

# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

#### March 7

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### March 8

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

#### March 9

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

### March 23

City Council Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

# March 27

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

Spring is getting very close! The weather seems to be getting warmer and the flowers are starting to bloom! Soon there will be a never-ending "light-dusting of yellow on everything and everyone.

Spring starts most of the "events in our downtown area. March 4th kicks off our first festival of the season. Our 3rd Annual Small Business Expo will be held in the Plaza from 11-4. Mini golf, vendor booths, inflatables, petting zoo, food, live entertainment and so much more. There may even be an Easter Bunny hopping in here for those Easter pictures.

March 18th, our Merchant's Association will host the annual ShamRock N Roll Festival. The day will kick off with a Golfcart Parade starting at 11:00. Entry into the parade is \$5.00 per golfcart there will be prizes for the most "Irish" golfcart. Since the festival has grown over the years, the committee has decided to move the location to the Plaza. There will be fun, food, entertainment and activities for all. Whether you are Irish by birth of Irish for a day, come partake in a day of fun.

March 28th, our Library, Harlem Museum and Welcome Center, Women's Club and the Harlem Merchants Association are hosting a Glow In the Dark Easter Egg hunt starting at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate filled plastic eggs, please contact Amanda Ham at the Library. Speaking of our Library, Storytime is held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and a Grab-and-Go Art project every Saturday. They also have crochet classes, cooking classes, Internet skills classes, Book Clubs and American Girl Club that meets throughout the month. Thank you to our ladies at the Library who make reading and learning lots of fun!

April 8th, Master's Saturday, there will be a free concert in the Plaza. The Swinging Medallions will be back getting us ready for warmer weather! If you are still in town and need something to do, bring your chairs and enjoy a great night of music. There will be food trucks in attendance as well. Thank you to the businesses that provide these concerts free for all to enjoy—Coleman Services, Defoor Realty, Main Street Treats and Whitaker Electric.

Plato once said "This City is what it is because our citizens are what they are." Your generosity especially in times when people/families need it the most, surpasses all expectations. "We are Harlem" because of each resident who makes up 30814. Thank you to each of you for making Harlem who she is. There's no place like home! I hope you feel those same sentiments as I do.

As we enter this season of Spring with its sights, smells and scenes of new life, let us not forget that Easter symbolizes new life in Him.

God bless each of you,

Roxanne Whitaker

Harlem's Mayor



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## **Swimming Pool Reminder!**

With it getting warm again, swimming might be coming to mind. Remember, a pool open to small children is a drowning danger. The Georgia Swimming Pool Code provides guidance on important safety features like barriers, gates and latches, and ladders. The City of Harlem is more than happy to answer questions you might have about your current pool and how we can protect the children of Harlem. Please contact the city at 706-556-0043 or djenkins@harlemga.org if you have questions about your swimming pool (or spa) barrier fence, gates and latches, and ladders. Fences around inground pools and removing ladders from above-ground pools are important safety features!

Also, with warm and hot weather coming shortly, we would like to remind everyone that keeping your pools clean will help reduce the number of mosquitos we have.

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Harlem Fire Department is scheduled to start flushing fire hydrants inside the city limits. Flushing of hydrants will take place March thru April, with weather permitting.

#### MARCH EVENTS:

March 4 - Small Business Expo 11 am-4 pm @ Library Plaza

March 18 - ShamRock N Roll & Golf Cart Parade 10 am-3 pm @ Library Plaza

March 28 - Glow In The Dark Easter Egg Hunt 7 pm @ Library Plaza

# RECYCLE YOUR CANS

Place your aluminum cans in a plastic bag and bring them to the bin located at the Harlem Public Safety Building parking lot. All proceeds go to support the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation who provides assistance to families of burn patients at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta. Please do your part to help those in need!





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