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# Lamar's Monthly Connection

## April 2024

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### Water Payments



- Due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.



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

### ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS,

Business licenses must be renewed on or before April 30, 2024, to legally conduct business in the Town of Lamar.

The Business License Tax Year goes into effect May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025. If you obtain your business license after April 30, 2024, you will incur a 5% penalty. You will incur an additional 5% penalty for each successive month that you are delinquent in obtaining the license.

You have two options to renew your business license tax online with the Town of Lamar.

#### OPTION 1:

State Business License Portal

You must have an SSN or FEIN on file with the Town.

<https://www.localblrenewal.com>

#### OPTION 2:

Town GovPossible Portal

You must have the "Online Access Code" from your renewal letter.

<https://sc-lamar-portal.govpossible.com>

You can also renew your business license in-person by visiting Lamar Town Hall at 117 Main St, Lamar, SC.

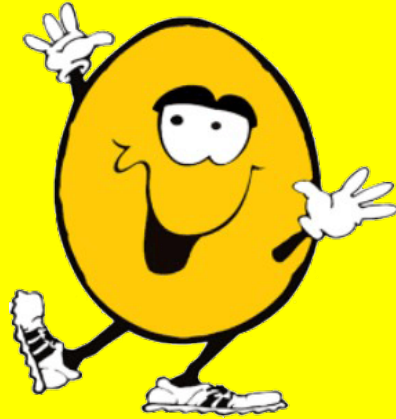
New applicants must apply in-person at Lamar Town Hall.

Please contact Lamar Town Hall if you have any questions at (843) 326-5551.

Timothy L. Dargan,  
 Town Administrator  
 Town of Lamar

## EGG SCRAMBLE JAMBOREE 2024

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 Egg Scramble



The Lamar Egg Scramble Jamboree is back!

*We are celebrating 40 years!*

April 2-4, 2024 – Judging of the Yard Decorating Contest!! Get your yards ready!

Friday April 5, 2024 – Vendors on Railroad Ave. (12PM – 9PM)  
 Street Dance (7PM) & Night Parade (8PM)

Saturday April 6, 2024 – All Day Festival with Vendors on Railroad, Parade (11AM), Gospel Stage (1PM-4PM), Main Stage (12PM-7PM)

*We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 Lamar Egg Scramble Jamboree!*

### PICTURES FROM THE TASTE OF LAMAR Saturday, March 23, 2024



Vendors=GOOD FOOD



Easter Tree

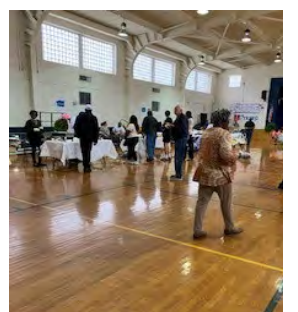


Table to table we go!



Good Eating!



Ticket, please!

Thank you to the fantastic vendors, churches, and guests who participated in the Taste of Lamar.

We also thank Spaulding Middle School for providing their gym for this occasion.

Sincerely,  
 The 2024 Egg Scramble Committee

**ORDINANCES**

**LAMAR TOWN CODE**

**Chapter 15**

**Article II. Unlawful Acts**

**15.206. DRAINING WATER, OIL, AND OTHER LIQUIDS ONTO STREETS OR SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit water, oil or other liquid of any kind, from any store, residence or other building, to fall or flow upon any part of any street or sidewalk . . .

See other Unlawful Acts in Chap. 15.

**COMMUNITY EGG HUNT  
March 30 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**



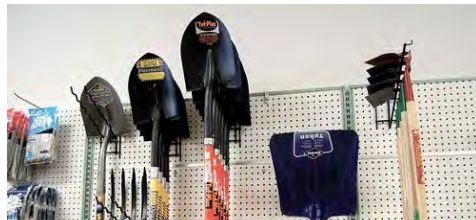
**Join us at the Lamar Library for a Community Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Great American Cleanup Rescheduled**

**Monday, April 1  
10 am – 12 pm**

**Students will be on Spring Break**

**Everyone clean, clean, clean!  
Make our town shine!**



*Mayor James Howell*

jameshowell@lamarsc.org

April reminds me of a couple of things from the past.

Do you remember 401 North being closed for three months last year? It was closed on April 3. Seven Bridges Road was also closed AND IS STILL CLOSED!

And, we all know that April 15 is coming up. Are you ready, or have you tried to forget? Tax Day is here-ready or not!



The trees around town are beautiful with blooms and now leaves are coming. The flowers are beginning to bloom-especially the azaleas. We are blessed with beauty from nature.

The Town of Lamar is blessed to have Tim, Gloria, and Linda in the office. At this point they want to remind businesses that licenses need to be renewed by April 30. See this information on the other page.

Town Council and all are looking for grants to fulfill the needs we have in the water and sewer areas.

I am very pleased with our progress, although we must continue to positively look forward. Unsightly buildings and lots need the owner's attention. Trash must be placed in receptacles. Join in and work with each other—for the good of all.

**CHECK THE DATES FOR April**

- Library **Community Easter Egg Hunt** March 30 – 10 am - 12 pm
- Library Youth Programs – Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23 – 4 pm
- Library Knit Wits Crafting Hour – Apr. 8, 22 – 3 pm
- Library Book Club – Apr. 17 - 11 am

**Town Dates to Remember**

- Great American Cleanup**—Apr. 1 10 am – 12 pm **Rescheduled from Mar. 21-23**
- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday
- Egg Scramble Jamboree – Apr. 5-6 See p. 1 for schedule
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Apr. 8
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9am – Town Hall – Apr. 12
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – Apr. 15
- Water Bill Due – Apr. 20

**LAMAR RECREATION FOR APRIL**

- BINGO – Rec. Bldg. on Reynolds – Date/Time to be announced
  - Lunch Trip – TBA
- FOR BOTH EVENTS CALL Rusty Anderson at 843-992-5634 after April 1.**

**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 Sheriff's Of. 843-398-4501

If you want to put an article or letter to the editor in Lamar's Monthly Connection, please text Inez Lee at 834-230-7137 or Janie Howell at 843-326-5224 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 3/11**

*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 citizens. They each have a defined area.*

**CODES & BUSINESS –**

**Councilwoman Bradley 3/11**  
**\*\*If a business has question(s) about a code or business license, please don't hesitate to call or come to Town Hall or contact me, Councilwoman Bradley. We will gladly help.**

**WATER & SEWER –**

**Councilwoman Lee 3/11**  
**\*\*We have some kind of problem with our water tank—the level goes up and down—but we are working on this. We have had 2 water breaks on Pearl St. which were fixed, and we have had breaks on S. Darlington and S. Railroad. We are working on Jackson St. where repairs are needed. Also, Helen Lane is an on-going project—getting water lines, etc. to the new places.**  
**\*\*Last month we bought 4,943,320 gal. of water from Darlington. We billed customers for 1,988,017 gal. Our loss was 2,955,303 gal. We paid Darlington County \$15,931.99.**

**STREETS & SANITATION –**

**Councilwoman Mack 3/11**  
**\*\*Please continue to monitor streetlight outages and call in or call me. Watch out for manholes that have been found and uncovered because they are below the road surface in places. Be careful, slow down, and don't cause car troubles. Risers will be placed in these places to level the street. We are looking for grant money to help with expenses. It is my concern that drivers are driving too fast on our streets. Children are now out playing. Slow down—especially on 401 coming into and going out of town and on the short streets and Main Street.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT –**

**Councilman Cook 3/11**  
**\*\*Speeding is often because of distracted driving. The average speed around town is from 25-35 mph. Watch out for yourself and others. Keep your animals on a leash. The Anonymous Tip # is 843-326-1449. Girl Scout Troop 216 recently visited the Police Dept. and took notes. Happy Birthday, Officer Silva!**