2019 has started off quickly and we have been very busy around City Hall. As you may know, Chief Meadows has accepted another position with our City. He will become one of our Code Enforcers once a Police Chief is named. Even though this is only a change in jobs, I’d like to thank you, Chief Meadows, for your years of service to our City. I ask each of our citizens to pray as we begin the selection for the best chief for our City. As we grow, we will need a chief that will not only meet the needs of those who currently reside here in Harlem, but those who will be newcomers either by annexation or by relocation. We will need a chief that will be able to respond to the pressures of a rapidly growing community and grow a public safety department that will be strong and dedicated to the community.

One addition that we will be making to our staff is a Tourism Coordinator who will work in conjunction with our Merchants Association to provide fun and entertaining activities in our downtown area while promoting our Museum and other attractions. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that are planned. You may be surprised at how much fun you and your family can have without going out of the City.

There are some exciting adventures in our horizon—the renovations to our Pharmacy and our new Museum are vigorously underway, we have a new sandwich shop that should be opening soon in the Masonic Building, a new furniture shop is opening next to Southern Branches, and an additional bank will be breaking ground soon at the old car wash site. The City has also received some money to make the old police station grounds a small park with benches. I am sure all of these new businesses, along with our old ones, would appreciate your business.

Thank you for being and supporting Harlem,

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HARLEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

All Harlem residents, be aware of how you park on the street in front of your home. When two vehicles are parked directly across from each other it is very difficult for emergency vehicles to pass between them.

Thank you,

Chief Tripp Lonergan

Pioneer Garden Club

The Pioneer Garden Club will meet at the Harlem Civic Center, located at 375 N. Louisville Street, on February 19th at 4:00 p.m. The Program for February will be “Promoting Native Plants in our Gardens”. Visitors are always welcome.

Harlem Arts Council and the Harlem Fire and Rescue will provide two American Heart Association CPR/AED classes. Enroll and pay for classes at www.harlemarts council.org. Both taught by Robert Holland and John Thigpen. Both classes held at the Public Safety Building, 110 W. Milledgeville Road, Harlem. E card certification after class completion. Instruction booklets at Harlem Fire Department—see Robert Smith. Both classes cost $35 each. Saturday, February 23rd, Heart Saver — a basic knowledge class which uses video and hands on instruction teaching resuscitating of adults, children and infants. 8 am-12 depending on class size. Saturday, March 2nd, Healthcare Provider—more advanced course also covering advanced methods of resuscitation for adults, children and infants. 8 am-4 pm depending on class size.