

SMALL TOWN! BIG VISION!

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Council:
Angele Bradley
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Lamar's Monthly Connection March 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.

NEED HELP WITH:
GAS, LIGHTS, RENT or WATER?

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

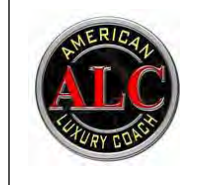
LAMAR EGG SCRAMBLE JAMBOREE
2024 Events

THE EGG SCRAMBLE TASTE
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 4PM-6PM
SPAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL

APRIL 2-4
YARD DECORATION COMPETITION

APRIL 5
12PM-9PM VENDORS ON RAILROAD AVE
7PM STREET DANCE
8PM NIGHT PARADE

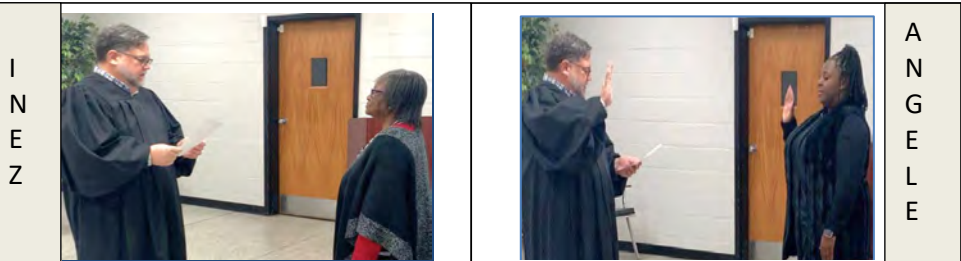
APRIL 6
VENDORS ON RAILROAD AVE
11AM PARADE
12PM-4PM GOSPEL STAGE
12PM-7PM MAIN STAGE



AMERICAN LUXURY COACH is moving into Lamar! If you are looking for superior, genuine parts to upgrade your auto/truck, American Luxury Coach in Lamar, WORLD HEADQUARTERS, will be the place to search. In Lamar, ALC will build, manufacture and powder coat its parts. You may want a running board, a bumper, a hood, or a mirror to upfit your vehicle. Soon you may search at ALC in our hometown.

This industry bought the Crowley Manufacturing Building on Pearl St. The place is in the process of being renovated, making the property accessible to the needs of ALC. Good news is that they will eventually hire up to 70 local people –some they will train and others may have some TECH training.

Welcome AMERICAN LUXURY COACH and Joe Jebailey, CEO/Owner. You may hear his presentation on the recording of the February Town C. Mtg.



Judge LaCross inducts Inez Lee and Angele Bradley into Town Council for new term starting 2024. (1/8/24)



LAMAR'S ANNUAL 2024

Take
Pride

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP March 21 – 23

Volunteers: March 23, 9:00 a.m., Town Hall
Hot dogs, chips, drinks at 12 noon

Place bags of trash, limbs, household items by street for pickup.
****Please clean the junk, including old cars, from your yard. Call 843-617-5126 for old car pickup.**

ORDINANCES

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6-2 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

No accessory building may be constructed in any portion of a required front or side yard. No accessory structure may occupy more than thirty (30) percent of a required rear yard. No accessory structure may be closer than five feet (5') from any side or rear property line or building.

MARCH 2024
Happenings

- Library Read Across America Goody Bag Giveaway – Mar. 5 All Day
- Library Knit Wits Crafting Hour – Mar. 11 – 3 pm
- Library Youth Program Squish & Paint – Mar. 12 – 4 pm
- Library Take & Make – Nature Window - Book Mark – Mar. 18-30
- Library Book Club – Mar. 20 - 11 am
- Library ANIME Game Club – Mar. 23 – 11 am
- Library Knit Wits Crafting Hour – Mar. 25 – 3 pm
- Library Story Time – Mar. 26 – 10 am
- Library closed March 29-30

Town Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9am – Town Hall – Mar. 8
- DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS – MAR. 10
- Blood Drive, LHS, Mar. 11, 9am-1pm
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Mar. 11
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – Mar. 18
- Water Bill Due – Mar. 20
- Great American Cleanup–Mar.21-23
- Egg Scramble Taste
Saturday, Mar. 23, 4 – 6 pm
Spaulding Middle School

LAMAR RECREATION FOR MARCH

- BINGO – Rec. Bldg. on Reynolds – Mar. 19 – 10 am - Prizes
- Lunch Trip – March 21 – SURPRISE Leave at 10 am from Rec. Center – Sign up with Rusty Anderson at Center.

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

March 11, 2024
9 AM - 1 PM
Lamar High School
Room: JROTC 129



TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 2/12

At each Town Council Meeting the four Council Members give reports to demonstrate what services they performed or what information is necessary for distribution to the Town's businesses or citizens for the previous month. They each have a defined area.

CODES & BUSINESS –

Councilwoman Bradley 2/12

*Business license renewal information is available to business users on the Local Business License Renewal Center Portal at MASC. The business license can also be renewed through Gov.Possible.

*Renewal info will be on the Town's Website and Facebook page. Renewal letters will be mailed around February 19.

WATER & SEWER –

Councilwoman Lee 2/12

*In January, water line repairs were made at Spaulding Elementary School (Pearl St.), on Duke St., and on East Jackson St.

*In January, Lamar purchased from DCWSA 4,803,670 gallons of water, billed to customers 2,156,306 gallons, had a water loss of 2,647,364 gallons, and paid to DCWSA \$15,485.11.

*Water leaks or breaks do not affect customers' personal bills. A water leak on the customer's side of the meter does.

*Information about paying a water bill is listed on the water bill, Town's website and Facebook page, and this newsletter.

STREETS & SANITATION –

Councilwoman Mack 2/12

*If a street light is off/flickering/etc., you may contact the Duke Energy website or report to maryannmack@lamarsc.org.

*The people working on the sewer lines are finding manholes previously covered.

*Lamar received a \$5,000 grant from Duke Energy for purchasing supplies-like a chainsaw-that would be needed for an emergency disaster. Town Admin. Tim Dargan and Councilwoman Mack wrote it.

*It has been noted that a business is "dumping" water on a street frequented by children walking to school. The Council is asked to investigate.

*A map was given to Council showing the roads in town maintained by SCDOT. The map is to be placed on the website.

*Councilwoman Mack has spoken to Rep. Robert Williams about trying to get a community facility of some type.

*Parks & Rec. Grants are being searched.

*It was noted the ball field on Robinson Road needs enhancements.

POLICE DEPARTMENT –

Councilman Cook 2/12

*The LPD submitted a quarterly report to the SCDOC for the LPD grant of \$150,000. Every expense must be reported.

*Watch the speed limits around town.

*Do not text and drive-it is illegal besides dangerous and lethal.

*Contact the Darlington County Animal Control if you need a trap in your yard. Call 843-398-4011.

*Dogs running at large are prohibited.

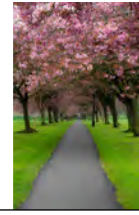
*Use the anonymous tip line to report information – 843-326-1449.

*Police – 843-326-5555 * Emergency 911

*Non-emergency – 843-398-4920

WATCH THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING ON FACEBOOK.

Mayor
James
Howell



DAYLIGHT
SAVING
MARCH 10
Spring
Forward

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There are a couple of things I want to bring to your attention.

First, as 2023 has come to an end, we pause to give honor to the memory of those who walked among us, who led by example, and who shared their unconditional love in the Lamar Community last year. You will find an IN MEMORIUM list on our website www.lamarsc.org. You will also find lists from 2020-2022.

Secondly, Lamar wishes to acknowledge Joe Jebailey, CEO/Owner of American Luxury Coach, for donating \$1,000 to the Emergency Disaster Needs for the Town. This adds to the grant for \$5,000 given to Lamar by Duke Energy. "Thank you" to ALC and Duke.



Joe Jebailey

Please participate in the Great American Cleanup on March 21-23. Take pride in your property and in the Town of Lamar.

If you can, **give blood** on March 11 at Lamar High School.

It's almost time to work and play outside. Watch out for the kids!

Enjoy, James

ATTENTION



The LPD is requesting any info on the whereabouts of this trailer or info leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for taking it. 2/16/2024