



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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October 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

October 7

34th Annual Oliver Hardy Festival

October 9

City Offices Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

October 11

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

October 12

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

October 19

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

October 23

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**

It's finally here! The 34th Annual Oliver Hardy Festival! On October 7th, downtown Harlem will be turned into one of Columbia County's largest tourist attraction as we celebrate the jolly old man himself - Oliver Hardy. Our streets will be lined with food and craft vendors as people from all over the world, (yes, I said world) travel to be part of this special day. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. If you or your group are interested in being part of the parade, contact Meghan at the Museum. There is a concert planned starting at 7:00 pm in the Library Plaza. The featured band is Emerald Empire and they promise an exciting evening of great music to end our Oliver Hardy Party!

October 14th, Harlem High School will be the site of an international track and field event; the Dixie Games sponsored by Winkler Farms in Appling. The Dixie Games provide competitive sports and recreational activities for athletes with physical and visual disabilities. This year's events will start at 8:00 am. Please come out to support these amazing athletes.

Ladies, get ready for your own night out on the town! Ladies Night Out is October 21st from 5pm - 10 pm. There will be vendors ready to greet you in the Phillips Park next to the Harlem Pharmacy, and our businesses will open for you to enjoy refreshments and shop! Stop at one of the registration tables and get your passport for just \$10. You could win one of the amazing gift baskets to be given away at the end of the night. The band Whiskey Run will be set-up in the Library Plaza for your evening entertainment.

October 26th, join us downtown as we have Trick or Treat on Main and the Spooky to be Hungry fun and games. Merchants will be eagerly waiting to give out treats and candy to your little goblins. Defoor Realty, Main Street Treats, and Whitaker Electric will also host the annual Spooky to be Hungry carnival. We do ask you to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item to benefit our food bank. We look forward to seeing you there. Those driving through downtown, please be cautious of our little ones out having some early Halloween fun.

October 27th, the Piedmont Digital Mammography Mobile Unit will be in the Phillips Park. If you are in need of a mammogram, please call 706-774-4149 and schedule your appointment. Thank you, Harlem Pharmacy for arranging this very important service for the women of Harlem.

Halloween will be celebrated Tuesday, October 31st. Drivers be aware there will be lots of little trick or treaters out and about.

This is the time of year we start gearing up for holidays reflecting the blessings we have. Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry is asking for donations to help those who may be less fortunate. If you can, please help them give others a Happy Thanksgiving. They are accepting food and monetary donations to provide Thanksgiving dinners to families.

God bless you all,

Your Mayor

Roxanne Whitaker



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH - 9:00am - 4:00pm

34TH ANNUAL OLIVER HARDY FESTIVAL

DOWNTOWN HARLEM

OLIVER HARDY PARADE AT 10:00 am

FREE ADMISSION

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, VENDORS, AND LOTS OF FOOD

FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

LAND DISTURBANCE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:

There are a lot of federal and state laws that apply to building construction and yard projects. If you are planning to dig or disturb land on your property, please contact city hall to check to see if you'll need a permit to do so. In most cases, you will not need a permit, but it is better to be safe than sorry!

DIRT:

Harlem is growing and is also a wonderful place to live. Home-owners have backyard projects that result in a pile of dirt. What to do with it?

The State of Georgia has extraordinarily strong erosion and sedimentation control regulations. Just letting that pile of dirt sit in the back yard can impact your neighbor. Or worse, it is placed on nearby 'vacant' properties. Both could legally be considered trespassing.

To deal with a project that will leave you with a pile of dirt:

1. Call the city to ask about your specific situation.
2. Determine if the project will result in impacts upon your neighbors.
3. Determine the best method to remove extra dirt.

The city is available to discuss projects that involve moving dirt. The city has been contacted by residents that have muddy water coming onto their land. This ends up being a civil court case. City personnel are always available to talk about a project.

October Events:

Oct. 7th - 34th Annual Oliver Hardy Festival

Oct. 21st - HMA Ladies Night Out; 5p - 10p

Oct. 26th - HMA Trick or Treat on Main; 6p - 7p

- Spooky to be Hungry; 5p - 7p

Oct. 28th - Harlem Museum & Welcome Center Halloween Movie

"Coco"; Harlem Library Plaza starting @ sundown

Oct. 31st - Halloween

For further information please contact Meghan Foster at the Museum 706-556-0401.

NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLATION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-91 and §21-2-325, notice is hereby given that the City of Harlem General Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, is cancelled. The following candidates have qualified for office and are unopposed:

For the Office of Councilmember (2): Al Reeves (I)

Gregg Stokes (I)

The above unopposed candidates shall be deemed to have voted for himself/herself.

This is the 31st day of August, 2023.

Debra E. Moore

City Manager

City of Harlem

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

Garbage and Recycle collection will be on normal schedule for the week of October 9th. Coastal Waste will be operating on Regular schedule for Columbus Day.

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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