



# HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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January 2020

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January 1

City Offices Closed -  
New Year's Day

### January 8

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

### January 20

City Offices Closed -  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### January 23

City Council  
Work Session  
7:00 p.m.

### January 27

City Council  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

### January 30

Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
6:30 p.m.

\* Meetings are held at the  
Public Safety Building  
unless otherwise noted

\* All meetings are  
subject to change

Happy New Year! Before I give you my expectations of 2020, I'd like to reflect back on 2019 and the tremendous things that happened in Harlem. We added several new businesses - Harlem Pharmacy, Yoder's Dairy Barn, Harlem Family Dental, and MC Furniture. Thank you for making your business home in Harlem. Our Laurel and Hardy Museum moved to the Columbia Theatre. Our Merchants Association added a new event to their long line of successful events - Mimosas on Main was held in April in conjunction with our Blooming Arts Festival which has expanded to two days. We hired Andrew McMahon as our Events Coordinator and Visitor Center Director and he hit the ground planning! Our summer was filled with movies under the stars. Our 31st Oliver Hardy Festival entertained thousands from around the world and we had our very first twilight Christmas parade and it was spectacular! To everyone participating in planning these events a huge "THANK YOU". These events are only possible because of you. If you have some ideas or would like to join one of our planning groups, call the Museum and we can get you connected to the right person.

2020 looks to be one of great promise. We will continue to see growth as more and more people are seeking a quieter, safer lifestyle. Harlem will be celebrating her 150th birthday and plans for a grand birthday party in her honor are already in the making. The Census is also taking place and I urge every household to participate. It is so important that everyone within our city participate so we can receive a fair share of the funds to continue to provide the protection and lifestyle that is found in our charming small city. I pray 2020 will be filled with laughter and prosperity for you and your family.

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Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. As we start 2020, I hope and pray you all have the very best year of your lives! If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at (706) 466-1998. GOD BLESS!

Al Reeves, Councilmember

## Harlem Memorial Cemetery Committee

Harlem Memorial Cemetery Committee will hold a General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held upstairs at the Harlem Branch Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### A Message from the Community Development Department:

The appearance of a community weighs heavily in the decisions of prospective residents and businesses in locating to a particular area. A clean, safe, and well-kept community can stabilize or increase property values, provide a healthy environment, and make citizens proud of the area in which they live. With the consistent growth in the area and diminishing vacant property to build on, developers are maximizing the footprint of each structure and building as close to set backs and lot lines as allowable. This gives way to congestion issues when residential garages are used for storage instead of parking of vehicles and residents' driveways become over full causing parking in the street. Parking vehicles on the street in front of a residence is not only potentially dangerous but it creates difficulty in maneuvering high profile vehicles (buses, emergency services vehicles, delivery vans) on the roadway and aesthetically decreases the value of the community, otherwise diminishing the pride and well-kept community "feel" to the residents. Parking trailers, recreational vehicles, spare vehicles and the like in the front yards in plain view gives the community a congested, un-kept appearance, thus causing a lack of pride community wide. Likewise, leaving refuse and recycling cans at the roadside - either in the roadway or on the sidewalks - after pick up has the same affect, giving a congested, unhealthy and un-kept appearance to our community, possibly being a negative deciding factor of prospective residents and businesses.

You can make a difference! Be the change you want to see in your community.

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