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# Lamar's Monthly Connection

## December 2024

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### 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.

### Grand Marshall of Parade/ Fifth Anniversary

Submitted by Janie Howell, Publicity

The 2024 Grand Marshall of the **CHRISTMAS ON MAIN** parade is the **CHRISTMAS ON MAIN COMMITTEE**.

This year marks the Fifth Anniversary that the Christmas Festival has taken place. The Committee headed by Danielle Todd-Wilkes is excited about the accomplishments from year to year.

Do you remember when there were no over-the-street lights? We did provide an airport runway one year-- what many called the lights around the flower beds on Railroad. What about the deer? The Christmas snowflakes on the Main Street poles have been added each year, but the Committee will never forget the "tough" job it was re-stringing them. Christmas trees, original and the pole-like ones, have added much color and beauty. The first tall "beauty" stood on Railroad. Presently, a new tree stands majestically on Main.

This year there is a "real" Christmas tree at Town Hall! There is also a NATIVITY SCENE. This Nativity Scene is directly across the street from the WREATH WALL at the table company. The Wreath Wall is in honor of or in memorial to loved ones.

The Christmas on Main Committee thanks you--our Town--for standing with us and supporting us with your donations. After five years, the Committee is extremely proud of the decorations purchased with your help. Again, thank you!

Saturday,  
December 7

## 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

Main Street in Lamar



### Christmas on Main Gingerbread House Contest

At Masonic Lodge, 106 East Main

#### PRIZES

Ribbons awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Also, the overall winner with the most votes will receive half the entry fees collected.

#### JUDGING CATEGORIES

Most Creative : Most Festive : Most Unique

#### CONTEST RULES

- \*All entries must have a name card displayed.
- \*The gingerbread house must fit on your own baseboard.
- \*Entries must be made entirely of gingerbread and decorated with candy or other edible embellishments, except for the base.
- \*Entries must be dropped off at the Masonic Lodge by 10 am, Saturday, Dec. 7, along with the entry fee of \$15.00.
- \*Entries must be picked up by 6 pm, Saturday, December 7.

#### VOTING

Voting will be done by the public. To vote, drop in between 1 – 4:30 pm. Voting fee is \$1.00 per vote.

#### CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS

Tammy Taylor 301-943-0791

### CHRISTMAS ON MAIN PROGRAM (On Main Street in front of Town Clock)

1:00 pm –1:30 pm: Tyler Cook & John Pickett

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: The Parnells

Mike & Bonnie

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Christmas Karaoke

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm: The Cogon Family

Zach, Tina, & John

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Athletic Cheer Force

4:30 pm -

L.A. Kuntry Side Steppaz

5:30 pm -

PARADE

#### ALL DAY

(Along Main Street)

Santa – Library Park

Story Time with Mrs. Claus – Library

Letters to Santa – Post Office

S'mores – Fire Department

Free Activities for Kids

Gingerbread House Contest – Masonic  
Lodge

VENDORS, VENDORS, VENDORS



ORDINANCES

Lamar is governed by a set of ordinances that are in compliance with county and state ordinances. Most of these ordinances have been in place for many years. They provide a legal and systematic way to handle a variety of issues.

TOWN OF LAMAR ZONING ORDINANCE BOOK STATES FOR YOUR INFORMATION:  
Article 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP

- 2-1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS
- For the purpose of these regulations, the Town of Lamar is hereby divided into the following districts
- AR Agricultural Reserve
  - R-1 Low Density Residential
  - R-2 Medium Density Residential
  - R-3 High Density Residential
  - CC Core Commercial
  - OC Office Commercial
  - GC General Commercial
  - LI Limited Industrial

Can you decide which zone or district you live in? You know for sure it is either R-1, R-2, or R-3.

A residential zone cannot accommodate a business, but a business district cannot accommodate a residence, either. Any unauthorized change of whatever kind by any person or persons shall be considered a violation of this ordinance and punished as provided by law.

REMEMBER

- CHRISTMAS - LIBRARY CLOSED  
Dec. 24-26
- New Year's Day – LIBRARY CLOSED  
Dec. 31 at 5 pm, Jan. 1
- Day of Prayer & Fasting –  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Dec. 2
- Lamar Town Council –  
6:15 pm – Dec. 9
- Beautification Com. Mtg. –  
9 am – Dec. 13
- Court with Judge LaCross–  
1:30 pm – Dec. 16
- Water Bill Due – Dec. 20
- CHRISTMAS – Town Hall CLOSED  
Dec. 24-26
- Trash Pickup – Dec. 23 and 27
- NEW YEAR'S DAY – Town Hall  
CLOSED Jan. 1

- +++LAMAR RECREATION+++  
Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634
- BINGO – Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10 am
  - NIGHT TRIP – Thursday, Dec. 19  
Leave Lamar at 4:20 pm. Eat in Sumter at Second Mill at your cost. Then, see the lights at Swan Lake.
  - Travel Cost - \$6.00 each

TOWN COUNCIL  
REPORT11/11/24

- CODES & BUSINESS –  
Councilwoman Bradley 11/11  
\* REPORT – one renewal
- WATER & SEWER –  
Councilwoman Lee 11/11
- \*Water bought in Oct.: 4,726,000 gal.
  - Water billed: 1,742,625
  - Water loss: 2,983,375
  - Paid to DCWSA: \$15,706.37
  - Water breaks on Main and Darlington.
  - We had a problem with the alarm on the Grooms Tank. Please call the office or let someone at Town Hall know if you see water puddled.
- STREETS & SANITATION –  
Councilwoman Mack 11/11
- Report a street light not working to Town Hall or call Duke yourself.
  - Be careful when driving. Look out for washouts and barrels.
  - Street signs have not been completed. Darlington County Roads & Bridges is working on putting up new signs for streets. Tim Dargan says he will check on this work.

- POLICE DEPARTMENT –  
Councilman Cook 11/11  
ABSENT
- A report was submitted by Tyler and accepted by the Council as information. It was indicated he wanted to report the following:
- \*Churches, etc. are encouraged to make a list of people needing Thanksgiving food and then contact Councilman Cook or Councilwoman Mack.
  - \*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.
  - Don't forget the TIP Line at 843-326-1449. Tips can also be left at [www.lamarsc.org](http://www.lamarsc.org) or on the Facebook page. These are anonymous tips.
  - If case of an emergency, call 911.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Lamar  
Lamar, South Carolina  
Railroad Avenue Pump Station and Gravity Sewer Project  
SCIIP Grant No. A-23-C113  
Davis & Floyd, Inc. Project Number: 040096.00

General Notice

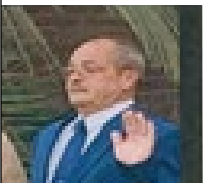
The Town of Lamar (Owner) is requesting Sealed Bids for the construction of the Railroad Avenue Pump Station and Gravity Sewer Project. The bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Lamar Town Hall located at 117 East Main Street, Lamar, SC 29069, until Tuesday, December 17th 2024, at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and clearly marked Railroad Avenue Pump Station and Gravity Sewer Project on the outside for easy identification by the Owner and the Engineer. Bids submitted by mail, Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc. must meet these same requirements and should be addressed to

Town of Lamar  
Mr. Timothy Dargan, Town Administrator  
117 East Main Street, Lamar, South Carolina 29069

Phone: (843) 326-5551

Merry  
Christmas

December 2024



The gift of Love.  
The gift of Peace.  
The gift of Happiness.  
May ALL these  
Be yours  
This Christmas.

Mayor and  
Mrs. James Howell

Thank You

I want to publicly thank the Christmas on Main Committee for the great job of decorating Lamar for Christmas. Everything is beautiful. Each time I go by the Nativity Scene I want to stop and admire it.

Also, I want to thank Fran Knotts for planting the pansies in the tree pots on Main. These delicate little plants will last all winter.

I am so proud of Lamar!

James