



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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December 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December 3

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### December 11

Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting 9:30 a.m. at City Hall

### December 12

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### December 16

Budget Hearing 6:00 p.m.

### December 19

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

### December 23

City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### December 24 & 25

City Offices Closed—Christmas Holiday

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

\* All meetings are subject to change

**It's the most wonderful time of year!** Christmas is fast approaching and we are turning Harlem into a very festive little town! Several dates to remember: our twilight Christmas parade is scheduled for December 7th starting at 5:30. This is our first ever twilight parade and I hope you are as excited as I am! If you, your church, neighbors, civic group or school would like to have a float, golf cart, vehicle or just want to walk in the parade, please contact Andrew at the museum. Following the parade, we will light the City tree followed by a Christmas movie being shown in our plaza - bring your blankets and chairs. And if your child would like to have breakfast with the jolly old elf himself, Red Oak is taking reservations for Breakfast with Santa to be held December 7th. This is going to be a spectacular day!

Our Arts Council is having a Christmas Open House every weekend in December. Drop in and find that one-of-a-kind Christmas present or a nice little piece of art work for yourself. Do not forget to stop in to our museum for unique gifts that can only be found in Harlem. Our businesses downtown are also busy stocking their stores with one of a kind gifts and decorations.

Toys for Tots has placed a drop-off bin at our Public Safety office. Please drop off your new, unwrapped gifts for needy children in Harlem.

Speaking of Christmas and Christmas lights, if you see a house or a display you would like for others to see, please send pictures to the City Facebook page - City of Harlem, Georgia. I love to see Christmas lights and I am sure there are others, especially shut-ins, who would love to see the various displays throughout our City. We have a beautiful City so just imagine her beauty illuminated with Christmas lights!

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and may you and your family have a blessed New Year!

God bless Harlem!

Roxanne Whitaker, Your Mayor

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*The City of Harlem Mayor, Council and Employees  
Would Like to Wish Everyone a  
**Merry Christmas***

**CHRISTMAS  
IN HARLEM**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

**PARADE**  
530P

**TREE LIGHTING**  
700P

**MOVIE ON LAWN**  
730P

CALL 706-556-0401 FOR INFORMATION

On your behalf, the City of Harlem is consistently hiring quality professionals to help mitigate the current and anticipated growth in the area. Code compliance personnel are diligently focusing on and improving community appearance by working with citizens and property owners to improve and maintain property aesthetics and value. This is attained through enforcement of building and property maintenance codes. It is important for a community to appear clean, well kept, and generally clear of public nuisances, eyesores, and unhealthy conditions. The appearance of a community weighs heavily in the decisions of prospective residents and businesses in locating to a particular area. A clean, safe, and well kept community can stabilize or increase property values, provide a healthy environment, and make citizens proud of the area in which they live. Accordingly, a community needs a set of regulations to keep the area clean, remove unsightly conditions, and prevent unhealthy and unsafe situations from occurring. The purpose and intent is to encourage a clean, healthy, and satisfying environment; one free of nuisances, eyesores, and unhealthy, unsafe, or devaluating conditions. Storing, collecting, or scattering any garbage, junk, trash, refuse, abandoned property, or abandoned (non-operating) vehicles that are unsightly, unhealthy or hazardous are prohibited. This includes (but is not limited to) unsheltered storage of pipe, lumber, wire, brick, discarded appliances, machinery, furniture, piles of dirt, gravel or other like substances, or any unsanitary items attracting flies, insects, rodents, vermin, or other animals. Please review the City of Harlem Code of Ordinances, located on our website, to know and understand what constitutes a nuisance and can or cannot be stored on your property.

Harlem United Methodist Church will have their Christmas Cantata "Everlasting Light" on Sunday evening, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Fellowship and refreshments after the service.

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