Happy Fall y’all! This time of year we are normally getting ready for the Oliver Hardy Festival but due to COVID 19 we are finding ourselves without a festival this year. BUT . . . we are having an Artesian Festival sponsored by the Java House. There will be vendors selling their homemade and grown products and our downtown businesses will be open. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, contact Deb at the Java House. If you have not seen or heard about the Oliver Hardy t-shirt of the year, our very own Hannah Lewis has designed a COVID Stan and Ollie t-shirt and note cards. If you are interested in either of these items, please call the Museum.

This month is also Halloween! I have been asked if we are still having Trick or Treat throughout the city on October 31st and that answer is YES. If you leave your light on, you will have trick or treaters. Our Public Safety officers will again block off entrances to Shady Grove for the protection of our little ghosts and goblins. Parking will be in the public parking in the Attic Treasure’s parking lot or at the City Park. Please do not park along the Augusta Highway. Drive extra cautiously as our children will be out and about seeking out the best places for candy and treats.

Our city is in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan. Whether you live in our city or on the outskirts, your thoughts and opinions are extremely important as together we envision what our future looks like. Please see the next page for the community survey information.

As we prepare for the upcoming election in November, I ask you to pray for our country, our leaders and the election. May God grant us wisdom to elect Godly leaders and provide healing to our country.

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor
The 2021 Harlem Comprehensive Plan is the growth path for Harlem and the guiding document for the community’s projects for the next five years. A community survey is now available (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HarlemCP21) to gather citizens’ thoughts on the future of Harlem. With recent and projected growth due to downtown development and annexations, Harlem officials are facing important decisions. The City established a steering committee to guide this planning process and is working with the CSRA Regional Commission to develop the document. The final comprehensive plan will include community goals, a work program of activities, and information on economic development, broadband, housing, community facilities, cultural resources, and land use. Once the plan is drafted, there will be a second public hearing to receive final public comments.

Sanderlin Veterinary Hospital is hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 3rd from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Stop by to tour the new hospital and meet Dr. Lauren Sanderlin and her team! There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, desserts, raffles and lots of free stuff! Sanderlin Veterinary Hospital is located at 6482 Stanford Road and will open for business on Monday, October 5th.