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Lamar's Monthly Connection

AUGUST 2023

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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

Notice: Lamar Town Council Gives Permission to Codes Enforcer

At the July 10th Council Meeting, **approval was given** to Alvin Chambers, Darlington County Codes Enforcer and also the Codes Enforcer for the town of Lamar, **to move forward in addressing the town's residences/buildings that have been deemed unsafe, hazardous, etc.**

The owners of these places will receive letters identifying the problem(s) and the consequence(s) if not corrected.

The South Carolina Building Codes will be used for this purpose. Code Enforcement ensures a safe community by enforcing compliance with codes and investigating code violations.



SC Golf Cart Laws

Many people in Lamar have golf carts. They are used for enjoyment but they are also used for running errands. Just like cars have rules and regulations, golf carts have laws that must be followed.

1. In SC, you must purchase a golf cart permit. This permit can be purchased at any DMV branch.
2. The permit decal must always be visible on the golf cart.
3. According to the State Code of Laws, if you have a valid driver's license, you may drive a golf cart during the day within four miles of your home or business.
4. No one under the age of 16 is permitted to drive a golf cart.
5. No night driving is allowed.
6. Proof of liability insurance is required for golf carts. Keep it available.

ELECTION TIME coming

As you can see below, Lamar has two (2) at-large seats for Town Council for this election.

The filing period starts August 1 and ends August 15. Filing location is the Darlington County Voters Registration Office in Darlington.

All voting this time will take place at Town Hall since this is specific to the Town of Lamar. The election date is November 7.

Returning to School 2023-24 LHS, LSE, SMS

What does SCHOOL means to you?
 S – Support _____
 C – Classmates _____
 H – Happy _____
 O – Order _____
 O – Opportunities _____
 L – Learning _____

I hope this year is the best year ever for all. Students, you must learn to read, write, and know math to accomplish most anything in our world today. Teachers, be strong, be optimistic, and support each other and your students.

Retired Teacher

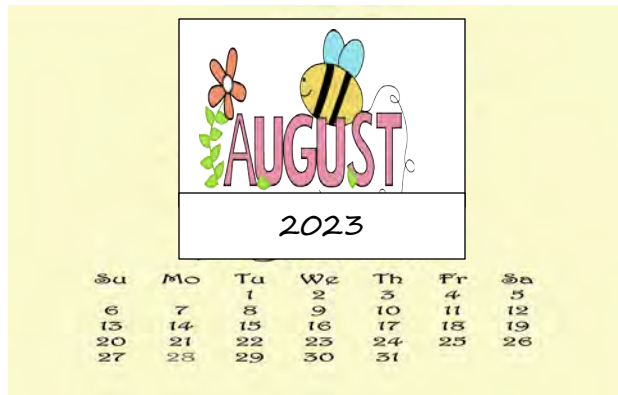


ZONING ORDINANCES -

You can review the Zoning Ordinance Book at Town Hall. Check the Zoning Ordinance Book before making plans for houses, buildings, fences, etc. on your property.

RIGHTS OF WAY (Zoning Ordinance Book page 5)

3:6 Rights-of-way easements for streets and roads shall not be considered a part of a lot or open space, or front, rear or side yard for the purpose of meeting lot dimension or area or yard requirements.



- Scavenger Hunt – ALL OF AUGUST – **Library**
-One for ages 13 and over
-One for ages 12 and under
- Blood Drive – Aug. 3 – 2-7 pm – **Library**
- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday - Aug. 7
- Senior Movie Day – Aug. 10 – 10:30 am - **Library**
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – Aug. 11 – 9 am, Town Hall
- Town Council Mtg. – Aug. 14 - 6:15 pm, Town Hall
- Book Club – Aug. 16 – 11 am – **Library**
(If you need the book, go by to pick it up.)
- Water Bill Due – Aug. 20
- Court with Judge LaCross – Aug. 21 – 1:30 pm – Town Hall
- “Knit Wits” Crafting Hour – Aug. 22 – 5:30 pm – **Library**
- Family Movie Night – Aug. 25 – 5:30 pm – **Library**

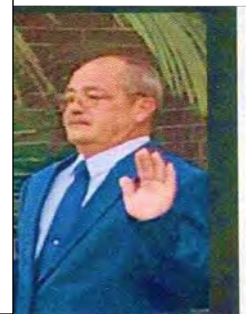
Lamar is sponsoring the fourth annual Christmas on Main Festival and Parade. The festival is a Christmas-themed, family-oriented event with the intent of bringing families and the community together. It is not a venue for political ideology, campaigns, or social statements.

A major festival goal is to purchase commercial-grade decorations for the town.

Vendors, food trucks, etc. contact Danielle Wilkes to participate: danit2868@gmail.com or 843-339-0419.

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Have you complained about the summer heat? That’s human nature—we all do at times. We know we can’t do anything about it, but somehow it makes us feel better to express our opinion.

Do you have a positive opinion you would like to share about the town of Lamar? Have you been supporting our businesses? What about Mr. Wesley on Thursday? That barbecue is good! We all love to eat, don’t we?

What is your opinion about Mr. Alvin Chambers identifying unsafe, hazardous, dilapidated buildings and residences? The Council and I think it’s about time. We want to help you, our residents, and create a clean, healthy atmosphere for all.

I AM SO PROUD OF OUR SCHOOLS: LHS, SMS, AND LSE. Our children are back in school. Please watch out for them. They are our future. Support them and our schools. I pray that 2023-24 is a most successful year for all.

I am waiting for the LED sign to be installed this month. It will be located behind the clock on North Railroad. It will give information daily.

Support our town. Help each other. Stay cool, if possible! Peace and joy from your mayor, *James*



Chief Carl Scott

LAMAR POLICE DEPT. HIRING

Full-time certified officers will start at **\$18.50/hour** and receive a bonus of \$2,000.

Full-time non-certified officers will start at **\$15.00** with pay increase after successfully completing the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

Part-time police officers are being screened also.

Health insurance, police retirement, uniforms, and take – home vehicle are benefits.

Apply in person or access application at www.lamar.org.

NOTICE: If you would like to place information in the newsletter, text Inez Lee at 843-230-7137 or text Janie Howell at 843-326-5224.