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Lamar's Monthly Connection

JULY 2023

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



- Due on the 20th of the month.
- All "late" payments received after the due date will be assessed a 10% late fee.
- A \$50 reconnection fee must be paid before water service is restored to a disconnected residence for non-payment.
- Customers that tamper with water service equipment after it has been disconnected will be assessed a \$200 tampering fee.

*****If your water service is disconnected, your trash roll cart will be picked up.
 No water-No trash pickup.

If you need help, call the
 Darlington County
 Communication Action Agency
 at 843-332-1135 to apply.

TextMyGov

Skip a phone call and use your mobile phone's text messaging to find answers to your questions or report issues. Text "Hi" to the Town of Lamar at (843) 326-0266

EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR LAMAR

All Emergencies 911
Police Department 843-326-5555
Chief Carl Scott 843-639-3900
After Hours Non-Emergency 843-398-4920
Anonymous Tip Line 843-326-1449
Darlington County Sheriff's Office 843-398-4501

Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day

The fourth of July is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. Until this time, the United States was subject to the monarch of Britain. The Continental Congress declared the thirteen American colonies were now free, united, and independent states.

What are you planning to do to celebrate July 4, 2023? Most people associate the day with barbecues, picnics, baseball games, parades, and fireworks. The Lamar First Baptist Church, on West Main Street, invites Lamar and its neighbors to join together on Monday evening, July 3, starting at 5 pm to enjoy free food, music, activities, and an array of fireworks at dark.

Enjoy the Fourth of July holiday responsibly and safely.

LAMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING!



Full-time Non-certified Officers

Starting pay at \$33,540/yr with pay increase after successfully completing the SC Criminal Justice Academy

Full-time Certified Officers \$2000 Hiring Bonus

Certified Officers starting pay at \$41,366/yr based on experience and certifications

Employment Qualifications

- Must be a US Citizen
- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must have a valid SC Driver's License
- Pass all phases of background check

Benefits & Incentives

- \$2000 Hiring Bonus (Certified officers only)
- Insurance
- Retirement
- Uniforms/Equipment provided
- Take home vehicle (with approved mileage)

Join our Team!

APPLY ONLINE: www.lamarsc.org
IN PERSON: 117 W. Main St. Lamar, SC 843-326-5555

BESIDES FIREWORKS ON MAIN, SEVERAL ACTIVITIES ARE LISTED ON THE BACK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT
IN LAMAR'S MONTHLY CONNECTION**

CODE OF ORDINANCES

17.203.4 TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS AND APPURTENANCES

It shall be unlawful to tamper with or change any water meter . . .

17.203.8 PENALTIES. The violation of any provision of this Article, unless otherwise provided, shall be deemed a misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 5-9-77)

(AMENDED 5-8-23)

17.203.8 PENALTIES. THE TAMPERING FEE SHALL BE \$200 PER OFFENSE. THE VIOLATOR'S METER SHALL BE REMOVED UPON THE SECOND OFFENSE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE. RESTORATION OF THE VIOLATOR'S METER SHALL REQUIRE PAYMENT OF \$200 TAMPERING FEE, THE \$50 RECONNECTION FEE, AND THE FULL WATER BILL, INCLUDING LATE PENALTIES.

What's on the Schedule in July:



- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday - July 3
- All Together Tales – Every Monday – 10:00 am – **Library**
- **Library** Closed – Tuesday, July 4
- Town Council Mtg. – July 10 - 6:15 pm, Town Hall
- Summer Reading Program – May 30 – July 31 - **Library**
Performers every Tuesday
July 11– 2:00 pm – Narrow Way Nature Center -**Library**
- Senior Movie – July 13 – 10:30 am – **Library**
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – July 14 – 9 am, Town Hall
- Court with Judge Craig LaCross – July 17 – 1:30 pm – Town Hall
- Summer Reading Performers – July 18 – 2 pm - **Library**
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- Book Club – July 19– 11 am – **Library**
- Water Bill Due – July 20



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This is the start of a new year for our town. I can report the budget is done for 2023-24, work is being done to replace damaged or missing street signs, and interviews are being held for police officers. Davis & Floyd are working on the \$145,200 storm water grant, and Lathan Consulting is busy with other grant writing. We received a \$5000 Energy Preparedness Grant from Duke. (See the picture below.)

I wish to thank Rep. Williams for helping get the \$150,000 grant from the State for the Police Department.

We are on the move, the electronic sign will happen soon, and the grass/weeds seem to love the rain. Look at all the events for July. Support LAMAR.

**Mercantile213 is hosting TWO events
on ONE day!**

July 15 – 11 AM – 4 PM

213 West Main Street

We're looking for Pick-A-Palooza Vendors!

SUMMER PICK-A-PALOOZA

Enjoy browsing, shopping, and supporting local businesses who offer Vintage Repurposed Furniture & Household Items, DIY Décor, Fresh Produce, Homemade Soaps, Candles, Antiques, Repainted Treasures, Unique Items/Gifts, Plants & more!
Come PICK out something fun for you or someone else!

COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Gather with your neighbors!
We're partnering with CREATED to serve to have FREE food for our community. Food will be first come, first serve.

***CREATED
TO SERVE**

Venue: Cartersville Country Winery
Portion of Proceeds to benefit LHS.

By: Lamar Alumni Association