



Town Office Hours

M – Th 9 am – 4:30 pm

Police Department Hrs.

M – F 8 am – 12 pm
1pm – 5 pm

Mayor: James Howell

Town Council:

Angele Bradley
Tyler Cook
Inez Lee
Mary Ann Mack

Town Administrator:

Tim Dargan

Editor of Lamar's Monthly
Connection: Janie Howell

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

Mayor: jameshowell@lamarsc.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.

Egg Scramble 2025 Business Decoration Competition Winners

Congratulations to all the business participants. You all made the town beautiful and "eggciting."

The 1st place winner **THE BEEHIVE**



The 2nd place winner **MERCANTILE213**



The 3rd place winners - **TIE**



Frosted Fox



Egg Scramble 2025 Yard Decoration Competition Residential Winners

This year's Lamar **Egg Scramble Jamboree** residential decoration contest was a real challenge for the judges. There were so many homes decorated so beautifully. The decision came down to which ones exemplified the true spirit of the Lamar Egg Scramble. The 1st place winner was on the corner of Rogers St. and N. Railroad Ave.
THE THOMAS RESIDENCE



The 2nd place winner was on S. Darlington.
THE EVANS RESIDENCE



The 3rd place winner was on W. Pearl.
THE GILMORE RESIDENCE



NEED EMPLOYMENT? SEE CHIEF OR MAYOR.
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ATTENTION

Lamar is hiring! We need

1. One Part-time Police Officer
2. One Full-time Public Works Employee (NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE A BACKHOE)

Lamar High names Tyler Boyd

Tyler Boyd is the new head varsity football coach at Lamar High School.

Boyd is a Lamar native and brings 15 years of coaching experience to the Silver Foxes. He comes from Williamsburg Academy in Kingstree. Boyd is the son of S.C. Football Coaches Hall of Fame member and former LHS Coach J.R. Boyd.

Boyd has received many accolades during his time coaching football and baseball. One such accolade was being named a head coach for the SCISA North/South game in 2023.

He also has experience as a classroom teacher in various subjects including History and Physical Education.

Lamar High School is proud to welcome Boyd and his family home to Silver Fox country.



American Legion Post 64
INDOOR YARD SALE
May 3, 2025
9am-3pm
323 Warren Avenue
Lamar, SC 29069

Chicken Bog plates
\$10 each

2qt Soup
\$8 each
(varieties available)

Table rental-\$10
Tables are limited

For more information,
contact
570-205-8632



All proceeds go to the refurbishment
of the American Legion Hall

NOTE

ORDINANCE

Zoning Ordinance Book page 5

3-6 RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Right-of-Way easements for streets and roads shall not be considered a part of a lot or open space or front, rear, or side yard for the purpose of meeting lot dimensions or area or yard requirements.
(Check the Zoning Ordinance Book BEFORE making plans for houses, buildings, fences, etc. on your property.)

May

Dates to Remember

CHECK LIBRARY SCHEDULE FOR INFO

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday, May 5
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – May 9
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – May 12
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – May 19
- Water Bill Due – May 20
- Memorial Day – May 26
- TOWN HALL CLOSED
- Trash pickup is May 27 & 30

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

More pictures from the cleanup.



Mr. William Lenard, Principal of LHS, and his staff who graciously took time to help during the cleanup.



Mr. Lenard

Below:
Girl Scout Troop 1601 Leaders
Cynthia Lighty
Barbara Fullard



Darlington County School Superintendent is leaving

According to the News & Press on April 9, 2025, the DCSD Superintendent, Dr. Tim Newman, has been selected as the next superintendent of Spartanburg County School District Two. He joined the DCSC in 2018. The Darlington County Board of Education met on Monday, April 7, to accept Dr. Newman’s resignation. They also discussed the district’s next steps in choosing a leader. The Board wished Dr. Newman well in his new position and expressed gratitude for his dedication to work with DCSD’s students, schools, and community. In response, he stated, “Together we have made significant strides toward improving education in Darlington County . . . my prayers are with the entire DCSD family as you focus on our students and their opportunities for success.”

Town Council Reports From April 14, 2025

Councilwoman Bradley, Codes & Business: No report (Business licenses must be renewed on or before April 30 to legally conduct business in the Town of Lamar.)

Councilwoman Lee, Water & Sewer: Written report submitted to Council. No oral report.

Councilwoman Mack, Streets & Sanitation: Extensive discussion on YARD trash pickup was initiated by citizens’ questions. (Mayor Howell has addressed this issue in his column.)

Councilman Cook, Police Department: The Police Department is investigating a computer system update. This department is in need of a part-time police officer. Check www.lamarsc.org for an application or go to Town Hall. If you are having problems with strays, call 843-398-4011 for a trap. The anonymous tip line is 843-326-1449 or you may go to the email address above and report information.

++LAMAR RECREATION++
BINGO --Tuesday, May 20, 10 am
TRIP – Friday, May 23, Leave 10 am
Eat at Shuler’s BBQ, Sellers, SC
Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

From the Mayor May 2025

James Howell

May is green and pink and red.
-Richard L. Ratliff



If you don’t believe “May is green and pink and red,” drive around the streets of Lamar. I think this spring the flowers and trees in Lamar are the prettiest ever. Our little town with a big vision is very impressive. Since we need an employee in the Public Works Department, I have been helping with trash pickup. There is one way you can help. Please put your trash in trash bags so that they can be tied and the trash will not spill out. That is easy! Remember trash pickup the last week in May will take place on Tuesday, 5/27, and Friday, 5/30, because of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, May 26, is a holiday. Town Hall will be closed. This holiday is a federal holiday set aside to honor our U.S. men and women who have lost their lives while serving our country. It is celebrated on the last Monday in May.

Town Council, Tim Dargan, and I are now working on the budget for next year, 2025-2026. Our fiscal year begins in the middle of this year. For information, we will have a Budget Workshop on May 5 @ 6:15 pm. The first public reading of the budget will take place on May 12 @ 6:15 pm. That is a Council Meeting and you are invited to come.

I realize many are trimming flowers and trees at this time. If you have limbs or branches that need to be picked up, the Town caters to average pickup from yard work. We will pick up piles of limbs cut in 4 feet lengths (prefer 3 feet) or less only. However, we will not pick up large piles, like from a tree or huge bushes that were cut down or trimmed. Small trash like straw and leaves must be placed in bags that are tied. All trash must be placed by the street. This type of pickup is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Due to lack of manpower, we are behind schedule. Thank you for your cooperation.

The end of school and graduation is coming up. Support our schools and our children. Watch out for your neighbor! SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES. THEY PROVIDE OUR NEEDS. Peace and joy to all, James