May has quickly come upon us. School will be out for yet another year. Our college and high school seniors will be off into the world. Mothers will be celebrated and our little City will be booming with fun and adventures. I want to congratulate all of our students and school employees for a most successful school year. Our academic and athletic teams have had very successful seasons. Congratulations to each of the participants and coaches. A special congratulations to the GreenPower Racing team from North Harlem Elementary for winning first place in their racing event which was held in Alabama. What an adventure these students had! You represented us well. To the graduating Seniors - the world is yours for the taking. Make most of the opportunities that await you whether it is continuation of your education, enlisting in the Armed Forces or forging out into the work place. Your future is in your hands. To our school personnel - thank you for all you do for our students - go rest. August isn't that far away. Just a reminder, with school out for the summer, children will be out and about. They are not always attentive to what is going on around them. They just want to have fun. Drive carefully. Also, if you and your family are going out of town for vacation, our Police force would be glad to do safety checks on your home while you are gone. Please notify the Public Safety office and we will place your home on our list.

May 6th, the Harlem Merchants Association will be sponsoring Mimosas on Main in our downtown area from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For just $5.00, you can enjoy Mimosas at our area businesses while you shop. Vendors will also be set up in the Plaza. On May 13th, Hidden Haven Farms, located at 1156 County Line Road, will be hosting a Farm Day Festival. There will be a petting zoo, giant bouncy slide, pony rides, games, vendors, food trucks, crafts and much more. Movie Night in the Plaza will begin May 26th. Bring your chairs and enjoy a free movie. Every third Friday during the summer, weather permitting, a movie will be shown in the Plaza. Our Merchants Association will be hosting a special men’s event on June 10th. Watch our Social Media pages and this newsletter for more information on this great event. It’s that time when Meghan and the Oliver Hardy Festival committee are planning out this year’s festival. Vendor applications are online if you are interested. We are also looking for entertainers - school groups, church groups, anyone who would like to perform throughout the day. Please contact Meghan at the Museum.

A special blessing and thank you to our mothers. I know I have been blessed with an amazing mother. Like most mothers, she has loved me unconditionally and she is one of my biggest cheerleaders. Do not forget to thank the person you call mother for all she has meant to you and not just on Mother’s Day, but everyday. And to those missing your mothers, may you be comforted in knowing she loved you no matter what.

God bless our mothers. God bless Harlem.

Your Mayor,

Roxanne Whitaker
Please remember to check the City of Harlem’s website, www.harlemga.org, and the City’s Facebook page, City of Harlem, Georgia@harlemga, for information and updates.

HARLEM MUSEUM & WELCOME CENTER

Summer is almost here! That means the Harlem Summer Movie Series will be, too. We are going to have themes for the movies we will be showing. The first movie will be a Hollywood Classic theme.

Movie Line-up as follows:
- May 26 - The Wizard of Oz
- June 16 - Musical Movie
- July 7 - Dreamworks Royalty vs. Disney Princesses Movie
- July 28 - Sports Movie

Movie Titles will be announced at a later date.
All movies will start at sundown. In the event of rain or severe weather, the movies will be moved inside the Harlem Museum & Welcome Center, space will be limited to the first 43 people.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

Coastal Waste Garbage/Recycle Service will be on a one day delay the week of May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. If your scheduled service day is on Thursday (Route A) you will be serviced on Friday. If your scheduled service day is Friday (Route B), you will be serviced on Saturday.

Recycle service for Wednesday (Route A ONLY) will be on Thursday.

Mosquitoes!!

With all the rain we have received and the warmer temperatures earlier than expected, there is a good chance the mosquitoes will be more of a problem this year than before. Now is the time to make sure you are NOT “Growing your own Mosquitoes!” Areas that property owners need to address are gutters, standing water in pots and containers, swimming pools, tarps, old tires, high grass, etc.

Best management practices are to walk around your yard every so often and empty any containers that hold water. It doesn’t take but a small amount of water to become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

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