

SMALL TOWN! BIG VISION!

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Chase your dream!

Mayor: James Howell

Council:

Angele Bradley

Tyler Cook

Inez Lee

Mary Ann Mack

Town Administrator:

Police Chief:

Carl Scott

# Lamar's Monthly Connection June 2024

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Book by **Levon Kirkland**

### 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.**

### \*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*

The second reading of the 2024-2025 Budget for Lamar will be held on Monday, June 10, at 6:15 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

### NEW BUSINESS ON MAIN

T & T Tobacco & Vape Shop opened at the corner of East Main Street and South Darlington Avenue in May. The Smoke Shop is open every day from 8 a.m to 11 p.m.

Lamar welcomes another business.



### 2024 Pee Dee Region Career Specialist from LHS

Mrs. Lena Thomas-Howard plays a vital role at Lamar High School by spearheading career preparation programs that equip students to be successful after graduation. Students have access to internships, job shadowing opportunities, and career counseling services.

Mrs. Thomas-Howard has been named 2024 Pee Dee Region Career Specialist of the Year.

**Congratulations!**



Mrs. Thomas-Howard is pictured above with Lamar High School Principal Dr. Marlon Thomas.



JUNE 3, 2024 -  
JULY 18, 2024  
Monday-Thursday

No cost Anyone 18 years and under  
Child must be present to receive meal

"INSIDE MEAL CONSUMPTION ONLY –  
NO TAKEOUT"

**Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL**

Hartsville High School

Darlington High School

"Closed for Holiday June 19 & July 4"



Contact 843-398-2315 for more info

\*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.\*

### Best wishes to Tim

Tim Dargan, Lamar's Town Administrator, has taken a job with Darlington County.

The Town wishes Tim the best in his new endeavor. He will continue to work part time with Lamar until a new Town Administrator is hired.

Office personnel honored Tim with a surprise lunch on May 2.



2024

**\*TIME TO VOTE\***  
Early Voting  
and  
Statewide Primary



### Early Voting and Statewide Primary

Early voting for the State Primary (local and state) candidates in Lamar is on May 28 – May 31 and June 3 -June 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the LAMAR LIBRARY.

If you did not vote in the Early Voting time, the STATEWIDE PRIMARY is on June 11 at LAMAR TOWN HALL from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

You may vote Democratic or Republican, but you may not vote both. If you are registered, it is your privilege to vote for the candidates of your choice.

If there is a run-off, it will take place on June 25.

VOTEVOTEVOTEVOTEVOTEVOTE

### Lamar Recreation for June

--Register for RECREATIONAL FOOTBALL JUNE 1 – AUGUST 2 – **WITH NO LATE REGISTRATION!**

--BINGO – Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.

--Lunch Trip – June 27 –Jasmine Buffet, Columbia: **ONLY 14 CAN GO**

– **ONLY ONE BUS AVAILABLE**  
Rusty Anderson – 843-992-5634



**\*Tuesday, June 4, Spaulding Middle School,  
400 Cartersville Hwy., Lamar  
8:30 AM to 12 PM**

\*Tuesday, June 4, Society Hill Com. Center

\*Wednesday, June 5, Darlington High School

\*Wednesday, June 5, T.B. Thomas Center Gym,  
Hartsville

Individuals must be age 60 or older. Each eligible person will receive \$50 worth of coupons that may be used at participating markets through October 15, 2024. The coupons will be issued on a first come first served basis until supply is exhausted.  
Income guidelines/limits apply.



### JEBLONSKI GREEN JR.



Congratulations, Jebblonski Green, Jr.  
From Fox to Bulldog to Colts!

## ORDINANCES

### LAMAR TOWN CODE

#### Chapter 15, Article II, Page 113

#### 15.201. DAMAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY.

It shall be unlawful for any person to damage, mutilate or deface any public property within the corporate limits.

### JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

- Library --Tuesday, June 4 – First Summer Reading Program  
\*Then every Tuesday after June 4, 2:00 pm
- Library - Knit Wits Crafting Hour – June 11 – 3 pm
- Library --Senior Movie Day, June 13 - 10:30 am
- Library - Book Club--June 19 - 11 am
- Library - Knit Wits Crafting Hour – June 25 – 3 pm

### Town Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – June 10
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – June 14
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – June 17
- Water Bill Due – June 20

### FOUR SIGN LETTERS at LHS

On Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m. four LHS student-athletes signed letters of intent at a ceremony held in the Lamar High Gymnasium.

\*Montavis Dolford signed with Benedict College to play football.

\*Otis Samuel signed with West Virginia Wesleyan College to play football.

\*Keaton Braddock signed with Louisburg College to play football.

\*Reagan Knotts signed with USC Sumter to play softball.

### Lamar High Weight Room

By JR Boyd

Lamar High Athletics and FCA are upgrading the old weight room. The goal is to have a locker room with lockers, showers, and ice machine in the facility. I'm asking all former Silver Foxes to donate to this cause. We need 200 people to donate \$40 each to help with the fundraising. I know we have over 200 former "State Champions" that would help with this upgrade. Let's do our part, and don't forget "My Role/Team Goal." Do your part, Silver Foxes!

Make checks payable to Lamar High FCA with attention to Donna Helms, 216 North Darlington Avenue, Lamar, SC 29069.

## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 5/13

*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 5/13

\*The Town sent out 121 business license renewal letters. Licenses were to be renewed by April 30. Forty-eight (48) were renewed. Twenty-seven (27), which includes new ones, must apply. Therefore, 73 have not been renewed.

### WATER & SEWER –

#### Councilwoman Lee 5/13

\*West Jackson had a water line repair; the business on Reynolds Street has resolved the problem of water running on the sidewalk; and the Helen Lane Project is ongoing. Other streets/breaks are being assessed as needed.

\*Water bought in April: 3,931,710 gallons  
Water billed: 1,633,042  
Water loss: 2,298,668  
Paid to DCW&S \$12,694.83

### STREETS & SANITATION –

#### Councilwoman Mack 5/13

\*There are some streets that are in need of the shoulders being cut, sprayed, or worked on by the weed-eater. The areas of grass are destroying the pavement. I will try to get a list of the most serious ones.

\*The town is in need of garbage carts. A significant amount of them needs to be replaced. The state procurement website did not have them. Places that do include them are Toter's Municipalities & Government Division, Home Depot, Lowe's, and Wal-Mart.

NOTE: At this meeting the Council voted to buy 50 carts.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT –

#### Councilman Cook 5/13

\*Lamar Family Fun Day will be back this summer. The Police Dept. is planning now. Call the Chief if you will help.  
\*A quarterly report was made to the SC Dept. of Commerce on the grant given to the Police Dept. Funds for January 1 through March 31 were spent on salaries and radio repairs.

\*The COPS Hiring Grant through the US Dept. of Justice has opened for FY2024, and the Police Dept. is working to apply for this grant.

\*Please watch your speed in town. Speed limits range from 25-35 MPH. Excessive speeding is dangerous.

\*Please contact the Animal Shelter at 843-398-4011 if you need a trap. Ordinance 3.211 says "Dogs Running at Large Prohibited."

\*Chief Scott encourages residents to call the anonymous tip line at 843-326-1449 if you have relevant information. Tips can also be left at

[www.lamarsc.org/anonymous-tips](http://www.lamarsc.org/anonymous-tips)

**WATCH THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING ON FACEBOOK.**

## The Mayor Says

The town's fiscal year is just beginning since it begins in June and ends in May. The budget for 2024-2025 is ready for the second reading on June 10 at 6:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Adding of American Luxury Coach, Hometown Pediatrics, and T&T Tobacco & Vape recently has shown much progress in our desire to grow this community.

Tim Dargan has taken a job with Darlington County, but he is working part time in our office. The office is open as usual.



I wish you peace and joy. Be safe and watch out for the kids.

*James H.*

### **Congratulations to three Lady Silver Foxes**

Three of our very own Lady Silver Foxes made ALL-REGION for Region-6 1A for School Year 2023-2024.

These softball ladies are HANNAH AMERSON, EMILY JOHNSON, AND ABBY McMANUS.

### **LHS continues . . .**

LAMAR SILVER FOXES ARE REGION CHAMPS IN TRACK.

Congratulations to the 61 seniors who graduated on May 24.

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 (803) 257-7177 OR RETHA (803) 840-0175  
Refreshments Provided  
EVENT STARTS & ENDS AT LAMAR TRACK FIELD  
216 N DARLINGTON AVE. | LAMAR, SC 29069

4TH ANNUAL  
LAMAR  
FUN DAY  
MUSIC, FREE FOOD, WATER SLIDE AND MORE!!  
400 CARTERSVILLE HWY LAMAR, SC  
JULY 20, 2024  
11 AM - 2 PM  
FREE SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY  
Children must be accompanied by parents