



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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January 2024

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **January 1**

City Offices Closed  
- New Year's Day

### **January 10**

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

### **January 11**

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

### **January 15**

City Offices Closed-  
Martin Luther King,  
Jr. Day

### **January 18**

City Council Work  
Session 7:00 p.m.

### **January 22**

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**

Welcome 2024! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and you are looking forward to a good and prosperous New Year. 2023 was good to Harlem as we opened our walking trail at Sandy Run, purchased the old elementary school site, had many successful festivals and parades and added many new residents to our City and surrounding areas. We celebrated our students and their many successes on and off the athletic fields. I can honestly say, Harlem students are well loved and our City will travel all over to support them. Wreaths Across America - what a sombering ceremony. Over 420 wreaths were purchased and placed on the tombstones of our warriors who have passed. Thank you to the one hundred plus volunteers who helped place those wreaths, our ROTC groups from various schools, and to Attic Treasures for their tremendous support of this event. A huge thank you to Karen Helton and Valerie Wingate for bringing this event to Harlem and continuing to organize this every year. To our service men and women and families - thank you for your daily service.

You may not have known this but our Fire Department celebrated its 75th birthday in 2023. Many of the original firemen have children and grandchildren who have and who are still serving in our predominantly volunteer fire department. I also want to congratulate Horizon Bus Line for being in business for 25 years. Thank you for all you and your family do for Harlem, Alvin Harris.

The City has several projects planned for 2024. Public Works has a new home being designed and will hopefully move with 2024. Our new park will be under construction and the City Park will be getting come much needed renovations. New businesses are lined up for New Street along with 28 townhomes. With the help and guidance from Principals Marlo Leatherwood and Katy Yeagain, Librarian Amanda Ham, Commissioner Alison Couch, CCBOE Commissioner LeeAnn Meyer and retired teacher/reading Coach Emily Fields, I hope our reading trail will be up in the Spring.

I would like to encourage you all to continue to support our businesses in our City. These Small Business owners support not only our City, but our schools and other organizations, and are responsible for many of the events that occur in the City. I urge both patron and business worker to be understanding when someone is having an off day. Most importantly, be kind. Words, both spoken and typed, can be as sharp as a knife or as soothing as the ocean waves. For someone having a bad day, your words could be an influence - make it a good influence.

Lastly, did you know for a \$6.00 donation at KJ's you can provide a food sack for our food pantry Fishes and Loaves?

I pray this year gives you success, happiness, and prosperity!

God bless Harlem.

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!*

**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:**

|                       |                |                 |                |                 |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>2 YD DUMPSTER</b>  | <b>1X WEEK</b> | <b>\$75.00</b>  | <b>2X WEEK</b> | <b>\$150.00</b> |
| <b>4 YD DUMPSTER</b>  | <b>1X WEEK</b> | <b>\$96.00</b>  | <b>2X WEEK</b> | <b>\$192.00</b> |
| <b>6 YD DUMPSTER</b>  | <b>1X WEEK</b> | <b>\$123.00</b> | <b>2X WEEK</b> | <b>\$246.00</b> |
| <b>8 YD DUMPSTER</b>  | <b>1X WEEK</b> | <b>\$155.00</b> | <b>2X WEEK</b> | <b>\$310.00</b> |
| <b>8 YD COMPACTOR</b> | <b>1X WEEK</b> | <b>\$379.50</b> | <b>2X WEEK</b> | <b>\$759.00</b> |

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

**HARLEM SENIOR CENTER**

The Harlem Senior Center Program provides access to a multitude of activities and a delicious, hot lunch daily as well for our Harlem/Columbia County residents for ages 55 and older.

We start our mornings out with coffee and pastries at 9 a.m. and some fellowship time and then we start our activity at 10 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) and then we have a wonderful lunch afterwards.

Some of the Activities we offer:

- \* Bingo \* Arts and Crafts \* Guest Speakers \* Birthday Recognition \* Game Days \* Holiday Celebrations
  - \* Local Outings such as dining out occasionally in our community, strawberry picking and visiting places such as Stuckey's Pecan Factory and our own Theater here in Harlem as well. All activities start at 10 a.m. (unless noted)
- Lunch is served at 11 a.m.

Hours of Operations: Monday - Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sabrina Threet Harlem Senior Center Director at 706-449-8400. The Center is located at 381 West Church Street, in the back of the City Park.

**Please remember to check the City of Harlem's website, [harlemga.org](http://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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