



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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September 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1

Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

September 7

City Offices Closed - Labor Day

September 9

Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting 9:30 a.m.

September 10

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

September 24

City Council Work Session 7:00 p.m.

September 28

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

Happy September, Fall and back to school! Just a reminder, we do have children who walk to school, ride bikes or stand at the bus stop real early in the morning. We also have areas of our town that are designated school zones, which means reduced speeds during school hours. Please be ever mindful of our children traveling to and from school. Speeding and/or reckless driving in our school zones will get you a ticket with a very hefty fine and possible community service. If you are in the North Harlem Elementary car line, please be respectful and not block the driveways of those who live along West Trippe or the access to North Hatcher and West Boundary. One lane needs to remain open for the residents to get in and out of their driveways and for emergency vehicles.

Here are some projects the City is currently working on: A turn lane will be installed on the north side at our traffic light in an effort to make this area more efficient and reduce the traffic. We are also awaiting bids for the Harlem walking trails that will extend from East 278 (across from the Feed and Seed) to the lower area of Phillips Acres. We are working with the GDOT to provide a safe golf cart route for all citizens, especially those on the south side of town. This will provide a route for crossing Highway 278 safely at assigned areas. We will also have a connector for Cornerstone. As you have noticed, GDOT has started working on the roundabouts at the interstate. This will affect those who commute to and from work via the interstate.

Our shops and restaurants are open - shop locally!

Roxanne Whitaker, your Mayor

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GOLF CART REGULATIONS

Motorized carts means those electric and gasoline-powered pleasure carts, commonly called golf carts. These are the **only** carts authorized for use in the city limits of Harlem. Below are some key points to know if you own and use a golf cart within the city limits:

- ◆ It shall be the duty of every owner of a motorized cart to **register** the cart with the city within ten business days of the date of purchase. Two numerical decals shall be issued upon registration and the cart number, along with the name and address of the owner, shall be maintained by the department of public safety. The decals must be affixed to the cart in such a manner as to be **fully visible** at all times.
- ◆ Those persons who are 16 years of age and older may drive a motorized cart and shall have their **driver's license in their immediate possession** at all times when operating a motorized cart.
- ◆ All operators of motorized carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic.
- ◆ Motorized carts shall **not** be operated on the sidewalks or pedestrian rights-of-way.
- ◆ Motorized carts may cross streets and highways, under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation, **only** at crossings or intersections designated for that purpose.
- ◆ Motorized carts may be operated during daylight hours (30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset) unless such motorized carts are equipped with functional headlights and taillights.
- ◆ It shall be unlawful for the owner of any motorized cart to operate or permit the operator of any such cart to drive over the streets or those areas accessible by the public in the city in violation of Sec. 24-45 of the City of Harlem Code of Ordinances.
- ◆ **Pedestrians shall be given due consideration and right-of-way** by operators of motorized carts. Every operator of a motorized cart shall be considerate of the safety and welfare of other users on the street.
- ◆ All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and its use, including **open container laws**, which apply to other traffic shall apply to operators and passengers of motorized carts.
- ◆ The registered owner of a motorized cart is liable for his actions and the actions of those they allow to use the motorized cart. Liability insurance varies, and each person operating a motorized cart should verify their coverage.

Georgia State Law proclaims that motorized carts are not allowed on state highways, which would include Louisville Street—Hwy 221 and Milledgeville Road—Hwy 278.



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