

HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1

City Offices Closed -New Year's Day

January 5

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

January 13

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

January 14

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

January 18

City Offices Closed -Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 21

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

January 25

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

Happy 2021! If you are like me, I am sure you are glad to see 2020 come to an end! It has been a challenging year and for many the losses are too great to count. Our prayers continue for those who have lost loved ones and jobs during this pandemic. Continue to pray for our health and wellbeing as we begin a new year. I urge everyone to remain diligent in this fight to end COVID so we can get back to our normal lives.

Let's start 2021 off right. There are some traffic issues that need addressing. First, stop signs and speed limits - these are here for the protection of those who travel our roads either by foot or vehicle. Stop signs and speed limits are not suggestions - they are a must and our Public Safety will be watching the most abused areas and issuing citations to violators. School Zones - I cannot stress this enough - these areas are posted to protect our most valuable asset - our children. Speeders, foolish driving and ignoring a stopped bus with its lights flashing will also get you a citation. Pedestrian Crosswalks - you must stop for those wishing to cross our downtown street - not only is this a state law to stop for pedestrians in these crosswalks, but a courtesy. Please do what is right to protect our citizens and to save you money.

Some updates: You may have noticed the work going on at the traffic light. The GDOT is making a turn lane on the North side of the traffic light for those wishing to turn left (towards Augusta). GDOT is also constructing another crosswalk at the library. Our City is also working with GDOT on the final plans of the proposed golf cart path to connect the south side to our downtown area. There are still a few details to work out, but we are working diligently to ensure we have the safest route for those on golf carts.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support our businesses. We were fortunate that none of our businesses closed during this pandemic. This is a sign that our businesses are committed to Harlem - to you! I think we ended the year with some awesome, festive events and I look forward to many more exciting events this year.

God bless you all and Happy 2021!

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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NOTICE TO THE DRIVING PUBLIC

Please be aware that the City of Harlem has installed two new "Stop Signs" on S. Bell Street. One sign is located at the intersection of S. Bell/Keener Street traveling south and the other is located at the intersection of S. Bell/Keener Street traveling north. This is in conjunction with the change of the portion of Keener Street that is now a one-way street from the intersection of Keener Street and S. Bell Street to the intersection of Keener Street and S. Hatcher Street. This is the section that runs along the side of the Harlem Memorial Cemetery. You can no longer make a left turn onto Keener Street from S. Hatcher Street. The section of Keener Street that runs between S. Bell Street and S. Louisville Street is still a two-way street. Please be aware of all of the new road signage and new directions in this area. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Thank you!



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