



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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June 2024

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **June 4**

Planning Commission Meeting  
**\*CANCELED\***

### **June 7**

City Council Quarterly Work Session; 8:30 a.m. at City Hall

### **June 12**

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

### **June 13**

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

### **June 19**

City Offices closed in observance of Juneteenth

### **June 24**

City Council Work Session & Regular Council Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

**\*Meetings are held at the Public Safety Building unless otherwise noted**

**\*All meetings are subject to change**

School is out and you may be asking, what to do with your children? Our Library has a full calendar of events planned for the Summer. Magicians, reptiles, wildlife and fish, just to name a few. A complete list of events can be found on their Facebook page or posted at the Library. Congratulations to all our students and school personnel for a wonderful school year. Our students excelled in and outside the classroom and we are very proud of them.

We do have another Storybook Walk, *Georgia Caroline Visits Our Hometown Heroes!* Harlem has been selected to participate in the Georgia Cities Solution Mayor's Masterpiece Reading Program. On June 5th, at 10:30 a.m., a group from Georgia Cities Solution will be at our Library leading in an art project to go along with this book. This event is limited to fifty children. Our City is also a finalist for Georgia Cities Solutions Impact award because of our Story Walks. Thank you so much for Amanda Ham and her efforts to get us all up, out, and reading. I do hope you are enjoying these walks.

Our Summer Movie series begins June 8th with the showing of *The Little Mermaid*. On July 13th, *Grease* will be the feature movie. All movies start at dusk.

For information on Vendor applications for our 35th Oliver Hardy Festival, please contact Meghan Foster at (706) 556-0401 or by email [mfoster@harlemga.org](mailto:mfoster@harlemga.org).

On July 11th, at 6:30 p.m. District 4 Commissioner Alison Couch and I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at Red Oak Manor. The purpose of this meeting is to give you updates on projects that are happening in and around Harlem, and to hear your suggestions and concerns. Please join us for this event.

Update on our parks - we have met with Johnson, Laschober & Associates, the architects for our current City Park, and they have shared a beautiful rendition of what our park could look like. As a council, we will be fine tuning these plans and hope to begin some of the renovations soon. Our North Harlem Park - we will meet with our engineers on Friday, June 7th for an update and a timeline on this project. Both parks will be a wonderful asset to our community.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and especially my Dad! God has truly blessed Harlem,

Roxanne Whitaker  
Harlem's Mayor

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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](mailto:City of Harlem, Georgia@harlemga), for updates on City office closures, essential services, etc.

Message from the Public Works Department:

**YARD DEBRIS NOTICE:**

The City of Harlem's Public Works Department is not responsible for the collection of any material that is generated by private contractors who were retained by a resident to perform work on his or her property. Removal of private contractor generated debris, such as but not limited to leaves, grass clippings, shrubs, trees and limbs, is the responsibility of the contractor and/or homeowner.

**The Harlem Museum & Welcome Center of the**

**Laurel & Hardy Museum**

**"Remembering Stan Laurel" Kid's Craft**

**Saturday, June 15th at 2pm**

Come learn about the slapstick comedian, Stan Laurel, of the famous duo, Laurel & Hardy, and find out about his legacy! You can also learn to make your own foam pencil topper that looks like Stan or Oliver! Stan's birthday is June 16th so let's give Stanley a special 134th birthday! For more information call the Museum at (706) 556-0401.



**Congratulations to the  
Harlem Diamond Dogs.**

**Our community is very proud of you all.**

**GO DOGS!**

**Councilmember Al Reeves**

**Oliver Hardy  
Festival Local  
Survey**

Scan the QR Code below for access:



**FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT:**

**BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN HARLEM:**

The City of Harlem is required by state law to issue building permits, to conduct inspections of construction, and to certify that inspections have taken place. The City also has enacted ordinances guiding where construction can take place. The City is asking our residents to contact the City before construction projects to check where construction can take place and if a building permit is needed.

Examples are:

1. Building an addition to your house.
2. Converting a closet to a bathroom which requires new water and sewer lines.
3. Running new electrical wiring to your attic to help use the attic for storage.
4. Having a new permanent air conditioning unit installed.

The City is always available to talk about a proposed project. Talking beforehand can prevent work stoppages and penalties down the road. Building permits help protect the safety of property owners, fire fighters, and emergency responders. Please call (706) 556-0043 with any questions.

**HARLEM LIBRARY PLAZA JUNE 8TH**

**Matinee: 5:30 pm  
Movie Under the Stars:  
Sundown**

**Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID**



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