



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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July 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4th

City Offices Closed in
Observance of July
4th

July 11

Planning Commission
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

July 12

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

July 13

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

July 17

Called Meeting -
Property Tax Hearing
at 7:00 p.m.

July 20

Property Tax Hearing
at 7:00 pm
Council Work Session
at 7:00 p.m.

July 24

Property Tax Hearing
at 7:00 p.m.
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 July! What a great month for a celebration! On July 4th, Tommy Stolte has organized a Freedom Run for those interested in participating - running or walking. The Freedom Run will take off from the City Park at 9:00 a.m. and end at Attic Treasures where there will be a challenging workout for those who still have the energy to participate. Each runner will be given a flag to carry during the run through the City. Those wishing just to "cheer them" are greatly appreciated. Thank you Tommy Stolte for heading this up. God bless America!

Speaking of Independence Day, I am sure there will be several fireworks displays throughout our City. Please be mindful of our noise ordinance and if possible, please post on the Harlem Happenings or Downtown Harlem Facebook page the date and time of your fireworks. Some of our citizens may wish to come watch while others will need to protect their animals and family members who are sensitive to the noise.

In late July, there will be a concert in the Plaza. Food trucks are planning to be in attendance. Don't forget our Friday Night Movies under the Stars at the Harlem Library Plaza.

For those of you who don't know, Piedmont Prompt Care and Occupational Health Center located at Punkin Center has opened. Their hours are 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday. And if you are given a prescription, Harlem Pharmacy is conveniently located just 5 miles from the Prompt Care.

Affinis Hospice is looking for baby dolls for their special patients. If you have any costume jewelry you wish to part with, they use these for their nursing home patients. Affinis is also looking for volunteers to assist with their hospice patients. For more information on these projects, email Jenna Hanson at jhanson@affinispice.org. I'll have more on this next month.

On Sunday, July 30th starting at 1:00, Impact Church will be hosting their Back to School Bash at North Harlem Elementary. There will be inflatables, food, haircuts, and book bags filled with school supplies. What a fun way to kick off the new school year - yes summer is coming to an end! Thank you Impact Church for hosting this and so many other great events for our City.

Our trail is a beautiful and peaceful place to go unwind after a busy day. To sit on a bench and watch the "critters" play and to see the beauty that lines the trail makes one stop and thank God for this beautiful world we live in. We still have a few things to add to our trails such as signage and maybe a bench or two along with a pet waste collection station. I hope you take time to walk this trail and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. We do ask if you bring your pet that you have your pet on a leash for their protection as well as the wildlife that you may encounter, and that you clean up after yourself and your dog. Just a reminder, no motorized vehicles, carts of any kind, or motorized bikes are allowed on the trail.

"For you have been called to live in freedom. Use your freedom to serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13

Your Mayor,

Roxanne Whitaker



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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.

FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

BUILDING A DECK:

A deck is a great place to have fun - grilling, watching the sun go down, just quiet time. But there are safety issues involved in building a deck. There may also be a requirement to secure a building permit before a deck is built. There may also be restrictions about the placement of the deck.

Some issues about building a deck include:

1. Decks under 30-inches high usually do not need a building permit.
2. The placement of railing spindles has its own regulations.
3. There are limits on how close a deck can be to the property line.
4. Deck foundations are a special safety issue that need their own special inspections.

You, like city personnel, have heard the horror stories of a baby getting its head stuck between spindles. Or a deck rail giving away. Or an entire deck collapsing under the weight of those standing on it. Checking with the city before starting a deck project will help assure a safe deck. Due to safety issues, the city can go through the process of having the deck removed.

ARE YOU CONTACTING 811 BEFORE YOU DIG?

By: Megan Estes, Director of Corporate Communications at Georgia 811

A national survey conducted by the Common Ground Alliance revealed that nearly two in five U.S. homeowners will put themselves and their communities at risk by digging without contacting 811 beforehand to learn the approximate location of underground utilities.

Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in serious injuries, inconvenient service disruptions and costly repairs when gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines are damaged. That's why homeowners are encouraged to make a free request to Georgia 811 (online at www.Georgia811.com or by dialing 811) at least three business days before they plan to dig. Contacting Georgia 811 prior to a digging project provides the public utility companies in the dig site area the opportunity to mark their utility lines so damages can be avoided.

Safe digging is an integral part of being a responsible homeowner and conscientious community member. For more information on Georgia 811, visit www.Georgia811.com.

**HARLEM MUSEUM & WELCOME CENTER
JULY EVENTS:**

July 7th - Movie in the Plaza; "Shrek"; starting at 8:30 pm

July 8th - Kids Craft: Make a movie poster; 2 pm - 3:30 pm

July 28th - Movie in the Plaza; "The Karate Kid"; starting at 8:30 pm



GARBAGE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH

We have received information from Coastal Waste that all of the City of Harlem garbage and recycle routes will be on a one (1) day delay due to the 4th of July holiday.



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