



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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February 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 11

Harlem Woman's
Club @ 7:00pm

February 15

City Offices Closed

February 15

Work Session @
6:30pm with Regular
Council Meeting to
immediately follow

February 20

Chili Challenge
9:00am-1:00pm

February 23

BINGO
7:00pm

@ Harlem Woman's
Club

Dear Citizens:

It won't be long before we will be getting 2010 Census packets in the mail. It is very important that they be filled out as accurately and timely as possible.

The data collected will be used by our Nation's leaders to help make vital decisions on behalf of all residents, including reapportionment and redistricting. Census data also affects how more than \$300 billion in federal funds are distributed to state and local governments each year. These funds are used for projects such as Road Rehabilitation and Construction, Title 1 Grants for Education, Head Start Programs, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Programs for the Elderly, and Emergency Food and Shelter.

Please fill out your census form, which has been reduced to 10 questions on 1 page from the 4 page form of years past. Households may expect a phone call or visit from a census worker if forms are not returned. Please cooperate with the census workers, as they are trying to help you and your community be counted.

All personal information will be held in the strictest of confidence by law.

Your Mayor,
Bobby Culpepper

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY 2010

The City of Harlem and the Pioneer Garden Club will be celebrating Arbor Day on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Harlem Library at 4:00 p.m. The Garden Club will be donating and planting a Dogwood Tree at the Library to add to the City's downtown streetscape project. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration. For more information, please call City Hall at (706) 556-0043.

Harlem has had the honor of being recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for three consecutive years because of our commitment to community forestry.

Dear Citizens:

The 2010 Census information will be coming out soon. I encourage you to fill out the form you receive and be counted. The accurate information is very important to the community.

The 2010 Council Committees have been appointed as follows:

Administrative Council Member John Thigpen, Chairman
 Mayor Bobby Culpepper, Vice-Chairman

Community Services Council Member Robin Root, Chairman
 Mayor Bobby Culpepper, Vice-Chairman

Public Safety Council Member Tom Blalock, Chairman
 Mayor Bobby Culpepper, Vice-Chairman

Public Works Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph Dixon, Chairman
 Mayor Bobby Culpepper, Vice-Chairman

The City Council work sessions are held every third (3rd) Monday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The Regular Council Meetings immediately follow the work session.

Have a great month!

Jean R. Dove
City Manager

Thank you to Columbia County Community Connections for distributing toys and fruit to the needy this Christmas! And to the Augusta Masonic Lodge #677 for passing out oranges to ALL the children during the Christmas Parade!

Harlem Merchants Association

February 18th @ 8:00 a.m.

At the Acorn Restaurant

Please join us as we welcome a new year !

5th Annual Mayor's Chili Challenge

Join us on Saturday, February 20th, 9:00am to 1:00pm for the Annual Mayor's Chili Challenge. Call (706)556-0043 for an application and copy of the official rules. All contestants must furnish their own tables, tents, cookers and equipment needed. Teams are encouraged to decorate their space as they wish. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners and there will be a People's Choice award as well. Come join us for a lot of fun, live entertainment, and good cooking!

REMINDER TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Water bills are mailed by the last working day of the month and are due upon receipt. If you do not receive a bill by the 5th day of the month, contact City Hall. After the 20th day of the month, bills will be assessed a 10% penalty and those not paid by the 25th are subject to disconnection. Meters are reconnected upon receipt of full payment plus a \$50.00 reconnection fee.

2009 Citizen of The Year Award

The Harlem Woman's Club wishes to recognize an outstanding citizen for 2009. Please pick up a nomination form from Jean Dove at City Hall. The deadline for nominations is February 11th. The award will be announced at the March 12th Woman's Club meeting.