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Lamar's Monthly Connection November 2024

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Daylight Savings

Turn your clock BACK
one hour November 3.



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.



Interview with Drs. Gambrell by Janie Howell

Hometown Pediatrics

Drs. James and Cheryl Gambrell

105 North Railroad Avenue
Lamar, SC 29069

They ARE OPEN. The address is listed above and the phone number is 843-345-6306.

What ages do they treat? They treat children from the time they are taken home from the nursery at the hospital until they turn 22 years old. They offer a wide range of services including illnesses, injuries, specialty testing, sports physicals and much more.

They accept BlueCross and BlueShield (State Plan, Preferred Blue, Blue Essentials, Blue Choice, and Blue Option.) They are working on Healthy Blue right now. They are ready for you.

The hours are 8:30 – 12:00 and 1:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

"We are your go-to team for pediatric care, focusing on the well-being of both the child and the family," states Dr. James Gambrell.

Local. Dependable. Together.

2024 ELECTION November 5

VOTE

The time is here. November 5 is the final voting day for the 2024 Election.

Perhaps you voted early. **You TOOK your RESPONSIBILITY AS A CITIZEN TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHOICES FOR THE PERSONS TO FULFILL ALL OFFICES ON THE BALLOT.**

IF YOU HAVE NOT VOTED, YOU CAN 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.

VOTE! EVERY VOTE COUNTS!



Holidays in November

Changes in Town Hall & Trash Pickup

Veterans' Day – Monday, November 11

Town Hall is closed.

Trash pickup on 12th and 15th

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28

Town Hall is closed.

Trash pickup on 25th and 29th



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Thanksgiving Day
6:00 pm

By BIG Tree on Main

*Singing, Santa, Fun
Bring the kids!*

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 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 maintenance of Lamar's Christmas decorations.

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 8. Contact Danielle Wilkes (843) 339-0419 or Kerrie Early (843) 319-8856.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month was October

Domestic Violence affects women, men, and children of all races, status, religions, and culture. NO ONE IS IMMUNE TO IT.

Pamela Johnson from the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault (Darlington is one county) gave the Town Council the following information in October - For

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES, CALL LOCALLY 843-669-4600 HOTLINE: 1-800-273-1820

ANOTHER NUMBER FROM THE SC DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFERS A CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE THAT IS AVAILABLE 24-HOURS A DAY, 7 –DAYS A WEEK: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Contact 911 immediately if the situation is a life-threatening emergency.

REMEMBER

Library DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 2, Saturday Adult Crafting Class, 11 am
- Nov. 4, Knit Wits, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, CLOSED
- Nov. 12, Youth Services Program, 4:00-6:30 pm, Dinos After Adventure
- Nov.14, Senior Movie Day, 10:30 am
- Nov. 18, Knit Wits, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Nov. 19, Youth Services Program, Tea-Rex Party, 5 pm
- Nov. 20, Book Club, 11 am
- Nov. 26, Youth Services Program, Dino Eye Magnet Craft, 5 pm
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, CLOSSES AT 5 PM
- Nov. 28, 29 CLOSED

Town Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday, Nov. 4
- TOWN HALL INFORMATION:
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Nov. 8
- Veterans' Day–Nov. 11–OFFICE CLOSED
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Nov. 11
- Court with Judge LaCross–1:30 pm– Nov.18
- Water Bill Due – Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving–Nov.28- –OFFICE CLOSED

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 10/14

CODES & BUSINESS –

Councilwoman Bradley 10/14

*NO REPORT – Office Closed for Columbus Day – Will report in November

WATER & SEWER –

Councilwoman Lee 10/14

*Water bought in Sept.: 5,161,080 gal.
Water billed: 2,708,172
Water loss: 2,452,908
Paid to DCWSA: \$17,142.13

-Water breaks on Teachers Drive and Warren Ave. Please report water leaks to the town office or a councilperson.

STREETS & SANITATION –

Councilwoman Mack 10/14

-Report a street light not working. Thanks to the Police Dept. for checking these also.
-Shrubbery/trees overhanging or blocking street view must be trimmed. Mayor suggested making a list and the Public Works Dept. will help.
-Easements are needed from all residents bordering a ditch in town. See Mary Ann Mack or Inez Lee if you have not been contacted. They are needed in order to have ditches cleaned.

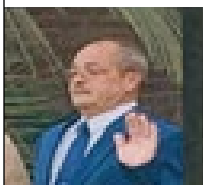
POLICE DEPARTMENT –

Councilman Cook 10/14

*Churches, etc. are encouraged to make a list of people needing Thanksgiving food. The list is then to be given to Chief Scott or called in at 843-245-4722.
*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. Six strays were captured lately.
-Trick or Treat hours are 6-8 pm with all in by 9 pm. No masks are allowed to be worn in stores.
-The Quarterly Report to the SC Commerce Dept. for the Police Dept. is being made.
-Don't forget the TIP Line at 843-326-1449. Tips can also be left at www.lamarsc.org or on the Facebook page. These are anonymous tips.
-If case of an emergency, call 911.

From the Mayor
November 2024

James Howell



This month of November you will see a small town Main Street and beyond turned into a Winter Wonderland. The Christmas on Main Committee will begin decorating the first week. I ask you to please be alert. For instance, when they are hanging the strands of lights across Main Street, traffic may be stopped or directed to change lanes, or workers may be crossing the street.

By Thanksgiving, the work will be complete and it will be time to light the BIG Christmas tree at our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This will take place on Thanksgiving Day at 6:00 pm by the tree across from the clock on Railroad. Singing will bring cheer for adults and children. ALSO, SANTA WILL APPEAR AT THIS TIME TO TALK TO KIDS (or adults) about their wishes from him. He is available for pictures, too.

Another alert deals with cleaning our town. We are not privileged to have the County Inmates as much as in the past. Therefore, I'M ASKING EACH BUSINESS TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS AROUND YOUR BUSINESS—THE SIDEWALK, GRASSY AREAS, ETC. CANS AND DISCARDED PAPER AND SUCH DO NOT GIVE A PLEASING INVITATION TO CUSTOMERS.

HOUSEHOLDS ARE ASKED TO CLEAN ALONG THE STREET BY YOUR PROPERETIES.

Thank you for enduring the water cut-offs. We try to get it back on as soon as possible after a break.

Enjoy the cool days and nights. Wear a light jacket or snuggle under a warm blanket and thank God for Fall.

LAMAR RECREATION

Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

- BINGO – Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10 am
- LUNCH TRIP – Thursday, Nov. 21 To Woodstone BBQ & Seafood In Florence – Leave 10:20 am Travel Cost - \$5.00 each
- Rec. Basketball Reg.: 10-7 – 11-7



The Lamar Silver Fox Powerhouse Band competed at the 2024 South Carolina Band Directors' Association Traditional/High Step State Marching Band Championship on Saturday, October 19, at Wilson High School, hosted by the Wilson High Marching Tigers. Lamar placed 3rd in Class A/AA with an overall rating of superior. The band staff members of Mr. O. Wright, Mr. H. Alexander, Mr. B. George, and Mrs. E. Josey are very proud of the students for their hard work and accomplishments.

The band is currently taking orders for the annual fruit sale. Let's all support the band in this effort.