



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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July 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 5

City Offices Closed for Independence Day

July 6

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

July 8

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

July 14

Urban Redevelopment Agency meeting 9:30 a.m. City Hall

July 19th

Property Tax Hearing 6:00 p.m.

July 22

Property Tax Hearing 7:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

July 26

Property Tax Hearing 7:00 p.m.
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**

By now, you have heard or read there will be some changes in our Water/Sewer Services. Effective in July, Columbia County Water and Sewer will be providing all maintenance and upkeep of our current system and will be providing all expansion needed for the future. After reviewing the projected cost of the Waste Water Plant, your Council and I realized a project of this magnitude was a greater financial burden than what we were willing to place on our residents; therefore, we have entered a partnership with Columbia County Water/Waste Water Department to provide water and sewage to our residents. Columbia County has the necessary resources not only for an expansion in our growing area, but also for cost cutting by way of such a large system which should be reflected in your monthly statements. I would like to thank both Columbia County Chairman Duncan and County Administrator Johnson for working with the Council and myself in making this partnership possible. We are working to provide payment capabilities at our City Hall and we will keep you posted on all changes as they arise. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call or email City Hall. This is a work in progress so your patience is appreciated as all the intricate details are worked out.

Happy Fourth of July! As we celebrate our Nation's 245th birthday, I hope you will pause and reflect on how fortunate we are to have the freedoms we sometimes take for granted. We are surrounded by opportunities to show how proud we are to be an American because of those who have gone before us, protecting us from harm. Please remember to secure your pets as I am sure there will be some celebrations featuring fireworks. Our noise ordinance is in effect so please abide by the times designated for these celebrations. Lastly, have fun but be careful.

God Bless America,

Your Mayor, Roxanne Whitaker

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MOSQUITOS!!

Now is the time to make sure you are NOT “Growing your own Mosquitos!” Areas that property owners need to address are gutters, standing water in pots and containers, swimming pools, tarps, old tires, high grass, etc.

Best management practices are to walk around your yard every so often and empty any containers that hold water. It doesn't take but a small amount of water to allow mosquitos to breed.

Please be proactive in this fight against what looks like to be a tough year for mosquitos!

Christmas in July

Baby it's COLD outside! Okay, not really, but the Harlem Woman's Club members are getting ready for a big chill because we are celebrating Christmas in July. Do you have a friend, age 60+, who could use a little Christmas? Maybe a new sweater, a book, tea and cookies along with a visit...

This is your chance to play Santa Claus! Between now and July 16, you may pick up a form at City Hall, the Library, the Harlem Senior Center or the Bessie Thomas Senior Center. This form will ask basic questions about the person who you would like to receive a gift. (All information will be kept confidential). Return the form to where you picked it up and watch the elves go to work!

Please help the Harlem Woman's Club make this July special for that deserving someone. It all depends on you!

FAMILY HISTORY NIGHT AT THE HARLEM LIBRARY—1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 6:00 PM—7:30 PM. LEARN HOW TO GET STARTED WITH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY OR HELP OTHERS TO LEARN THE PROCESS. COME JOIN US!

**ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN JULY
5:30 pm—8:30 pm
(Dinner starts @ 5:15)
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