



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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October 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1

Oliver Hardy Festival

October 4

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

October 10

City Offices closed—Columbus Day

October 13

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

October 19

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

October 20

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

October 24

City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

*** All meetings are subject to change**

First let me thank everyone who came out and attended the Ray Fulcher Homecoming Concert. It was an incredible night! Thank you to all who donated to Harlem Middle School's Outdoor Classroom. And a giant thank you to the businesses that sponsored this event. And last but not least, thank you Ray—our hometown superstar.

This month is packed full of events for people of all ages. October 1st is our 33rd Oliver Hardy Festival. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and vendors will be open until 4:00 p.m. Pop Warner will be hosting a "Pink Out" fundraiser on October 10th. Proceeds will go to help defray some of the costs for cancer treatments for one of our faculty members at North Harlem Elementary and for Breast Cancer Research. Spooky to be Hungry Festival is October 13th. Come join in some free fun. We ask you to give a monetary donation or canned foods for Golden Harvest Food Bank and our own Fishes and Loaves. October 15th is Ladies Night Out—ladies can come out for some fun shopping, a little wine tasting, and a concert to be held at Red Oak. Trick or Treat on Main is Thursday, October 27th from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. with a movie on the lawn to follow. Dress your little ones in their Halloween costume or even get dressed up yourself and Trick or Treat downtown with our businesses. Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, October 31st. Please be cautious while driving through some of the subdivisions as we will have a large influx of goblins, witches, princesses and superhero's roaming our streets in search of candy treasures. Wow—I'm tired just typing about all the exciting things going on this month!

Last year, Harlem participated in Wreaths Across America and let me say, it was a somber event sponsored by the Friends of Harlem Veterans. To watch these wreaths being placed on the tombstones of those who had served in our Armed Forces by family members, current military and students from our High School JROTC is a moving experience. The date for this event is December 17th, and it will be in our cemetery. Our goal is to cover all 325 tombstones of our fallen military hero's. We currently have 146 designated wreaths. If you would like to be a part of this event check out their website at WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG. For every two wreaths donated a third one is free. You may also designate your wreath in memory of a loved one.

There is an important election coming up on November 8th. I urge you all to vote. I also ask you to vote YES for our SPLOST. SPLOST helps us pay for road improvements, sidewalk expansions and stormwater improvements that would otherwise come from your taxes. Other items proposed will allow us to improve our current City Park, add additional parks, and supplement our Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments with much needed equipment for your safety. This is not an additional tax but a continuation of the existing sales tax that we have had for a number of years. Hopefully you will join me in voting YES for the upcoming SPLOST.

This last item is very concerning to me and I am asking for your help in resolving this issue. On August 30th our beloved safety officer at Harlem Middle School was hit by a vehicle. Officer Vega sustained nonlife-threatening injuries but they were life changing. I do not know the facts surrounding the "why" this happened but I have witnessed several careless acts of driving in our school zones—speeding, passing other vehicles in a school zone, using the turn lane to pass slower vehicles especially at our High and Middle schools, not stopping for the flashing lights on the buses. These actions are dangerous, foolish and will be costly if you are caught in violation of our school zone laws. I take the safety of our children very seriously and expect all of you do as well. Our population has grown tremendously which means the traffic on our streets has grown as well especially around our schools. Have patience and treat each other with the respect you wish to be treated with, but more importantly, remember there are precious children out and about trying to get to school and home again safely. Continued prayers for Officer Vega. I believe we live in a special City—one that is more like a family. May God continue to bless each of you.

Roxanne Whitaker, Harlem's Mayor



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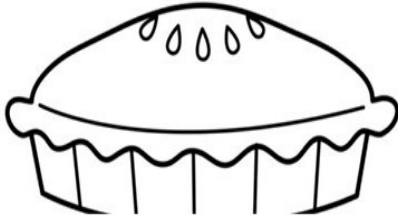
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"Whatever The Weather, Whatever the Season"

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.

Fall Festival

Harlem
Baptist
Church



Sunday, October 16th - 5pm to 7pm

Games, Food, Hay Ride, Pie Contests, and LOTS of Fun!!!

FREE!! Come get a slice!!

Harlem Senior Center

Come check out the Harlem Senior Center this month and see what all of the ghoulish fun is about!

Some activities we are having this month include:

Bingo, Fall Crafts, Exercise Classes and a Halloween Costume Contest!

You must be at least 55 years young to join. All activities are from 10 am—11 am with lunch served promptly afterward. For more information and how to sign up or if you are interested in volunteering please contact Sabrina Threet at 706-449-8400 email: sthreet@harlemga.org, or drop in.

Hours are Mon.—Thur. 9 am—1:30 pm

Location:

381 W. Church Street

Harlem

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GARBAGE SCHEDULE



For the Week of October 10th

Garbage and Recycle collection will be on normal schedule for the week of October 10th. They will be operating on Columbus Day.

October Events:

Oct. 1- 33rd Oliver Hardy Festival

Oct. 4 & 11-Augusta Locally Grown at the Civic Center

Oct. 13-Spooky to be Hungry (DeFoor Realty)

Oct. 15-Ladies Night Out -Harlem Merchants Assoc.

Oct. 18 & 25 -Augusta Locally Grown at the Civic Center

Oct. 27-Trick or Treat on Main

Oct. 31-Halloween

Further information please call the Museum @ 706-556-0401



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