

## HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>July 4</u> City Offices Closed for Independence Day

July 5 Planning & Zoning Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

July 13 Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting 9:00 a.m. at City Hall

July 14 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**July 18** Property Tax Hearing 6:00 p.m.

July 21 Property Tax Hearing 7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

July 25 Property Tax Hearing 7:00 p.m. 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

Several months ago I wrote about some exciting things coming to Harlem. I am writing today to share a portion of those events. I plan to share more over the next couple of months. We have several new businesses that have made plans to come to Harlem. Rooted Coffeehouse will be opening in the near future across from Jets. Rooted currently has a coffeehouse in Riverwood Plantation and is expanding to our City. New Street, the street located between Southern Dance Studio and Harlem Java House, is being rejuvenated which is exciting in itself. Back Paddle Brewery (BPB) will be located directly behind Harlem Java House in the Public Works Building. BPD currently has a restaurant in Lincoln County and is expanding to our City. They will be serving locally grown products and hope to have live bands occasionally to entertain their diners. Their opening is around Master's Week. The old Fulcher Feed and Seed, located across from what will be BPB, has been purchased and its plan will be announced at a later date. Public Works will be temporarily housed at the end of New Street until their new home is built. Once Public Works is moved to its new home, the remainder of the New Street Property will be turned into Public Parking. I hope to be announcing some more ventures in the new future. These are all wonderful additions to our City and I hope you take time to visit and welcome these businesses once they get open. When you shop local, you are not only supporting the small business owner, you are supporting our City. We have many plans for our City, with each capital improvement, money is needed to support and sustain the offering.

The Walking Trail—we are awaiting the punch list and approval from GDOT and then the trail should be open. Our benches and trash receptacles should be here in July. I hope you will enjoy this trail and the beauty of Sandy Creek.

Happy Independence Month! As we get set to celebrate our Nation's birthday, let us be thankful for the many freedoms we have because of those who fought and those who continue to fight to keep us free. Our small City with the flags lining our downtown area is so beautiful and is a constant reminder that we are the land of the free and the home of the brave. I hope you have a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends. If you decide to shoot fireworks, please be mindful of our drought conditions and have an ample water supply near by. The last thing any of us want is a fire. Also, if you plan to shoot fireworks, please let your neighbors know so they can secure their pets and prepare our residents who suffer from PTSD. Per state law, fireworks are permitted up to 11:59 p.m. Enjoy and Happy Independence Day!

God bless America, God bless Harlem and God bless each of you,

Roxanne Whitaker

Harlem's Mayor



Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry of Harlem In Partnership with Attic Treasures

387 W. Church St. P.O. Box 415 Harlem, GA 30814 706-901-5040 Open Tuesday and Friday 10:00 - 2:00 Every 3rd Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 pm



## **BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS**

We offer several options when paying your garbage bill. The City offers 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. Stop by City Hall and complete the application. We will need a voided check or proof from your bank of your routing and account information. There is no fee for this service.

We also offer 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 <u>www.harlemga.org</u>, 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. For on-line payments, there is a third-party merchant processing fee of 3% for debit/credit card transactions or a \$1.25 per e-check transaction.

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 in the drive-thru, for after hours payment. Please include your remittance stub when making a payment in the night drop—an envelope is provided with your monthly billing.

|  | HAPPY<br>INDEPENDENCE<br>DAY | <u>Summer Movie Series</u><br>Come join us on the Library Lawn for family friendly<br>movies. All movies start at sundown.<br>Movie Lineup as follows:<br>July 8 - Spider Man: No Way Home<br>July 22 - Jurassic World   |
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| MOSQUITOES!  |                              |  |
| Now is the time to make sure you are NOT "Growing your own Mosquitoes!"<br>Areas that property owners need to address are gutters, standing water in pots and<br>containers, swimming pools, tarps, old tires, high grass, etc.<br>Best management practices are walking around your yard every so often and empty any<br>containers that hold water. It doesn't take but a small amount of water to become a<br>breeding ground for mosquitoes. |                              |  |
| A Non-profit Thrift Store<br>A Non-profit Thrift Store<br>Supporting the Local<br>Community<br>Hours:<br>Thurs-Fri 10-4<br>Saturday 10-2<br>575 West Milledgeville Road<br>Harlem, Georgia<br>Donations accepted daily 9am to 6 pm<br>POBC<br>facebook.com/ATTICTreasuresofharlem  |                              | Barbon U.S. Individual Income Tax Return OP Denotwelle or stagle in this space.   PLUS ONE ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICE INC   WANDA J HOWARD, EA PhD   WANDAONE@BELLSOUTH.NET   P O BOX 1089 OFFICE: (706) 556-0470.   440 W. MILLEDGEVILLE ROAD FAX: (706) 556-0570.   HARLEM, GA 30814 |