



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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November 2023

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **November 7**

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **November 8**

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

### **November 9**

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

### **November 10**

City Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

### **November 20**

Called Meeting Budget Hearing 6:30 p.m.

### **November 20**

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

### **November 23-24**

City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

### **November 27**

City Council Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

November - the month of Thanksgiving! What a wonderful time of year to share blessings with family and friends. November 11th is Veteran's Day. What a great opportunity to thank our Veterans for all they do for each of us everyday. God bless our Veterans. We have several opportunities to share blessings with those less fortunate. Our food bank, Fishes and Loaves, is looking for monetary or food donations for their Christmas boxes. These boxes will provide a holiday meal for a needy family. Please contact Fishes and Loaves to find out how you can help. We also have the opportunity to provide a new toy for Toys for Tots. The toy bins will be located at the Public Safety Building and Red Oak Manor. Thank you for your kindness shown to others.

On November 9th from 5-8pm, our Merchants Association will be sponsoring a Holiday Open House. Many of our downtown businesses will be open for eager Christmas shoppers who want to get a rush on their shopping lists or shoppers who just "need" something.

November 18th, our Harlem High Band will be hosting a Holiday Vendor Festival at the High School from 10-3. Please support our students. If you have not heard our band you are missing out! We have some talented musicians in our schools.

November 25th, the Columbia County Chamber is hosting Small Business Saturday in our downtown. This is a National event urging shoppers to shop local, supporting the small businesses in our area. I hope you will check out some of the unique gifts and treasures you'll only find in Harlem.

I know this announcement is a tad early but now is the time to order a wreath for Wreaths Across America. December 16th, a special event will be held at the Harlem Memorial Cemetery where civic minded groups and individuals place wreaths on the tombs of soldiers who have passed away. If you have never attended this ceremony, you are missing a tremendous salute to men and women who sacrificed so many years of lives for our country. You may visit [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org) and purchase a wreath for your loved one as well. If you are giving to the Harlem organization, please select Harlem. Karen Helton and Valarie Wingate have selflessly led this ceremony to honor our service people. Thank you, both, for your dedication to this event.

Our Christmas Festival and Twilight Parade is coming up on December 9th. If you would like to be a vendor or provide a float for the parade, please contact Meghan at the Museum. I do love our twilight parade!

As I mentioned earlier, this is the month designated as the month of thankfulness and I am thankful I can serve as Mayor of this beautiful City and each of you. I pray you, and your family and friends enjoy your Thanksgiving Day and may God continue to bless you and yours.

Roxanne Whitaker, Harlem's Mayor

## **ATTENTION**

### **HARLEM BUSINESSES**

Ad space available. Call City Hall at (706) 556-3448 for more information.



## **ALL WEATHER**

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*"Whatever The Weather, Whatever the Season"*

*The City of Harlem Mayor, Council and Employees Would Like to Wish Everyone a  
Happy Thanksgiving*

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE  
CITIZENS OF HARLEM**

**FYE 2024 BUDGET**

On Monday, November 13, 2023 the FYE 2024 proposed budget for the City of Harlem will be submitted to the Mayor and Council for review and will be available at Harlem City Hall, 320 N. Louisville Street, Harlem, GA between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday for public inspection.

On Monday, November 20, 2023 the City of Harlem will hold a Called Meeting at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public on the FYE 2024 proposed budget. The meeting will be held at the Harlem Public Safety Building, 110 W. Milledgeville Road, Harlem, GA.

On Monday, November 27, 2023 the City of Harlem will hold their Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. During this meeting, the City Council shall be voting on the FYE 2024 proposed budget. The meeting will be held at the Harlem Public Safety Building, 110 W. Milledgeville Road, Harlem, GA.

Debra E. Moore, City Manager

**HARLEM HIGH SCHOOL  
BULLDOG BAND  
presents the 2nd Annual  
HOLIDAY VENDOR  
FESTIVAL**

**\*50+ Vendors \* Food Trucks \*  
\*Concert Performances \* Kids Activities\***

**NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**10 am - 3 pm**

**Harlem High School**

**1070 Appling Harlem Road  
Harlem, GA**

**Have questions? Contact:  
harlemsbandboosters@gmail.com**



**FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:  
HOME OCCUPATIONS:**

The city has long supported business owners. When these businesses are located in a neighborhood, conflicts with neighbors can happen. The city has enacted certain special rules to balance the needs of a small business with the desire of neighbors to be safe, healthy, and enjoy tranquility. We would like to remind everyone of the special requirements for a home occupation:

1. All businesses operating in the City of Harlem must obtain an Occupational Tax Certificate.
2. There are special regulations of a home occupation operating in a neighborhood.
3. By state law, certain inspections and notifications must take place.
4. Certain businesses are not allowed and others must obtain special permission to operate.

We would like to ask anyone who is thinking about opening a home business to contact the city to review the process. An occupational tax certificate is sometimes required by a bank for a checking account.

**GARBAGE SCHEDULE**

**Garbage and Recycle collection will be on normal schedule for the week of November 6th. Coastal Waste will be operating on Regular schedule for Veteran's Day, November 10th.**

**On November 23rd, Coastal Waste will be closed for Thanksgiving Day. Garbage pickup will be on a one day delay. The trucks will run the routes on Friday and Saturday.**

**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.**



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