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SMALL TOWN! BIG VISION!

Lamar's Monthly Connection

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Lamar Town Hall, 117 West Main St., P.O. Box 267, Lamar, SC 29069

Business Office: 843-326-5551 Police Department: 843-326-5555



NEW HOURS

Town Office Hours

M – Th 9 am – 4:30 pm

Police Department Hours

M – F 8 am – 12 pm

1 pm – 5 pm

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

By Councilwoman Jessica Myers

One of Lamar’s oldest operating businesses, **PIGGLY WIGGLY**, owned by Warren Jeffords is being spotlighted in July.

The Piggly Wiggly was founded in Memphis, TN, 110 years ago in 1916. The brand has grown to over 500 independently owned franchises located across 18 states. In 1978, a group of people saw a need in Lamar for a large grocery store and Mr. Jeffords was one of them. Since then, he has been involved in all aspects of the store from management to ownership that he took six years ago. He is very proud that the store was able to stay open and fully stocked during COVID to take care of the residents of the Lamar area.

Today’s store is clean, bright, up-to-date, and it offers a wide selection of fresh meats, produce, dairy products, canned products, household products, and much more. Mr. Jeffords states, “If there is a product you cannot find in the store, please let the team know so they can try and get it.” The “Pig” employs 25 to 28 employees and has been a place for first jobs for generations of Lamartians.

Mr. Jeffords has been a lifelong resident of Lamar, graduating from LHS. He attended Belmont Abby College in Belmont, NC, and came back with his wife, Gay. They have been married 54 years. Mrs. Jeffords taught school in Lamar for 41 years. They have raised three daughters and are proud grandparents to six grandchildren.

Mr. Jeffords is a proud sponsor of Lamar’s many sports teams and organizations. In return, he appreciates the community for shopping at the Piggly Wiggly. Hours at 100 North Railroad Avenue are 7 am-8 pm. Follow the store on Facebook for weekly ads, specials, etc. If needed, c all 843-326-7117.

ARE YOU OPERATING YOUR GOLF CART LEGALLY?

Must be insured, permitted and registered with SCDMV

Driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license

Children under the age of 12 are required to wear a seat belt when the golf cart is being driven on public streets and highways

Operate on secondary highway or street where a posted speed limit is 35 mph or less*

Remain within 4 miles of the address listed on the registration certificate*

Operated during daylight hours only*

* Check local ordinances for additional clarifications and restrictions



SC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Lamar’s Municipal Budget 2026-2027			
Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2026-2027	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$1,026,620	\$1,012,000	-1.5%	81 Mills
Current Fiscal Year Expenditure	Projected Expenditures	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage
\$1,026,620	\$1,026,620	-1.5%	81 Mills
NOTE: The millage has not changed in several years.			
Estimated Millage Equals \$81 per \$1000 of Assessed Property Value			

Christmas in July

Prizes Donated by Small Businesses & Community Members

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\$5 per ticket

1 Winner drawn each day during July

Winning ticket will be removed



FIREWORKS ON MAIN



Sponsored by Lamar First Baptist Church

Friday, July 3, starting at 5 pm

Church parking lot

Contests, Hotdogs, Live Music, Fireworks

EVERYONE IS INVITED! EVERYTHING IS FREE!

BRING YOUR CHAIR AND CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY!

FIREWORKS BEGIN AT DARK!



- Independence Day – July 4
- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday, July 6
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – July 10
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm Town Hall – July 13
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – July 20
- Water Bill Due – July 20

WORTHY NOTES

++POST OFFICE PROVIDES
PASSPORTS M-F 9 – 12:30
Contact # 843-326-5211
Regular Hours M–F 9 – 1 2:30 – 4
Sat. – 9 – 10 am
^^Library hours M – Th - 10 – 7
Friday – 10 – 5
Sat. – 10 – 2
>>Anonymous Tips – Call
843-326-1449

LAMAR FUN DAY!
WEAR ORANGE!
FOOD • GAMES • MUSIC • FUN FOR ALL!
JULY 18, 2026
11-2
SPAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL
400 Cartersville Hwy
Lamar, SC 29069
REGISTER AT THE ENTRANCE!
STOP GUN VIOLENCE
WATERSLIDE! BOUNCE HOUSE! BINGO! FUN FOR EVERYONE!
BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES! SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY! McCULLUM PERFECT SCOOP FIZZILLANES

Public Works Supervisor

Lamar is proud to introduce the new Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Rond Graham. Mr. Graham started to work on June 1.
Please help the Public Works Department keep Lamar clean and tidy for visitors as well as for ourselves.
Welcome to our workforce, Mr. Graham.

New Life Empowerment Center



Presents
The 12 Colors of Mental Health
Women’s Brunch
Saturday, July 11, 2026
11am – 2 pm
Spaulding Middle School
Dr. Mary Timmons

Coordinator: Yolondis Peoples
843-861-9614

www.newlifeempowerment.com

Recreation Department

Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

BINGO: Tuesday, July 21, 10 am
Recreation Building

TRIP: Thursday, July 23
Fuller’s BBQ
Pembroke, NC
Leave from Recreation Building
at 9:30 am
COST: \$9 bus fee



From
The
Desk
Of The
Mayor



Mayor Inez Lee

Summer is here! Please, as we enter this summer, let’s be care of the extreme heat.

Lamar is experiencing exciting programs this summer. We have Bright Star Enrichment Summer Camp and a Summer Feeding Program with Director E. Pat Thomas and Rev. Dr. Ruby Thomas (Lamar native); Cobie Durant Camp (Lamar native—NFL); and Kingdom Community Services After School Care and Summer Camp located in Darlington.

These camps are directed by our very own giving back to the community. Our Annual Fun Day will take place once again this summer directed by Ms. Yolondis Peoples. These programs are planned to enhance children’s lives in many ways. I want to say a warm “THANK YOU” to ALL the sponsors, partners, and participants for a job well done.

The Lamar Football Field on Robinson Way is gearing up for action. We look forward to seeing what activities will take place.

I am asking ALL citizens to help keep Lamar as clean as possible. Put your trash in a trash bag, pick up trash on the ground near your trash can, tie your trash bag securely, and place your bag in the trash can, which is provided for you.

Main Street has trash cans available. These cans will be checked weekly.

Great things are coming to the Lamar area in the very near future by way of water infrastructure improvements. These improvements will be economically sound for businesses.

The Town of Lamar continues to be a beacon to our eyes. The newsletter, LAMAR’S MONTHLY CONNECTION, is now highlighting one of our businesses each month. I encourage you ALL to shop locally. You can buy groceries, clothes and anything in between.

As July 4, Independence Day, comes, stand with your Mayor as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America. July 4 is the annual federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776—thus, this year the 250th year. Citizens, let’s all CELEBRATE together.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 CLOSED
5	6 Knit Wits 5PM	7 SRLP 2PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 SRLP 2PM	15 Book Club 11am	16 Senior Social Movie Matinee 10:30am	17	18
19	20 Knit Wits 5PM	21 SRLP 2PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Stars and

SUMMER READING EVENTS:
July 7th-Professor Whizzpop’s Magic Show
July 14th-Diggery’s Dino Adventure
July 21st-Dino Tales w/ Bright St

Happy Birthday America!