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Lamar's Monthly Connection

August 2024

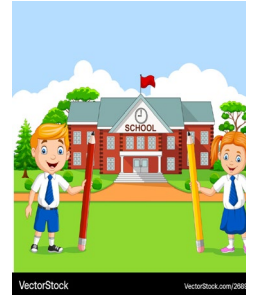
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Business Office: 843-326-5551 Police Department: 843-326-5555

Mayor: jameshowell@lamar-sc.org



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.



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



NEW SCHOOL YEAR

2024 – 2025

LHS

SMS

LSE

Darlington County School District

Aug. 1
Sept. 2
Sept. 23
Oct. 4
Oct 7-11
Nov. 4
Nov. 5
Nov. 27-29
Dec 20
Dec. 23-Jan. 3
Jan. 6
Jan. 20
Feb. 17-21
Mar. 14
Mar. 19
Apr. 18
Apr. 21-25
Apr. 21-22
Apr. 23-25
May 26
May 29
May 30

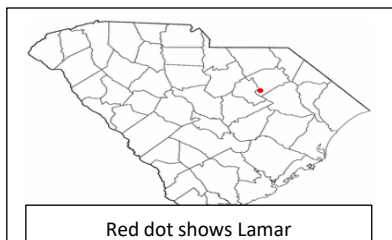
First day for students
Holiday: Labor Day
Professional Development/Schools Closed
End of first quarter
Schools closed. District offices open
Professional Development/Schools Closed
Election Day
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Early dismissal: End of 2nd qtr/1st semester
Holiday: Christmas/Winter Break
Professional Development/Workday
Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Schools closed. District offices open
Professional Development/Schools Closed
End of third quarter
Early dismissal
Spring Break for students & school staff
Spring Break for 240-day employees
Schools closed. District offices open
Holiday: Memorial Day
Last day for students, early dismissal
Professional Development/Workday



Check your knowledge of

Lamar, South Carolina

Location of Lamar, South Carolina
Coordinates: 34°10'13"N 80°3'45"W
Country: United States
State: South Carolina
County: Darlington Area [1]
• Total 1.21 sq mi (3.14 km2)
• Land 1.21 sq mi (3.14 km2)
• Water 0.00 sq mi (0.00 km2)
Elevation 171 ft (52 m)
Population (2020)
• Total 862
• Density 710.63/sq mi (274.38/km2)
Time zone UTC-5 (Eastern) (EST))
• Summer (DST) UTC-4 (EDT)
ZIP code 29069
Area code(s) 843, 854
Website www.lamar-sc.org
Mayor: James Howell



Red dot shows Lamar

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lamar,SouthCarolina>
The Free Encyclopedia

In July Town Council heard from

Ann Huyler Urban Forestry Specialist

Ms. Huyler is from the South Carolina Forestry Commission, Pee Dee Region. She is visiting each local town to talk about the town becoming a possible Tree City USA.



TREE CITY USA®

The Arbor Day Foundation

operates several programs nationwide to encourage towns to take on this distinction. She states, "Trees in the urban landscape improve our quality of life in countless ways. They add aesthetic beauty to our 'concrete' landscape; trees improve our personal health, reduce air and noise pollution, save energy, conserve water, reduce soil erosion and other improvements."

A GRANT supports this program. The information was given for thought to Lamar Town Council and Administration. LAMAR – TREE CITY USA?

August DATES TO REMEMBER

- Library - Knit Wits Crafting Hour – Aug. 13, 27 – 5 pm
- Library - Book Club–Aug. 21 - 11 am
- Library –Senior Movie Day, Aug. 15 - 10:30 am
- Library – Visit the library to see the schedule for children’s activities

Town Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – Aug. 9
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Aug. 12
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – Aug. 19
- Water Bill Due – Aug. 20

Lamar Recreation for August

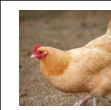
- BINGO – Tuesday, Aug. 20, 10 am, Recreation Building
- Lunch Trip – Thursday, Aug. 22
**This trip is to the BEACH.
Look out for a poster advertising the time to leave.
- Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634



TO THE BEACH WE GO!
“The wheels on the bus go round and round.....”

NOTICE:

ORDINANCE



The proposed chicken ordinance for Lamar was posted in the July Monthly Connection.

Town Council decided in July they would not have the first reading until August. This gives you, the citizens, more time to discuss this proposal. Also, the ordinance will be amended to state “it is unlawful to pen within the corporate limits goats and ducks along with hogs, cows, mules, and horses.

Give your Council Members your opinions.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 7/8

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 7/8

	As of 4/8	As of 5/13	As of 6/5	As of 7/8
Letters Mailed Out	118	121	121	121
Business Licenses				
Renewed	5	48	85	11
New Licenses Issued	2	27	39	18
Business Lic. Pending	3	73	36	25

*5% late fee for each month not renewed, 10% second month, 15% third, etc.

WATER & SEWER – Councilwoman Lee 7/8

*Water bought in June:	3,754,100 gallons
Water billed:	2,632,895
Water loss:	1,121,205

-Repairs were made on Warren Ave., entrance to Town Hall on Main St., and Pearl St. A work order has been issued for a water leak at 102 Pearl. A problem with the Grooms Tank was fixed.
-IF A WATER LEAK IS NOTICED, PLEASE CALL TOWN HALL AT 843-326-5551 OR INEZ LEE AT 843-230-7137.

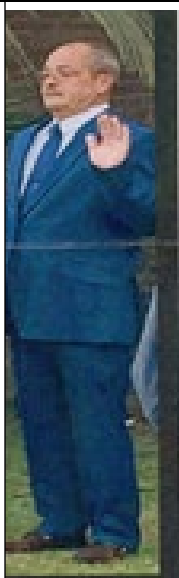
STREETS & SANITATION – Councilwoman Mack 7/8
*In the absence of Mary Ann Mack, Angele Bradley reported that Councilwoman Mack has stated that the trash cans that were ordered for citizens for garbage have arrived.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Councilman Cook 7/8
*The Department is working on getting the Quarterly Report done for the grant received from the South Carolina Department of Commerce.
*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.
*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

The Mayor Says

Summer is coming to an end for our students and teachers. Teachers began school on July 25 and students will return on August 1. Take a look at the school schedule on the front page. Keep it as a reminder of school days, vacation days, and holidays. Watch out for buses and children getting on and off. It is my hope that 2024-2025 will be a very successful year for all.

I want to remind you to shop local. With our businesses we have most of your wants/needs right here. Think! You can buy groceries, use the bank, wash the car, buy gas, buy car parts, get the car fixed, get a haircut, eat out, buy clothes/shoes/gifts, buy various everyday needs, visit the doctor, get insurance, use the library, visit



the post office, and more!
We are looking forward to Hometown Pediatrics opening soon. Check out www.lamarsc.org and Facebook to get info about our town.
My door is open. Let me know if I can help you.
Sincerely,
J. Howell

LAMAR VARSITY FOOTBALL

7:30 P.M.		
8/23	VS	DARLINGTON
8/30	VS	GREEN SEA FLOYDS
9/6	VS	CENTRAL
9/13	@	LAKE CITY
9/20	@	NORTH CENTRAL
10/4	@	MCBEE
10/11	VS	GREAT FALLS
10/18	VS	LEE CENTRAL
10/25	@	C.A. JOHNSON
11/1	@	LEWISVILLE



CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUTS

WHEN: August 5th, 2024 @ 6:00PM
WHERE: Lamar High School (Meet on the Home side of the Football Stadium)
Cross Country is open to 7th - 12th graders.
Tryouts will consist of a 1-mile time trial.
Requirements: All participants must complete a BIG TEAMS account prior to tryouts. This includes an updated Sports Physical dated after April 1st, 2024.
Big Teams: To Begin Creating a Big Teams Account Text S714 to 69274.