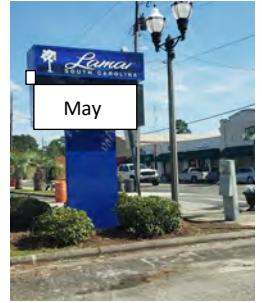


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Council:  
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# Lamar's Monthly Connection

## May 2024

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**NOTICE:**

**Water Payments are due on the 20th of the month.**  
**If you need help, call the Darlington County Communication Action Agency at 843-332-1135 to apply.**

### WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?

Memorial Day is a federal holiday set aside to honor our United States military men and women who have lost their lives while serving our country. It is always celebrated on the last Monday of May. This year that date is May 27.

Throughout our nation, celebrations, parades, cookouts, and, of course, visits to our national and local cemeteries make the holiday special. Government offices and many businesses close on this day.



### Great American Cleanup For 2024

The Cleanup this year was met with a rainy weekend in March. A one-day cleanup was finally done on Monday, April 1. Help showed up and the work went on. That's what happens when citizens work together. The following picture shows a number of workers with their vests on and with trash bags ready to go.

Thanks to all who helped!



### Egg Scramble 2024 Yard Decoration Competition Residential Winners, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congratulations!



William Springs and Michael Lynch



Dianette Evans



Vone Gilmore

### Business Winners 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congratulations!



Mercantile213



Beehive Hair Salon



Mozingo Liquor, Inc.

### New Business Coming!



Moms, Dads, now you will not need to take your kids out of town to the pediatrician. Dr. Cheryl Gambrell and Dr. James Gambrell, pediatricians, plan to open their office in August.

The office will be located in the building formally occupied by Dr. Sydney Griffin on Railroad Avenue.

We welcome HOMETOWN PEDIATRICS to Lamar! Look forward to more information about this office.

### NOTICE ABOUT ANIMALS & YARD TRASH

It has been brought to the attention of Town Hall that there is a need to publish the following ordinances from LAMAR TOWN CODE.

CHAPTER 3. ANIMALS  
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

3.107. DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND FOWL AT LARGE.  
PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any domestic animal or fowl to run at large on the public streets or in public places.

3.108. ANIMALS: UNLAWFUL TO PEN. CERTAIN.

It shall be unlawful to pen within the corporate limits the following animals and fowl: chickens, hogs, cows, mules and horses.

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**The Town will pick up small piles of 4' or less limbs, branches, etc.; however, the Town DOES NOT have the equipment to pick up large piles nor big limbs and branches. You or the person(s) cutting must dispose of this waste.**

**Dates to Remember**  
**For May**

- Library - Scavenger Hunt – ALL MONTH of MAY Harry Potter theme
- Library - Knit Wits Crafting Hour – May 6, 20 – 3 pm
- Library - Youth Programs - PAGES TO PROJECTS May 7, 14, 28 – 4 pm
- Library – Senior Social Meeting Movie Matinee, May 16, 10:30 am
- Library – Early Registration for Summer Reading Program May 17, All Day
- Library – Teen Zen Zone – May 21, 5:00 pm
- Library Book Club – May 22- 11 am
- Library - CLOSED MAY 25, 27 – MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
- Library – Early Voting Site May 28-31 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- LIBRARY – BLOOD DRIVE – MAY 30, 9 am – 12 noon

A couple of meeting rooms at the Lamar Library are available to nonprofit community groups and organizations. Call or go by the library to get approval for the date and time. (843-326-5524)

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9am – Town Hall – May 10
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – May 13
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – May 20
- Water Bill Due – May 20
- Town Hall – Closed – Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

**LAMAR RECREATION FOR MAY**

- BINGO – Rec. Bldg. on Reynolds – Wednesday, 5/15, 10 am
- Lunch Trip – Friday, 5/17 YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THE LUNCH TRIP. CALL Rusty Anderson at 843-992-5634.



**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.

SILVER FOXES SPONSORED BY LAMAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

5K 5K 5K

**RUN, WALK, STROLL**  
event

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

REGISTRATION FROM 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

EVENT RACE BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

ENTRY FEE: \$25 LATE ENTRY FEE: \$35

KIDS 17 AND UNDER: FREE

CONTACT FOR INFO: TWANNIA (609) 257-7177 OR RETNA (803) 840-0175

Refreshments Provided

EVENT STARTS & ENDS AT LAMAR TRACK FIELD  
216 N DARLINGTON AVE. | LAMAR, SC 29069

Silver Powerhouse Band  
Oscar Wright · 11h · 🎵

LHS  
LHS FINE ARTS DEPT

**LAMAR HIGH SPRING CONCERT**

May 8, 2024 @ 6:00pm  
Lamar High School Cafeteria  
216 N. Darlington Ave  
Lamar, SC 29069  
PRICE OF ADMISSION: FREE!!!

Mayor James Howell  
jameshowell@lamarsc.org

*May*  
*Henry*  
*Van Dyke once said, "I'm only wishing to go a-fishing, for this the month of May was made."*  
(Yes! But when!)



An old saying is "April showers bring May flowers" and it is true, but April showers also bring May weeds! This is the time of year to stay on top of the weeds or you will find they will take over. Those yellow dandelions love your lawn! If you haven't started, start now for control. The town is trying to stay ahead. By the way, have you noticed the pretty colorful roses throughout town?

This SPRING AND SUMMEER, I challenge all citizens and businesses to keep your yards clean and cut of not only weeds, but please pick up "junk" that somehow gets piled because you didn't take time for cleanup or you think, "I will do that later." Help your neighbor, too.

We will prosper more if we are clean and neat and take pride in our SMALL TOWN WITH A BIG VISION. I AM SO PROUD OF ANOTHER BUSINESS COMING TO TOWN— HOMETOWN PEDIATRICS. Welcome!

**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 4/8  
\*\*Renewal information was presented to businesses. Councilwoman Bradley stated, "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." Of great importance is the fact that if a business does not renew its license by May 1, a 5% penalty is added each month. Letters have been mailed and some businesses have renewed thus far.

**WATER & SEWER –**  
Councilwoman Lee 4/8  
\*\*It was reported that there is still some water problems on Helen Lane and Duke St. There is a problem with the ditch that starts on Duke. It is stopped up and Duke St. has no outlet. Grants are being pursued to help with this problem. The Chief is assisting in this endeavor. It is thought this ditch belongs to the town.  
Water bought in March: 3,771,620 gallons  
Water billed 1,619,676  
Water loss 2,151,944  
Paid to DCW&S \$12,182.55

**STREETS & SANITATION –**  
Councilwoman Mack 4/8  
\*\*Please continue to monitor streetlight outages and call in, message me, or have the office give me a note. Duke gives good turnaround time. Continue to watch out for manholes that have been found and uncovered because they are below the road surface in places. On Warren St. near the Exxon station there is a drop off that needs to be filled. It can be hazardous to someone walking. The Mayor stated he would check it.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT –**  
Councilman Cook 4/8  
\*\*CONCEALED WEAPONS CLASS  
-On April 27, 7:15 am – 4 pm, Campbell Barn, Cartersville Hwy., \$35 if you bring your own firearm & 25 rounds. To rent a firearm is \$20 more. Chuck McClendon  
-Speed around town 25-35 mph. Watch out for children! Drive safely.  
-Call the Tip Line if needed 843-326-1449.  
-Call 843-398-4011 for a trap for a stray.  
-The Police Dept. is searching for grants. Reports will be made as warranted.