To my dear Harlem, I know everyone has had to make some changes in their lives, our routines are not what they were last month and we have more questions than answers. Many of you had great plans for Masters Week and Easter celebrations. God has called us to PAUSE - to put our norm on hold for an extended amount of time - maybe even find a new norm. Where some adjustments are simple, there are others that are equally as challenging. But WE ARE HARLEM - and we will survive to be better and stronger. During this PAUSE, I ask you to remember your neighbor who may be elderly or less fortunate than you; look out for our high school seniors who's entire year of school, the best year of their career, has been put on hold; for our teachers who are worried about their students and how they are going to understand their lessons, eat and even feel the love that only a teacher can give them; and look out for those who are not working and are worrying about their future.

I want to assure you that the City of Harlem will not cut your water off for late or unpaid water usage and no late fees will be assessed in April. Our Public Safety is actively working to ensure your safety and is available to meet your needs. Our trash and recycle service will continue. We are here for you and together we will soon be back to normal.

I challenge you, when you hear the train whistle, pray - pray for God to rid us of this virus that has stagnated our country, for those affected by the virus, for our Public Safety officers and our healthcare workers. And then PAUSE and thank God for HE is good even in these mysterious times.

Be vigilant in your hand washing and rediscover your family during this PAUSE.

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor
CITY OF HARLEM OFFICES AND BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED UNTIL MARCH 29 DUE TO THE CURRENT HEALTH SITUATION. ANY UPDATES WILL BE POSTED TO THE CITY WEBSITE - HARLEMGA.ORG AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - CITY OF HARLEM, GEORGIA@HARLEMGA.

A Message from Councilmember Al Reeves
If any of our citizens are unable or afraid to go to their local pharmacy for medications or to the grocery store for essentials, I will be more than happy to go for you, at no charge. Please contact me at (706) 466-1998. Stay safe and shop local.

“SOUND THE ALARM - SAVE A LIFE”

The Harlem Fire Department and the American Red Cross are partnering for the “Sound the Alarm - Save a Life” event in our city. On Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., we will be visiting homes (hopefully yours) for the purpose of sharing fire safety with you and at that time, installing smoke alarms should you have a need. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact the Harlem Fire Department by calling (706) 556-6262, email to rsmith@harlemga.org, or by message to the Harlem Fire Department Facebook page. PLEASE include your name, street address and contact telephone number in your message. The alarms are being provided by the American Red Cross and there is no cost to the homeowner. We would rather visit you on May 2nd than to get a 911 call, where you’re reporting to us that your house is on fire.

The Harlem United Methodist Church presents “A Night of Darkness” Good Friday choir cantata on April 10th, 7:00 p.m., at 115 West Milledgeville Road in Harlem.

Come join the Harlem United Methodist Church and the Harlem Baptist Church for a combined Easter Sunrise Service on April 12th at 7:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Yard Sale
Come out to the biannual Cornerstone Creek Neighborhood Yard Sale
April 25 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
See you there!

PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENTS POSTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS HEALTH SITUATION. YOU MAY CONSIDER CHECKING THEIR INDIVIDUAL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES.

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