



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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October 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

October 4

City Offices Closed - Festival Preparation

October 9

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

October 14

City Offices Closed—Columbus Day

October 15

Candidate Forum Harlem Branch Library 6:30 p.m.

October 28

City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 31

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 Fall Y'all! I hope you will have the opportunity to attend our 31st Oliver Hardy Festival and enjoy the many crafters and food vendors that will be coming into town. A big thank you to Andrew McMahan and the Oliver Hardy Festival Committee for hosting this great event. I think this festival gets bigger and better each year. In case you did not know - we are accepting donations for a life size statue of Ollie and Stan for our Museum. If you would like to donate, please contact the Museum.

Did you know there is an important city election to fill two Council seats on November 5th? To better inform you about each candidate, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Candidate Forum on October 15th at 6:30 in our Library Conference Room. I hope you will come and hear the vision of all our candidates so you can elect the best for our City.

Our Merchants' Association has been busy planning fun things all year and this month they have two fun adventures. Saturday, October 19th, is Ladies Night Out and on Thursday, October 24th, is Trick or Treat on Main. Thank you for the Merchants' vision and leadership in planning these events for our City.

I am frequently asked what makes Harlem so different from other small towns and I refer to a particular sign that use to stand where the IGA stands now. On the sign were these words - "If you lived in Harlem you would be home now". Growing up, I always thought that sign was silly - I still had a half mile to go before I got to my house. It wasn't until I went away to college that I realized what the sign truly meant. Harlem is HOME. I hope you get that sense wherever you go in our City and I hope you share that "home" feeling with our newcomers and our visitors. There is no place like home.

Remember, Halloween is Thursday, October 31st. Be ever mindful of our little "trick or treaters" out and about.

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - 9:00 TO 4:00
DOWNTOWN HARLEM**

**FREE ADMISSION - PARADE AT 10:00 AM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, VENDORS, AND LOTS OF FOOD**

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR VISITORS, PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE FESTIVAL AREA

CITY ELECTIONS

The City of Harlem will be conducting an election Tuesday, November 5, 2019 for two Council seats. The following is a listing of important dates and information in regards to this election:

October 14 - November 1: Early/Advance Voting - Building G3 (former Rhodes Murphy Building next to Zaxby's) at the Government Complex Center on Ronald Reagan Drive in Evans. Early/Advance Voting will be available Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be NO Saturday voting.

October 14 - November 1: Absentee Voting by Mail - Send a written request to the Columbia County Board of Elections, P.O. Box 919, Evans, GA 30809 to receive a ballot by mail. Please contact them at 706 868-3355 if you have any questions.

October 7: Voter Registration deadline to be eligible to vote in the November 5, 2019 General Election.

To be eligible to vote in this election, you must be a resident within the city limits of Harlem and also be registered to vote within the city limits of Harlem. If you need to verify your voter registration or polling place, please visit <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov>. If you are new to Harlem, please make sure to update your registration to reflect changes in your address. You can complete a change of address, register to vote (using your Georgia driver's license/state ID), view sample ballots, access absentee application forms, and print your precinct card thru this same website.

There are three polling places for the City of Harlem. They are: Columbia County Library Harlem Branch, the Harlem Senior Center and 2nd Mt. Moriah Church. Letters were sent to the residents that live within the city limits of any changes made to their polling place. The addition of the new polling places was due to the growth within the city limits of Harlem as well as the surrounding unincorporated area.

Bethesda Baptist Church will be having a Fall Festival on **Saturday, November 2**, from 2:00 to 6:00. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be games and prizes for ALL ages. 5793 Old Augusta Highway, Harlem. Call (706) 556-6818 for more information.

The Pioneer Garden Club
Congratulates

John & Nydree Campbell
110 Oliver Hardy Court

Outstanding Yard of the Season!

Cornerstone Creek Neighborhood Yard Sale
October 19, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We encourage all residents to participate.
Please purchase your permit at City Hall.

We are on Facebook: Cornerstone Creek – Harlem GA

Harlem Baptist Church Fall Festival

Sunday, October 20th
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Harlem Memorial Cemetery Committee is seeking volunteers to help with our Cemetery Clean-up Day on Saturday, October 26, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please come help keep our cemetery beautiful.

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