Happy New Year! 2019 will be one of great happenings in and around Harlem as new businesses and residents relocate to our fair City. Hardee’s and Club Car are just two new additions to our area and we will be welcoming a new pharmacy soon. The renovations to the Columbia Theatre are starting up with a completion date of sometime mid-year. Once these are complete, we will be moving our Laurel & Hardy Museum to this location, freeing up its existing home for a potential restaurant. The renovations to the old Masonic Lodge are complete and we have potential tenants for both the condos and the stores. These are some exciting times for Harlem! We are in the process of changing who we have pick up our solid waste and we are excited about this opportunity. Please have patience as we make the transition with Meridian Waste. Over the next several days, if they have not already, your current solid waste bins will be replaced with new ones with the Harlem logo on them. As we enter 2019, let us focus on ways to make Harlem the best City we can be. Be involved in the activities that are taking place in and around Harlem, look out for your “neighbor” and shop locally. When outside businesses see how our current businesses are thriving, they will want to come here for the same support.

As school starts back up after Christmas break, I’d like to remind you of some safety rules—please remember to adhere to the speed limits within our school zones. No one likes to give or receive a speeding ticket on a cold wintry morning. Also, remember those flashing lights on the school buses are not left over Christmas lights—they mean STOP! Your careless driving can lead to a serious accident. Be considerate of those who are directing traffic in these areas.

There is nothing greater than Small Town Pride and there’s a lot of pride here in Harlem. Remember, Harlem is you!

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor
Usually, thinking of your pool in January is not high on the list. But this is a wonderful time to start working towards maintenance so that Harlem is not subject to mosquitos next Spring and Summer. Also, now is a good time to buy any items needed to secure your pool so that small children cannot get into it. The City of Harlem will be working to enforce the state’s swimming pool code so that we can have a safer community.

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 and have a Happy New Year.

Chief Tripp Lonergan