit/credit card or by e-check. You can also set up automatic payments using your credit card through your on-line account. There is a third-party merchant processing fee for on-line payments.

The City takes the following forms of payment when paying at City Hall: cash, checks, money orders, and debit/credit cards. There is a night drop available located at the drive thru window, for after hours payments. Please include your remittance stub when making a payment in the night drop, an envelope is provided with your monthly garbage billing.

Inert Debris Removal

The Public Works Department strives to pick up inert debris each week from all residents in the city. We are finding items other than inert debris placed in the piles such as metal objects, lumber, etc. With the equipment that is used to remove the debris, items such as metal or construction material can and will damage the internal parts of this equipment.

**Please be mindful of this and do not place these items in the debris for pick up.
Thank you for your understanding.**

Please remember to check the City of Harlem's website, www.harlemga.org, and the City's Facebook page, City of Harlem, Georgia@harlemga, for updates on City office closures, essential services, etc.

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