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# Lamar's Monthly Connection

## OCTOBER 2024

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Halloween  
Thursday, Oct. 31



### Water Payments



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



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

You want to receive notices from the Town about water issues, trash pickup, or whatever the Town needs for you as citizens to know, THEN TEXT "Hi" TO THE TOWN AT (843) 326-0266. You will receive any message going out!

Also, Report Issues



Text in keywords:  
"Anonymous Tips" or "Report"

Get Contact Info



Text in keywords: "Contact Directory"

Get Information



Text in keywords: "Bill Pay"  
"Covid Testing" "Trash Pickup"

Learn More



Click the link to be directed to our information site

SHOP LOCAL!

### 2024 ELECTION November 5

Early Voting, etc.

VOTE

Early voting for the 2024 November General Election will be October 21 – November 2, Monday-Saturday from 8:30 am-6 pm at Lamar Library, 103 E. Main St. No Sunday voting.

If you wish to vote and will be unable to do so on election day, or during early voting, then you need to request an absentee by-mail ballot as soon as possible by coming to our office or calling. We are now taking requests for the November General Election. The address at Darlington County Voter Registration and Elections is 131 Cashua Street and telephone is 843-398-4900.

You must be registered at least 30 days prior to any election in order to vote in that election. Registration by mail applications must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to that particular election to be eligible. **For the 2024 General Election: the in-person deadline is 5 pm on October 4, the online deadline is 11:59 pm on October 6, and by mail deadline is October 7.**

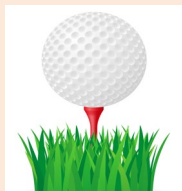
**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A CITIZEN TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHOICE WHEN VOTING FOR THE PERSON TO FULFILL AN OFFICE. YOU MAY GO TO "DARLINGTON COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE" ON YOUR COMPUTER AND VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT. You will find several offices for your consideration. Also, there is a Statewide Constitutional Amendment asking for your answer.**  
\_Copied from Darlington Co. Voter Reg. Office

### LAMAR CIVITAN RECEPTION & GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

JOIN US AT GOVERNOR'S RUN GOLF CLUB  
FOR A DROP-IN RECEPTION  
OCTOBER 10, 2024, 7PM – 9:30PM  
Tickets - \$25 each

THE GOLF TOURNAMENT  
WILL BE PLAYED ON  
OCTOBER 11, 2024 @ 11AM

BENEFITS SUPPORT  
LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL  
AND  
THE YOUTH OF LAMAR



*Big thanks to Carolina Bank,  
a sponsor for over 20 years*

### Christmas Wreath TRIBUTE WALL

#### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Sponsor a tribute wreath to be displayed on the brick wall of Carolina Table Company during the Christmas season.

#### SPONSORSHIP

Cost for tribute wreaths is \$50. All proceeds from sponsored wreaths will be used for the purchase and display of Lamar's Christmas decorations.

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Only this month left to get yours: October!

#### PAYMENTS

Payments can be taken at:

The Beehive Hair Salon  
123 Main Street

Mercantile213  
213 W Main Street

www.LamarSC.org  
\*\*Click PayPal link

PayPal-

@ChristmasOnMainLamarSC@gmail.com

#### TRIBUTE PLAQUE

When submitting your payment, please enter the name of the person your sponsored wreath is paying tribute to in the "notes" field. Each year a new plaque will be engraved with that year's tribute names.

\*\*No more than two names per wreath with matching last names

#### DEADLINE

All orders must be paid for by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1. Contact Danielle Wilkes (843) 339-0419 or Kerrie Early (843) 319-8856.

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**100 Wreaths to sale: Deadline November 1**



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 6 - 8 pm  
Trick or Treat Throughout Town  
NO HALLOWEEN MASKS  
INSIDE BUSINESSES

Underage children must be accompanied by an adult--but with the understanding that there are parents who are working, an older sibling 17 or over is approved.



Trunk or Treat will take place on South Railroad Avenue starting at 6 pm on Thursday, October 31. Foot traffic only is allowed in this area. Contact Chief Scott if you plan to participate.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Library Oct. 1, Youth Services Program, 4pm, Pumpkin painting
- Library Oct. 5, Adult Class Program, 11am
- Library Oct. 7, Fire Prevention, 6pm – 7pm
- Library Oct. 8, Youth Services Program, 5pm, Spider Spectacular
- Library Oct. 10, Senior Movie Day, 10:30am
- Library Oct.10, Beetle Juice Party, 5pm – 7pm
- Library Oct. 16, Book Club, 11am
- Library Oct. 22, Youth Services Program, Creepy Adventures, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Library Oct. 29, Halloween Costume Contest, 5:30pm
- Library Oct. 31, Goodies for Goblins, 5pm-7pm

Town Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Oct. 7
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – Oct. 11
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Oct. 14
- Water Bill Due – Oct. 20
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – Oct. 21

Emergency Numbers: All Emergencies 911  
Lamar Police Department 843-326-5555  
Chief Carl Scott 843-639-3900  
After Hours Non-Emergency 843-398-4920  
Darlington County Sheriff's Office 843-398-4501

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 9/9

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 9/9

BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

As of September 9, 2024

Letters Mailed Out	121
Business Licenses Renewed	105
Business Licenses Pending	6
*5% late fee for each month not renewed, 10% second month, 15% third, etc.	

WATER & SEWER –

Councilwoman Lee 9/9

\*Water bought in August: 3,761,420 gal.

Water billed: 2,518,159

Water loss: 1,243,261

-Discussion centered on letting citizens know when the water would be turned off and then turned back on. It was suggested citizens sign up for TEXT MY GOV. Also, Councilpersons will place notifications on Facebook, [www.lamarsc.com](http://www.lamarsc.com), the Town Electronic Board and other forms of social media.

STREETS & SANITATION –

Councilwoman Mack 9/9

-Note: Business-zoned buildings cannot be used as residential sites.

-Report a street light not working.

-Street lights on Pearl St. are now on.

-Most of the DOT barrels on streets have been removed. This was due to the rain.

-Easements are needed from all residents bordering a ditch in town. See Mary Ann if you have not been contacted. They are needed in order to have ditches cleaned.

-New flags will be hung on Railroad Ave.

POLICE DEPARTMENT –

Councilman Cook 9/9

\*Churches, etc. are encouraged to make a list of people needing Thanksgiving food. The list is then to be given to Chief Scott.

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

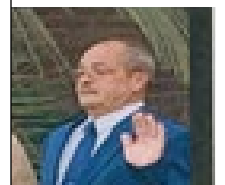
\*Please contact the Animal Shelter at 843-398-4011 if you need a trap for stray animals. Five traps are in Lamar. Some strays are being captured. You are asked to board up open places which encourage dogs to gather and herd together.

\*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)

From the Mayor  
October 2024

James Howell



Fall: it's so refreshing to have some cooler days and nights. "Autumn mornings: sunshine and crisp air, birds and calmness, year's end and day's beginnings" is a description of fall stated by Terri Guillemets. Year's end! Just think! This year, 2024, is surely going away. Live every day to its fullest. We are not promised tomorrow. Enjoy Fall and the coming Holiday Season.

The Christmas on Main Committee will begin decorating the first week of November. There may be times the street will have one lane open or the workers will be going from side to side. Watch for them. On Thanksgiving Day all decorations will be complete and Lamar will be a WINTER WONDERLAND.

Town is working on getting the Railroad Avenue Lift Station updated. Pee Dee COG is working on the grant needed to make this repair.

When you sign up for TEXT MY GOV, you will receive notices from Town about water problems, announcements, or general information. See the specifics on the front sheet.

On Thursday, October 31, children will celebrate Halloween from 6 pm to 8 pm across Town. Be watchful! Let our children enjoy this day.

Support our local businesses, our schools, our recreation department, and your neighbors and friends across Town.

Peace and joy to all! James

Save the Date  
December 7, 2024

## CHRISTMAS ON MAIN ST.

Christmas Festival from 1pm to 5pm  
Parade at 5:30pm

We will have local artists and vendors, food trucks, Gingerbread house contest, reindeer games and live performances

Pictures with Santa  
Storytime with Mrs. Claus  
at Lamar Library

Lamar Recreation  
October

--BINGO, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 10 am  
Recreation Building

--LUNCH TRIP, Thursday, Oct. 17  
Fuller's Old Fashioned BBQ  
Pembroke, NC

Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

## SPAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL

### HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 2, 2024 @ 6 PM  
SMS FOOTBALL FIELD

### SPAULDING ALUMNI TAILGATE

OCTOBER 5, 2024 @ 12 PM - 6 PM  
VENDORS \$50 - CONTACT CYNTHIA 803- 229- 0592

VENDORS - RAFFLE - ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS  
\$5 ADMISSION. AGES 5 AND UNDER FREE

## LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

### HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 18, 2024  
LHS FOOTBALL FIELD

### LAMAR ALUMNI TAILGATE

OCTOBER 19, 2024  
11 AM - 6 PM  
SMS FOOTBALL FIELD

\$5 ADMISSION. KIDS 5 & UNDER FREE.  
SET UP: 7 AM - 10 AM

CONTESTS & MORE

MUSIC & RAFFLES