DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5
City Offices Closed for Labor Day

September 6
Planning & Zoning Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

September 8
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

September 14
Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting 9:00 a.m. at City Hall

September 22
City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

September 26
City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 1
Oliver Hardy Festival

* Meetings are held at the Public Safety Building unless otherwise noted
* All meetings are subject to change

HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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It’s Fall, y’all, and that means football season! This has to be my second favorite time of year! There is nothing like Friday Night Lights! Our middle and high schools are diligently working to have successful seasons. We even have some “little Dawgs” representing our city in Pop Warner. I hope you will take time to attend at least one game and support our children. And if you see one of the players proudly walking around donning their jersey, pat them on the back and wish them luck. We Are Harlem!

One September 7th from 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Harlem Baptist Church, a blood drive will be held in an effort to help with the severe blood shortage we are experiencing. A pint of blood could be a lifesaving treatment for someone undergoing surgery, chemotherapy, or other medical conditions. For every pint given, three lives can be saved. I hope you will join me in donating blood on this date.

September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Plaza, our own Ray Fulcher will be in concert. This concert is free but donations will be collected to help Harlem Middle School furnish and equip their future Outdoor Classroom. There will be food trucks on site. Ray will also have a few items for sale celebrating his successful music career. I hope you will join me in welcoming Ray home.

Our 33rd Oliver Hardy Festival is just around the corner. On October 1st, our streets will be lined with food and craft vendors and Laurel and Hardy fans from all over the world. There will be a special children’s section and maybe a few Princesses and Laurel and Hardy look-a-likes. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. with festival running all day. There will be entertainment by local musicians throughout the day in the Plaza and Laurel and Hardy movies running in our Museum. A special concert is planned following the festival—more information to come. If you or your organization are interested in participating in the parade, would like to join in the entertainment, or need more information, please contact Meghan at the Museum, (706) 556-0401.

I know we are four months away from Christmas but plans are being made for our Christmas Festival and Twilight Parade. If you are interested in being a vendor or a participant in the parade, please contact Meghan at the Museum.

October to December is Harlem’s busiest time of the year. In October, we have the Oliver Hardy Festival, Ladies Night Out, Trick or Treat on Main. In November, we will have a Christmas Open House in Downtown and Small Business Saturday. Our Small Business Saturday will have a “Football” theme since the Bulldogs or the University of Georgia will be taking those pesky Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech. We hope to have the ballgame showing in the Plaza and maybe a few other activities to help cheer on your favorite team. Are you team UGA or team Tech? Then in December, we have our Christmas Festival and Twilight Christmas Parade. Look for more details soon.

Our City offices will be closed September 5th in observance of Labor day.

God bless each of you and God bless Harlem,

Your Mayor,

Roxanne Whitaker
The 33rd Oliver Hardy Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 9am—4pm. The parade will begin at 10am. If you would like to participate in the parade, applications must be turned in by September 26th.

There will be arts and craft booths, food vendors, entertainment and more. On the Plaza lawn a stage will be set-up for local entertainment. A kids zone will be set up in front of City Hall. There will be Laurel and Hardy movies playing inside the theatre throughout the day. Come out and bring your family for a day full of food, fun, and laughter. Admission and most parking will be free. For further information please contact the Museum at (706) 556-0401 or email Meghan Foster at mfoster@harlemga.org.

The City of Harlem supports the mission of the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation by accepting donations of aluminum cans. Place your cans in a plastic bag and bring them to the bin located in the Public Safety Department parking lot. All proceeds go to the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation who provide assistance to families of burn patients being treated at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta.

Garbage and Recycle service will be on a one day delay. Coastal Waste will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 5th.