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# Lamar's Monthly Connection

## July 2024

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

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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.



**NEED HELP**  
WITH:

**GAS, LIGHTS, RENT  
or WATER?**

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



### Proposed Chicken Amendment for the Town of Lamar

Sec. 3.109. Raising or keeping chickens, generally

The following is a proposed chicken ordinance for Lamar. This proposal was discussed at the June Council Meeting.

**The keeping of chickens shall be in compliance with the following, in addition to any zoning and/or building regulations that may be applicable to the construction of coops and runs:**

- (1) No more than twelve (12) hens shall be kept or maintained on a single premise. No roosters shall be allowed.
- (2) Such hens must be confined in a coop not less than 18 inches in height and with a minimum square feet of floor area of two square feet per hen over four months of age, connected to a run of not less than nine square feet for one bird; 12 square feet for two birds; 16 square feet for three birds; 20 square feet for four birds or more over four months of age, which shall be fully enclosed. Coops must be completely enclosed and constructed in a uniform manner of a sturdy material that provides protection from potential predators and the elements and properly ventilated. Runs must be constructed of a fencing material that prevents potential predators from getting in and prevents the hens from escaping.
- (3) The run must be well drained so there is no accumulation of chicken excrement and shall be cleaned regularly with all droppings and excretion disposed of in a manner so as not to cause an odor or attract flies, unless otherwise disposed of in accordance with any federal, state or local health regulations.
- (4) Coops must be screened from the side or rear lot line by shrubbery or a privacy fence if it comes within 25 feet of the property line and/or 50 feet of the nearest residence other than that of the owner.
- (5) It shall be unlawful to raise chickens for commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the town.
- (6) Lamar Town Ordinance Book Section 3.108 – "Animals; Unlawful to Pen. Certain" shall be amended to remove the words "and fowl" and "chickens"; adding "certain" before "animals"; to wit, "It shall be unlawful to pen within the corporate limits certain animals: hogs, cows, mules and horses."

### FOURTH ANNUAL LAMAR FUN DAY

It's time for Lamar Fun Day! This is fun for the whole family—**music, free food, a water slide, and more!**

**Free school supply giveaway is big!!**

**Children must be accompanied by parents.**

**SATURDAY, JULY 20**

**11 AM – 2 PM**

**400 Cartersville Hwy.**

Sponsored by Lamar Police Department



# Christmas in July

Have you  
bought your raffle  
ticket for **Christmas in  
July?**



Tickets can be  
found at The Beehive  
Hair Salon and  
Mercantile 213. Buy your  
ticket(s) now!

Starting July 1 a  
winner will be drawn  
every day at 12 noon.  
The winner will be  
notified, and that ticket  
will be thrown out.

Great prizes have  
been donated by Lamar  
businesses and  
community members.  
Each prize is designated a  
day for giveaway.

Thank you for  
supporting **CHRISTMAS ON  
MAIN**. A manger scene for the  
town is being purchased with  
your donation.

## JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

- Library – July 2, 9, 16 - Summer  
Reading Program – 2 pm
- Library – ARM CHAIR TRAVEL, 5 pm  
July 2 – Ireland, July 16 – Germany
- Library – Closed on July 4
- Library - Knit Wits Crafting Hour –  
July 9, 23 – 5 pm
- Library - Book Club–July 17 - 11 am
- Library –Senior Movie Day,  
July 18 - 10:30 am
- Library – July 26 – End of Summer  
Get Together for all ages -  
Movie inside/ice cream bar 5 – 7 pm

### Town Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting –  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday
- CLOSED ON JULY 4- Town Hall
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm –  
Town Hall – July 8
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am –  
Town Hall –July 12
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm  
Town Hall –July 15
- LAMAR FUN DAY, July 20, 11 – 2pm
- Water Bill Due –July 20

## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 6/10

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 6/10

#### BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

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

\*Business License is a must to conduct  
business in Lamar.

\*Renewals are based on the business’  
gross income from the previous year.

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

### WATER & SEWER –

Councilwoman Lee 6/10

\*Water bought in May: 2,741,130 gallons  
Water billed: 2,072,897  
Water loss: 668,233

### STREETS & SANITATION –

Councilwoman Mack 6/10

\*The town is in need of garbage carts. A  
significant amount of them needs to be  
replaced. Fifty (50) have been ordered.

\*Street light bulbs are quickly replaced by  
Duke. If you see one that needs replacing  
and you do not call, let me know so I can.

\*Hardware on Railroad Street poles which  
hold the Egg Scramble flags are fitted for  
those poles. They cannot be placed on  
Main Street poles. The Egg Scramble  
Committee is planning to change these  
flags and perhaps replace them with  
patriotic flags or other flags at different  
times.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT –

Councilman Cook 6/10

\*Lamar Family Fun Day is back this  
summer. The Police Dept. is planning.  
See the poster on the front page for info.

\*The LPD has a new part-time/certified  
officer, Office Calip Floyd.

\*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)

See the list of numbers on the front page  
for other needs.

## Lamar Recreation for July

- Register for Recreational Football  
June 1 – August 2 – NO LATE REG.
- BINGO – Tuesday, July 23, 10 am
- Lunch Trip – Thursday, July 25  
Call Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

## The Mayor Says

The  
Declaration of  
Independence was  
adopted and printed  
on July 4, 1776. It  
declared the thirteen  
American colonies  
were now free,  
united, and  
independent states—  
no longer subject to  
the monarch of  
Britain.

FREE, UNITED,  
AND INDEPENDENT  
make us the nation  
that we can be proud  
to honor. Stand up  
for your country AND  
OUR TOWN OF  
LAMAR—fly the  
American flag,  
volunteer, stand for  
the National Anthem,  
run for political  
office, BUY LOCAL,  
etc. You can make a  
difference!

Be careful  
about getting too hot  
during these very hot  
days. Drink plenty of  
fluids—water and  
sports drinks are  
best.

The 2<sup>nd</sup>  
reading of the budget



for FY 2024-  
2025 was  
passed at the  
6/10/24  
Council Mtg.  
It stands at  
\$1,075,000.

Thanks  
for keeping  
your yards  
and lots in  
good  
condition.  
Be mindful of  
dropping  
trash. Please  
place it in a  
trash  
container.  
SUPPORT  
LAMAR

James H.

## FIREWORKS ON MAIN

# 3<sup>rd</sup> of JULY

FIREWORKS

## Celebration

Wed, July 3rd 2024

LAMAR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WATERSLIDE • CONTESTS •

HOTDOGS • LIVE MUSIC •

FIREWORKS

FIREWORKS WILL BEGIN AT DARK