



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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February 2021

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **February 2**

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **February 10**

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

### **February 11**

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

### **February 15**

City Offices Closed - President's Day

### **February 18**

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

### **February 22**

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**

I hope by the time you read this most of our road construction at the traffic light and through a small part of downtown will be coming to an end and everyone is pleased with the changes which were made in hopes to alleviate traffic and safety issues especially around Verdery Street. With that said, I cannot reiterate enough the need to be cautious in and around our downtown area. We want people to be out and about safely in our downtown area and it is a state law that all vehicles must stop for pedestrians in designated crossways.

Our Merchants Association (HMA) is planning a Window Decorating Contest for our businesses along the downtown corridor. I cannot wait to see their creativity to help celebrate Valentine's Day. Speaking of Valentine's Day, what a perfect date night-dinner in one of our restaurants followed by ice cream or even your favorite caffeinated beverage! Or maybe you need a special gift for that special someone in your life- check out our downtown shops! Our HMA is busy planning several events for the year including our Shamrock Rock n Roll with our golf cart parade in March. Decorate your golf cart and come join in the fun as we celebrate being Irish for the day.

I would like to end this with an introduction to our new City Manager. Debra Moore really needs no introduction because she has been the anchor of our City Hall for a number of years. She has been a resident of Harlem since elementary school and remained here following her graduation. She raised her family here and continues to call Harlem her home. After working for Ron Gurley and Gurley's Enterprises for many years, Debbie joined our city staff and has been with us for 21 years, 18 of those years as City Clerk. Debra knows how the City business works, she is trustworthy, respected by those she works with and honest, but more importantly, she loves Harlem. I hope you will stop by City Hall and welcome her to her "new job". And I hope you will agree with me in saying that we have found the perfect Manager to guide Harlem.

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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### CONTROL AND REMOVAL OF ANIMAL WASTES

Per Code Sec. 6-15. - Control and removal of animal wastes.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to refuse or fail to immediately remove any feces deposited by such animal upon public sidewalks, public streets, public parks or other public property in the City of Harlem, or upon any private property within the City of Harlem not under the exclusive use and control of said owner or keeper.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit such animal to defecate or urinate upon any private property except that upon which he or she resides or owns unless he or she has the permission of the owner of such other private property.
- (c) *Exemptions.* Feral cat colony caretakers are exempt from the requirements of this section.

Please remember when walking your pets or they are running around to be prepared to clean up behind them when they leave their waste on public or private property. Thank you!

### Payment Options for Utility Accounts

The City offers several different options for payment of your utility accounts in order to avoid late penalties:

- ◆ Automatic Draft set up through the City—payment is drafted from your bank account on the 15th of the month. All that is required for set-up is the completion of the application and a voided check. There is no fee for this service.
- ◆ Automatic Draft set up through your on-line Account— visit the City website at [www.harlemga.org](http://www.harlemga.org) and choose the “Pay My Bill” tab to set up your account. You will need your account number and the amount of your last payment (for verification purposes). You choose the date for the payment, but it must be by the 15th before 5:00 p.m. You can have this drafted from your bank account or a credit card. There is a fee for this service charged by the third party vendor.

Payments may be made at City Hall via cash, check, money order or debit/credit card but must be made before 5:00 p.m. on the 15th to avoid the penalty. Payments that are sent thru the mail are keyed the day we receive them. If we do not receive them until after the 15th, the accounts will have been assessed the penalty.

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