

SMALL TOWN! BIG VISION!

Thursday
OCTOBER 30, 2025

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

Lamar's Monthly Connection October 2025

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Lamar Town Hall, 117 West Main St., P.O. Box 267, Lamar, SC 29069
Business Office: 843-326-5551 Police Department: 843-326-5555
Mayor: jameshowell@lamarsc.org



Town Office Hours
M – Th 9 am – 4:30 pm

Police Department Hours
M – F 8 am – 12 pm
1 pm – 5 pm

NOTICE:

Water payments are due on the 20th of the month.

If you need help paying your bill, call the Darlington County Communication Action Agency at 843-332-1135 to apply.

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.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Offices open in Lamar's Municipal Election on November 4, 2025, are Lamar Mayor and two at large Town Council seats. Candidates who filed for Mayor are James Howell and Inez Lee. Candidates who filed for Town Council seats are Daren Lorenzo and Jessica Myers.

Early voting is from October 20 – 31 Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 5 pm. No Saturday or Sunday voting. Voters can vote early at either of these locations:

--Darlington Voter Registration & Elections Annex, 135 Cashua St., Darlington
--In Hartsville at Jerusalem Baptist Church at 301 S. Sixth St.

If you wish to vote but will be unable to do so on election day or during early voting, you will need to request an absentee-by-mail ballot by going to or calling the Darlington Registration Office at 843-398-4900. The last day for a ballot to be mailed is October 24, so the signed application must be back by that date.

You must be registered at least 30 days prior to any election in order to vote in that election. For the 2025 Municipal Elec.
-- the in-person deadline is 5 pm 10/3.
--the online deadline is 11:59 pm 10/5.
--the by mail deadline is 10/6.

If you are 17 and will be 18 on or before November 4, you are eligible to register anytime by the deadline and can vote in the November 4 Election.

Photo ID is in effect in Darlington County. When voting in person, you will be asked to show one of the following current and valid Photo IDs:

--SC Driver's License: Standard or Real ID
--SC Dept. of Motor Vehicles ID Card
--SC Voter Registration Card with Photo
--Federal Military ID
--U.S. Passport (Includes Passport ID Card)

NOTE: ALL LAMAR RESIDENTS VOTING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, WILL VOTE AT LAMAR TOWN HALL.

LAMAR CIVITAN GOLF TOURNAMENT 2025

JOIN US AT GOVERNOR'S RUN GOLF CLUB
FOR A DROP-IN RECEPTION
OCTOBER 9, 2025 7PM - 9:30PM

THE GOLF TOURNAMENT
WILL BE PLAYED ON
OCTOBER 10, 2025 @ 11AM

BENEFITS SUPPORT
LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL & THE YOUTH OF LAMAR



Big thanks to Carolina Bank, a sponsor for over 20 years

EMPLOYEES NEEDED DO YOU NEED A JOB?

PUBLIC WORKS:

This department needs a Supervisor/Scheduler/Worker Full time – See Mayor Howell or access an application at www.lamarsc.org and submit it to tdargan@lamarsc.org.

TOWN HALL:

Town Hall needs a Clerk/Assistant to the Town Administrator full time - See Mayor Howell or access an application at www.lamarsc.org and submit it to tdargan@lamarsc.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

This department needs a certified police officer full time – See Chief Carter or Mayor Howell or access an application at www.lamarsc.org and submit it to tdargan@lamarsc.org.



Darnell Byrd McPherson, Executive Director of Darlington County First Steps and prior Mayor of Lamar, receives the 2025 Carol Singletary Community Impact Award for her lifelong advocacy for children's health, education, and empowerment, particularly for those affected by systemic inequities.

From: News & Press, 9/3/2025

-----HOMECOMING-----

LHS--Friday, October 3, 7:30 vs McBee



SMS --Wednesday, October 22 vs CE Murray, 6-7 pm

HALLOWEEN IS ON OCTOBER 30 FOR Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat throughout TOWN

NO HALLOWEEN MASKS INSIDE BUSINESSES

Trunk or Treat will take place on South Railroad Avenue from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday, October 30, due to the home football game on Friday, October 31. Foot traffic only is allowed in this area. Fill S. Railroad with lots of trunks and lots of treats!

Copied from FB: Yolondis Peoples



Trick or Treat Throughout Town will also take place from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday, October 30, due to the home football game on Friday, October 31.

Underage children must be accompanied by an adult, but with the understanding that there are parents who are working, an older sibling 17 or over is approved.



Dates to Remember

Check the Library for a schedule.

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday, Oct. 6
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – Oct. 10
- Columbus Day/Indigenous Day – TOWN HALL CLOSED
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Oct. 13
- Trash Pickup – Oct. 14 and 17
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – Oct. 20
- Water Bill Due – Oct. 20
- HALLOWEEN – OCT. 30

Lamar Recreation
Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

BINGO – Tuesday, 10-14, 10 am
Trip – Thursday, 10-16
Myrtle Beach, Cost \$10



PARADE PARTICIPANTS WANTED!

LAMAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - THE LEGACY LAP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2025

LINE-UP: 9:00 AM | PARADE START: 10:00 AM

DOWNTOWN LAMAR, SC

WHO CAN JOIN	WHY JOIN?
STEPPING TEAMS	SHOWCASE YOUR GROUP TO THE COMMUNITY
DRUMLINES	CELEBRATE SCHOOL PRIDE & TRADITION
CAR CLUBS	BE PART OF HOMECOMING HISTORY
HORSEMEN	
BIKERS & CYCLISTS	
DANCE CREWS & COMMUNITY ORGS	

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT
9/8/2025

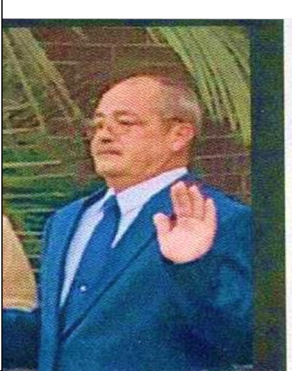
CODES & BUSINESS
Councilwoman Bradley -
--According to the Darlington County Codes Enforcer, all projects in Lamar are “up to standard.”
--Four construction businesses have received business licenses.

--WATER & SEWER
Councilwoman Lee –
--There have been various water leaks. We try to get to these as soon as possible. Please report if you see or suspect a leak. Call 843-230-7137 or report it to Town Hall.
Water bought in July: 3,038,600 gal
Water billed: 2,048,231 gal
Water loss: 990,369 gal

STREETS & SANITATION
Councilwoman Mack –
--We are continuing to monitor the street lights. Contact Councilwoman Mack or contact Duke on its website to report an outage.
--The Town is waiting on the State to decide what to do about Sanko Street running into Adams Circle. There is some question about the right of way at this junction.
--We need a Public Works employee.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Councilman Cook /Chief Carter -
--Looking for a full time police officer. A part time officer has been hired.
--Watch speeding in town—mostly 25-35 mph.
--Call 843-398-4011 for animal control.
--The remainder of the SCDoc grant is being used to update the police laptop computer s.

Mayor
James
Howell



October
2025

Mr. W. Foster McKinney, II, CPA PA of Hamilton McKinney & Moss, presented Lamar’s FYE2024 Financial Statement at the September 8, 2025, Town Council Meeting. He was thorough as he maneuvered through the Financial Statement, explaining each and every detail about Lamar’s finances. He was very pleased to report that “LAMAR IS IN GOOD SHAPE FINANCIALLY.” I am pleased to hear such a good report. I am also pleased to note that our employees—Doug Poston, our CPA; Tim Dargan, our Town Administrator; and Gloria Joye, our Office employee, have been diligent and responsible about keeping our records in the most appropriate, correct, and acceptable method for preparing the Financial Report. Thanks to all.

Halloween will be celebrated throughout Town on Thursday, October 30, instead of Friday, October 31, because of the home football game. I have chosen Thursday because of the game starting at 7:30 pm and the Halloween hours are 6 – 8 pm. I ask that everyone cooperate and let our children enjoy this day. They can enjoy Trunk or Treat on South Railroad and then enjoy Trick or Treat throughout Town. The town will pay for additional police on Thursday, as we always do on the day we celebrate.

Town Hall will be closed on October 13. Columbus Day/Indigenous Day is Monday, October 13, 2025. Columbus Day honors the explorer Christopher Columbus, and Indigenous Day honors Natives who lived in the United States before Columbus and thus before being colonized.

Fall has arrived. The days are cooler, and many people are out doing yard work. Please place small trash, leaves, straw, and such in bags for pickup. Limbs must be cut in short links for pickup, and all trash must be placed by the street. Please tie the bags so that in picking them up, Public Works will not spread the trash but keep it in the trailer. Thank you for your help.

Look out for your neighbor. Stay safe. Call Tip Line 843-326-1449 if you see or suspect a problem.

If you would like to place information in the newsletter, text Janie Howell at 843-326-5224.

Peace and joy, James

12:30pm - 5:30pm
\$20 Entry Fee
\$10 Child Entry/Golf Carts

AWARDS 5PM
PARADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER

Over 10 classic to enter
Some Homemade Trunkies
Kids entries can be power wheels/ride toys
Santa & Mrs. Claus letters to Santa

Make St. Lamar, SC 29647

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 22ND

Trailer Parking Available

CRUISIN' into Christmas

Lamar, SC 29647
Contact: Kristina Kennedy
843-326-1449
Dorinda Jones
843-326-1449

LAMAR'S 1ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW