



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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January 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1
City Offices Closed

January 14
Harlem Woman's
Club @ 7:00pm

January 11
Work Session @
6:30pm with Regular
Council Meeting to
immediately follow

January 18
City Offices Closed

January 26
BINGO
7:00pm
@ Harlem Woman's
Club

Dear Citizens:

We have just finished our budget process here at the City and you will be glad to know that no services had to be cut. In fact, we are very proud of how we take care of your money.

Employees, managers and Council members have all worked to find equipment needed to continue services to our citizens at the best possible prices.

We were able to acquire supplies and equipment through a military surplus program. The only cost involved was shipping. We will be furnishing the new Senior Center with equipment and supplies that we received through a similar program. The estimated cost of the items was over \$80,000.00.

As we move into the new year I thought this information would enhance your view of our future in Harlem.

Happy New Year,

Your Mayor,

Bobby

ANNUAL MAYOR'S CHILI CHALLENGE

Everyone is invited to join us for a little friendly competition in the 5th Annual Mayor's Chili Challenge to be held on Saturday, February 20th, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please 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!

Dear Citizens:

The City Council recently adopted the 2010 Budget. The following budget was adopted for the year 2010:

Administrative Department	\$ 488,110
Museum/Festival	44,600
Public Safety	699,965
Streets and Drains	366,000
Garbage	195,000
Community Services	51,950
Water and Sewer	<u>1,268,500</u>
Total 2010 Budget	\$3,114,125

We will continue to look for cost saving measures for the City in order to provide the same level of services that you have received in the past. One of the ways that you as a citizen can help is to shop locally and in Columbia County. The sales tax you spend goes to the County with a percentage coming back to Harlem.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Jean R. Dove
City Manager

Harlem Library News

Jan. 13 - Organizational meeting for the Harlem Library Book Club @ 2:00 pm

Jan. 27- Young Adult Program: Reed Creek Presents Nocturnal Animals of Columbia County @ 5:00 pm

House of Refuge Bible Church

2118 Stoney Hill Road, Warrenton, GA
will be closed the month of January 2010 due to renovation.

North Harlem Elementary School needs your help!

Please donate your used ink cartridges and used cell phones to their recycling project. You'll be helping keep our community cleaner, protecting our environment, AND helping the school purchase additional ink cartridges and other items. For more information, contact Dealia Yancey at 705-556-5995 X 2030.

Please drop off cartridges and cell phones at North Harlem Elementary School or ETC. of Harlem.

The Pioneer Garden Club's

2009 Christmas Light Winners

Best Lighting - Steve & Melissa Brzozowski
120 Shady Grove Drive

Best Traditional - Allen Connor
465 W. Forrest Street

Best Commercial - Main Street Flowers
172 N. Louisville Street

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

DOG DAYS SALON

573 W. Milledgeville Road (706)556-1711

Now Open!

Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
and

Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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 12th. The award will be announced at the March 12th Woman's Club meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.