



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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November 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

November 11

City Offices Closed - Veterans Day

November 13

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

November 21

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

November 25

City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 28 & 29

City Offices Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

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

* All meetings are subject to change

Happy Thanksgiving Month! We all have so much to be thankful for. I am especially grateful for our small city and all the wonderful men and women who work to ensure we have the best and safest city anywhere. From City Hall to the Police and Fire Departments and our hard working Public Works Department, you won't find a better group of men and women. Another thing I am grateful for is the freedom to vote. On November 5th, all registered voters residing within the city have the opportunity to vote for two City Council seats. Please note, we now have three places to vote and you should have received information in the mail informing you of the location of your voting precinct. If you have any questions about your voting precinct, you can visit <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov>. I hope you will take time out of your busy schedule to visit the polls and vote. I also encourage you to attend our City Council meetings. The meeting dates and times can be found on the city website, www.harlemga.org.

The City and the Merchants Association have planned a special Christmas event this year featuring a twilight Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th. We hope everyone will attend this special evening. Any organization, church or even individuals wanting to participate in the parade, please contact Andrew McMahan at amcmahan@harlemga.org. The more the merrier!

I love the holidays - decorating, spending lots of time with my family, eating lots of food - sometimes too much food. Unfortunately, the holidays are not so joyous for some. If you know someone who is alone, a shut-in, someone new in town or even someone who may be down on their luck, do something special for them - maybe invite them to Thanksgiving lunch. You will be blessed greater than you can imagine.

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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"Whatever The Weather, Whatever The Season"

*The City of Harlem Mayor, Council and Employees Would Like to Wish Everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving*

ON-LINE PAYMENT SERVICE AVAILABLE NOW

We are pleased to announce that our on-line payment service is up and running. Please visit our website at www.harlemga.org and choose Pay My Bill and follow the instructions provided. There is a third party merchant processing fee for this service.

The City takes the following forms of payment when paying at City Hall: cash, checks, money orders, and debit/credit cards. There is a night drop, located in the drive thru, for after hours payments. When making a payment in the night drop, please include your remittance stub placed in the envelope provided with your monthly billing.

We also offer Automatic Draft. Once a month on the 15th, the City will automatically draft your bank account. With this feature, payment is applied to your account and you avoid having any penalties applied to your account. Stop by City Hall and complete the application. We will need a voided check or proof from your bank of your routing and account information. There is no fee for this service.

WHY ARE PERMITS REQUIRED?

Building codes and ordinances are enacted to ensure good, safe buildings. Permits are the vehicles which the local government uses to inspect all construction work as it progresses. Permits are required so that the city has the opportunity to review the plans and correct any inconsistencies with the city codes. Correcting issues after work is completed is more costly than correcting the mistake in the planning stage. Permits also allow the city to ensure safe construction and proper use of the structure.

Permits are the first step in the city's building approval process. Inspections are the second step. Inspections are required throughout the course of a project to ensure that material used meets city standards and that quality work has been performed. The contractor must request that the city perform the proper inspections at the proper stage of work. A final inspection is required before the city will release the contractor from liability. Property owners should not release the contractor from their contract until a final inspection has been conducted and all work has been approved.

Anyone who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, move, demolish, or change a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing (including lawn irrigation) system, shall first make application to the building department and obtain the required permit (not all permits have a cost).

Some of the permits we issue are for: new construction (including additions to existing) - accessory buildings - moving (buildings) - fencing - decks - pools - replacing HVAC units - replacement of electrical service - plumbing installations - lawn irrigation systems - new roof - demolition permits - yard sales.

HARLEM ARTS COUNCIL

Harlem Arts Council will be open every Saturday in November and the first three weeks of December. Please visit our new website at www.harlemartscouncil.org.

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A black and white photograph of a person in a white shirt, possibly a caregiver, interacting with an elderly person. The person in the white shirt is leaning over, and the elderly person is sitting up. The background is dark and out of focus.

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