



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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August 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

August 12

Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting
9:30 a.m.

August 13

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

August 20

City Council Work Session
7:00 p.m.

August 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

Thank you to the citizens of Harlem! I know it has been a trying several months with many unexpected things occurring - things that many of us have never experienced and hope to never experience again. Many of you have been an inspiration during these times of uncertainty. Who would have thought that the year 2020 would have so many new "opportunities" to "explore"? From the Covid virus that is still affecting our normalcy, to a sand storm from the Sahara Desert affecting our air quality, to algae from the lake affecting our drinking water - thank you for your patience and understanding. I assure you, we are doing everything possible to get back to something that symbolizes "normal". With school restarting, I am sure there are many questions and concerns, and I assure you Dr. Carraway and her staff will do what is best for all of the students, faculty and staff that plan to attend a Columbia County school. I do encourage you to practice safe distancing, wear your mask, but the most important thing is to frequently wash your hands vigorously with soap and warm water for a minimum of 30 seconds. If you are a senior citizen or have serious health issues, shelter in place when at all possible. Check on your neighbor, especially if they are sheltering in place. I believe God has given us the opportunity to be better - I hope you have taken the opportunity to do just that. We all could use a smile every now and then.

Plans are underway for our annual Oliver Hardy Festival on October 3rd. If you or someone you know wishes to be a vendor, please contact Andrew McMahan at the museum or visit the Oliver Hardy Festival informational tab on our city's website for an application.

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Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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Burn permits are required during non burn ban months. Call 1-877-OK2-BURN or your local Georgia Forestry Office for more information.

Do not burn man made materials (EVEN IN A BARREL) such as household garbage, tires, shingles, plastics, or lumber at any time - it's against the law.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are pleased to offer several options when paying your utility bill. We have an on-line payment option that you can either set up an account for or make one-time payments. To do either, you must have your account number and the prior month's payment amount (minus any fees). If you choose to set up an account, you will not need to use this information each month as you will be setting up a username and password. Please visit our website at www.harlemga.org, choose "Pay My Bill" and follow the instructions provided. You have the option to pay by debit/credit card or by e-check. You can also set up automatic payments using your credit card through your on-line account. There is a third-party merchant processing fee for on-line payments.

The City takes the following forms of payment when paying at City Hall: cash, checks, money orders, and debit/credit cards. There is a night drop available, located in the drive thru, for after hours payments. Please include your remittance stub when making a payment in the night drop - an envelope is provided with your monthly billing.

We also offer Automatic Draft. Once a month on the 15th, the City will automatically draft your bank account. With this feature, payment is applied to your account and you avoid having any penalties applied to your account. Stop by City Hall and complete the application. We will need a voided check or proof from your bank of your routing and account information. There is no fee for this service.



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