



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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February 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12

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

February 17

City Offices Closed - Presidents' Day

February 20

City Council Work Session
7:00 p.m.

February 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

I recently read last February's newsletter just to see how far we have come in a year - this time last year, it seemed like we were renovating the entire downtown and wondering what to do with the site of the old police station. And look at us now! Our pharmacy has been an added blessing for our medical needs; our museum/theatre has been a big success, reminding us of Oliver Hardy's and Stan Laurel's entertainment successes as well as offering a peek into Harlem's past; Yoder's Dairy Barn and Harlem Family Dental both booming; the site of the old police station has become a very popular hangout for ice cream lovers of all ages; and MC Furniture has some of the top of the line furniture offerings. Each of these businesses has added to the charm and beauty of our downtown area. We have also made some tremendous strides in our Public Safety Departments - we have upgraded emergency equipment for our firemen; we have stepped up our night patrolling of our businesses; upgraded our patrol vehicles as well as added a canine unit to our police force. On the outskirts of Harlem, we are getting a veterinarian facility which should be open early spring. We are trying to provide the services needed to meet our growing population needs right here in our hometown.

As this year progresses, our Merchants Association along with our event coordinator have some wonderful opportunities for you and your family. Our Friday night movies will continue at our museum and I even hear Yoder's has popcorn! We also have many organizations that are looking for people like you to help them out - the Woman's Club, Harlem Arts Council, and Attic Treasures just to name a few. These three organizations work tirelessly to provide for many needs throughout our city and schools and they are always looking for abled body and eager workers to join them.

Just a reminder, we have reinstalled the basketball goals at the City Park. I would like to remind everyone who utilizes our park that this is a family friendly park. Vulgar and obscene language and/or gestures or fighting will not be tolerated. If you see or hear anyone abusing their privilege to utilize the park, please call the police department as soon as possible. Do not ruin the park for others.

I pray your 2020 has been nothing but good and that each day is better than yesterday.

God bless Harlem,

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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RECYCLE YOUR CANS

Place your aluminum cans in a plastic trash bag and bring them to the bin located in the Harlem Public Safety Building parking lot. All proceeds go to support the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation who provide assistance to families of burn patients at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta. Please do your part to help those in need!

A Message from the Community Development Department:

A city ordinance is a type of authoritative law, rule, or regulation made by a city government. Most ordinances are enacted by a City Council and set rules regarding issues such as fire prevention, business regulations, environmental protection, what codes are adopted to be enforced, littering, recycling, garbage removal, typical offenses, nuisances, parking, treatment of public areas, and animal control.

Ordinances are continuously being evaluated and updated. The following have recently been updated:

Chapter 6 - ANIMALS, Article II - Duties and Prohibitions Relating to Control of Animals, Section 6-1-2 - Keeping domestic animals under control. (b) It shall be unlawful for any owner of a domestic animal to chain, tie, fasten or otherwise tether the animal to dog houses, trees, fences, vehicles or other stationary objects as a means of confinement except that the animal be temporarily confined by a tether while attended by its owner.

Chapter 16 - NUISANCES, Article II - General Nuisances, Section 16-30 - Obstruction of Public Street, Highway, or Sidewalk. It shall be unlawful and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person to obstruct a public street, highway or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the City of Harlem. All requests for such permits shall indicate the need for such obstruction, the period of such obstruction, and how access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be maintained.

If a person fails to comply with an ordinance, an offending person will receive warnings before penalties assessed, up to and including court appearances and fines. The Code Official investigates all complaints and responds accordingly. Please feel free to review the City of Harlem ordinances from our website.



The City of Harlem and Starling-Evans Funeral Home continues to collect gently used cellular phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers on-going program. Cell Phones for Soldiers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing cost-free communication services to active duty military members and veterans. Funds raised from the recycling of cellular phones are used to purchase pre-paid calling cards. You may drop off your old cell phones at Starling-Evans Funeral Home or at City Hall. For more information you may visit their website at www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

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