#### **Mayor: James Howell**

Council:

Angele Bradley Tyler Cook Inez Lee Mary Ann Mack Town Administrator: Tim Dargan

Police Chief: Carl Scott

## **Lamar's Monthly Connection JULY 2023**

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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

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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

Enjoy the Fourth of July holiday responsibly and safely.



# LAMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT



#### **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

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 APPURTFNANCES

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)

#### (<u>AMENDED 5-8-23</u>)

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
- <u>Summer Reading Performers</u> July 18 2 pm <u>Library</u>
   Fossil Frank
- Book Club July 19–11 am Library
- Water Bill Due July 20





## Mayor James Howell

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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

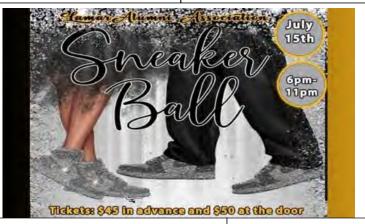
Enjoy browsing, shopping, and supporting local businesses who offer Vintage Repurposed Furniture & Household Items, DIY Décor, Fresh Produce, Homemade Soaps, Candles, Antiques, Repainted Treasures, Unique Items/Gifts, Plants & more!

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