

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 January 2024

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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

Lamar Town Council Looks Forward to 2024

New Terms for Two

How many of you have made New Year's resolutions? Are you thinking "new year, new me?" Our Lamar Town Council is thinking about the town of Lamar. Each Councilmember's main resolution is "new year, what are we—not I-- going to do for Lamar?" They work together.

This is a new year and a new term for two of the four councilmembers. **On November 7, Angele Bradley and Inez Lee—incumbents whose terms were ending December 2023—received the vote at the Town's Election to begin new four-year terms.** They begin 2024 with Tyler Cook and Mary Ann Mack working with Town Administrator Tim Dargan and Mayor James Howell to foster a strong sense of community, support local businesses, embrace progress, commit to ensuing citizen safety and well-being, and other needs as presented.

Councilmembers need citizen support and input. They do not know if not told. Contact them on the Town Council page at www.lamar-sc.org, come to Town Council Meetings, and/or make reports to Town Hall personnel. Support your Councilmembers while they work for you.

No one knows for sure what 2024 will bring. According to current news, small towns in 2024 offer big potential for entrepreneurs seeking to start or grow their businesses.

What does Lamar need to do to continue to encourage new businesses and new citizens? It is obvious that Lamar Town Council, Town Administrator, and Mayor must make good decisions and advancements in housing, technology, water supplies, and other infrastructure to keep up with the growing economy. Then we, the citizens, will know the Council is fulfilling its resolution as stated above, "new year, what are we going to do for Lamar?"



The Sewer Line is most Vital

Submitted by Town Hall

The sewer line is one of the most vital parts of your household plumbing. When it becomes clogged, you have unwelcomed issues to face.

Same thing happens when the town's sewer line becomes clogged or damaged. Sometimes this happens because of tree roots, broken pipes, or

collapsed pipes commonly due to shifting soil or frozen ground. **However, blockage is quite often the problem.**

Blockage can occur when grease or some objects are restricting proper water flow. You may be surprised to know that as of late the town's crew worked for about a week trying to unclog a drain. When they finally broke through, baby diapers, wipes, and other paper products were the culprits, among other things caught up in these products that do not dissolve. Before the pipe was unclogged, liquid sewage oozed out above ground. Can you imagine the smell and disgust caused by this blockage at the street entrance to your house?

To prevent this, do not use your toilet like a garbage can. Avoid flushing these products as well as anything that can cause a blockage. Also, avoid pouring grease and fat down the drain. The blockage may not affect you, but down the street or around town somewhere a blockage of such can affect several people's properties.

Call Town Hall if you have a sewer town problem. The Town Maintenance Department will check it out. A well-draining sewer line is vital to the health and well-being of our town.

ORDINANCES

**ZONING ORDINANCE BOOK
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Did you know the Town of Lamar is divided into the following eight districts?

- AR – Agricultural Reserve
- R-1 – Low Density Residential
- R-2 – Medium Density Residential
- R-3 – High Density Residential
- CC - Core Commercial
- OC - Office Commercial
- GC - General Commercial
- LI - Limited Industrial

You may see the official zoning map in the Town Office.

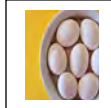
Any unauthorized change of whatever kind by any person or persons shall be considered a violation of this ordinance and punished as provided by law.

Can you decide which district you live in? What is LI?



- Library Closed – New Year’s Day – Jan. 1
- Library ANIME Game Club – Jan. 6 – 11 am
- Library Family Craft Night – Jan. 9 – 5 pm
- Library Closed – Jan. 15 - MLK Day
- Library After School Art Club – Jan. 16 – 1st Part – 3:45 pm
- Library Book Club – Jan. 17 – 11 am
- Library After School Art Club – Jan. 23 – 2nd Part – 3:45 pm
- Library Story Time – Jan. 30 – 10 am
- Library Knit Wits Crafting Hour – Jan. 30 – 5:30 pm
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- New Year’s Day – Town Hall closed
- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Jan. 8
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9am – Town Hall – Jan. 12
- MLK Day – Jan. 15 -Town Hall closed
- Water Bill Due – Dec. 20

At the Christmas on Main Festival on December 2, the **Lamar Police Dept. and CSX** provided toys for Santa to give to children. Thank you.



**SCRAMBLE JAMBOREE
WHEN?
40 Years?**

Let us know the details.



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day – January 15
1929 - 1968**



Lamar will celebrate MLK Day on Monday, January 15, with the MLK March beginning at Bethany Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. Please assemble for the March starting at 8:30 a.m.

The MLK Program will begin at the conclusion of the March. There will be music, singing, and speeches.

Chairman Deacon Tim Dargan invites everyone to attend.

Dr. King has numerous quotes attributed to him. One of his noted quotes says, **“Be a bush if you can’t be a tree. If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail. If you can’t be a sun, be a star. For it isn’t by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Submitted by Inez Lee, Councilmember

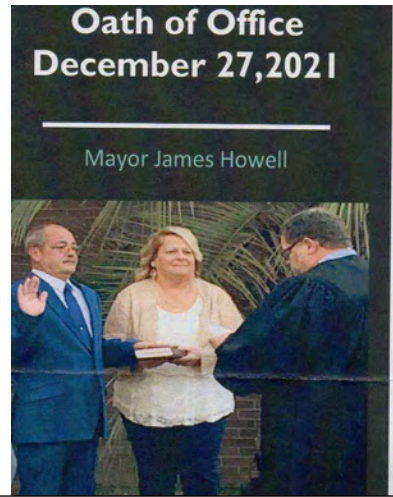
In March, Lamar will again participate in the Great American Cleanup. We have been participating for a number of years.

We have time yet but get ready to do your part.

As a reminder, **please use the trash receptacles along the street. Do not throw bottles and paper on the street.** Keep Lamar clean! Thank you.

**To: Town, Community of Lamar
From: Danielle Wilkes, Dawn Smith
Christmas on Main Chairs**
Thank you for making December 2, 2023’s indoor festival successful. The parade on December 9 with Gov. Beasley as marshal was just as successful. We can depend on you—rain or shine!

LAMAR MAYOR HOWELL



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It has been two years since I took the Oath of Office as Mayor. These two years seem to have been short but long.

I want goals to be completed today or tomorrow, but I found out that is not the case most times. It may take weeks or months to finish a project or even start a transaction. I am learning to be patient. That’s to my advantage THEY say—especially Tim, my trusted cohort.

In these two years, I am proud of what this administration has been able to accomplish. I plan to provide the 2023 State of the Town Address for the **February Monthly Connection**. For now, I wish you a



THANK YOU, COM Committee

Submitted by Inez Lee, Councilmember

Thank you, Christmas On Main Committee. The town was beautifully decked out for Christmas.

The big tree in the center of town, the various other trees along the streets, the reindeer, the wreaths on the poles, and the snowflakes all made for a winter wonderland.

The Wreath Wall was a highlight that turned into a grand setting. What a majestic and impressive display dedicated to those living or to those deceased!

The over-the-street lights brought everything together, serving to form Main Street into a haven of beauty and color-- a symbol of Santa’s North Pole.

Thank you, again!

