



HARLEM NEWSLETTER

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January 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2
City Offices Closed

January 12
Harlem Woman's Club @ 7:00pm

January 16
City Offices Closed

January 17
Pioneer Garden Club @ 4:00pm

*706-833-0692 for more info

January 23
Work Session @ 6:30pm with Regular Council Meeting to immediately follow

January 24
BINGO 7:00pm @ Harlem Woman's Club

Dear Citizens,

January is the time of year for regrets and resolutions. I'm no different, I have however, learned to keep my resolutions to myself. But I will, share one of my greatest regrets, or disappointments.

I have been mayor of Harlem for approximately three and one half years. In that time I have attempted to enlist help of the citizenry, to work with the city, to build an inventory of historical items reflecting our history. Harlem has a rich and wonderful history that we need to understand and preserve. We are losing portions of that every day as our older generations are passing away. Their families do not think of, or make an effort to, donate pictures and other items to the city for future preservation.

The city has a vault with space available for us to safely store these items. If we were able to preserve these treasures they would be available for future generations to appreciate and know the history of their community.

Please help us in this worthwhile endeavor. If you are not sure whether the items you possess are meaningful PLEASE bring them and let us decide.

Happy New Year,

Your Mayor,

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

RESIDENTIAL INSIDE-CITY RATES:	\$11.70 SENIOR RATE (60+)	\$14.50 REGULAR RATE		
RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE-CITY RATES:	\$17.85 REGULAR RATE			
COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER RATES:				
2YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$58.75	2X WEEK	\$117.50
4 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$75.20	2X WEEK	\$150.40
6 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$95.80	2X WEEK	\$191.60
8 YD DUMPSTER	1X WEEK	\$122.60	2X WEEK	\$245.20
8 YD COMPACTOR	1X WEEK	\$301.00	2X WEEK	\$602.00

** THIS INCREASE IS DUE TO A 3% INCREASE FROM ADVANCED DISPOSAL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012. **

Dear Community –

I hope you've all had a joyous holiday season. We have much to look forward to in the coming year. Here's a quick rundown of some of the major projects or programs that are planned for 2012 . . .

In late spring or early summer, our dedicated public safety staff and volunteers will move into their new buildings.

We'll begin participating in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing – a statewide program designed to identify and address housing issues in our community.

As recipients of \$200,000 in federal Transportation Enhancement funds, we'll begin work on a streetscape project that will likely involve additional sidewalks and an outdoor entertainment space.

We're also awaiting word on our trails grant application. If approved, that funding would enable us to construct a multi-use trail along Sandy Run Creek. Of course, we'll also continue working on some not-so-glamorous projects like addressing storm water drainage issues, making technology upgrades, rehabilitating our ground water storage tank, and planning for a waste-water treatment plant expansion.

I'll keep you posted throughout the year as we make progress on these and other items. If we can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to contact us. I wish you all a safe and prosperous new year.

Happy New Year!

Jason Rizner
City Manager

2011 Citizen of The Year Award

The Harlem Woman's Club wishes to recognize an outstanding citizen for 2011. If you would like to submit a citizen for consideration, please pick up a nomination form at City Hall. The deadline for nominations is February 11th. The award will be announced at the Woman's Club meeting on March 8th.

The Pioneer Garden Club's 2011 Christmas Decoration Contest Winners

Best Lighting - Steven & Melissa Brzozowski
120 Shady Grove Drive
Best Traditional - Brian & Ali Hippenstiel
405 N. Louisville Street
Best Commercial - Joe Jolley
172 N. Louisville Street

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace class will be offered again at Harlem United Methodist Church. The class will begin January 19, 2012. You may call one of the following numbers for information: 706-556-6885, 706-556-6880, or 706-833-4224.

THANK YOU!

Mr. Hayes and HHS students
for donating toys to those in
need this Holiday Season.....

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!