

Mayor: James Howell**Town Council:**

Angele Bradley
Tyler Cook
Inez Lee
Mary Ann Mack

Town Administrator:

Tim Dargan

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Lamar's Monthly Connection

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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

School has started.



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.

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.

SC GOLF CART LAWS

In the state of South Carolina, you may purchase a cart permit at any SCDMV branch.

--A permit decal must always be visible on the golf cart.

--If you have a valid driver's license, you may drive a golf cart during the day within FOUR miles of your home or business and on **secondary highways** with a **speed limit of 35 mph or less**.

--**Proof of liability insurance is required** for golf carts.

--No one under the age of 16 is permitted to drive a golf cart on streets or roads.

--No night driving is allowed.

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TOWN OF LAMAR JOBS**Town Clerk**

Job Type: Full Time; Benefits Eligible \$17/Hour--negotiable based on experience

Job Summary & Responsibilities:

The Town of Lamar seeks qualified candidates to serve as Town Clerk. Position serves as a clerk to the Lamar Town Council and assistant to the Lamar Town Administrator. This position is responsible for administrative work in Town Hall including the preparation and maintenance of a variety of official documents, issuance of various licenses and permits, and recording various documents.

Other job responsibilities include attending public meetings and recording minutes, notifying the public of public meetings, and completing tasks in a timely manner.

Education/Training:

--High School graduate required
--3 or more years of prior clerical and/or municipal experience desired.
--A combination of education, training, certification, and experience will be considered.

--Applicant should possess excellent communication and computer skills. MS Word and Excel are required.

IF INTERESTED, ACCESS AN APPLICATION AT www.lamarsc.org AND SUBMIT WITH A CURRENT RESUME TO TOWN HALL OR TO TIM DARGAN AT tdargan@lamarsc.org.

HIRING POLICE OFFICERS

Job Type: Full-Time Certified Officer \$17/Hour – based on experience and certification.
Part-Time Non-Certified Officer \$14.50/Hour Start

Employment Qualifications:

--U.S. citizen --at least 21 in age
--Have High School diploma or GED
--Have valid SC driver's license
--Pass background check

Benefits: Insurance, Retirement, Uniforms, Equipment provided

IF INTERESTED, ACCESS AN APPLICATION AT www.lamarsc.org.

**No U-Turns on Main Street**

The SCDOT is displaying “No U-Turn” signs on Main Street. Have you parked in front of the post office and when leaving, you made a U-Turn to leave? What about in front of other places on the street? That is illegal.

Therefore, the SCDOT has decided to display “No U-Turn” signs along Main Street to remind drivers U-Turns are not permitted.

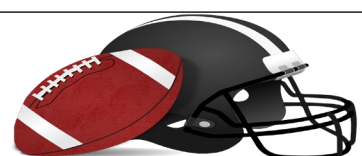
A U-Turn is a 180 degree turn—a turn in the street to go in the opposite direction.



Offices up for election in the Municipal Election in Lamar on November 4, 2025, are Lamar Mayor and two at large Town Council seats.

The Filing Period is from Noon Friday, August 1, to Noon Friday, August 15.

All candidates file at the Darlington County Voter Registration & Elections Office in Darlington.

LAMAR HIGH FOOTBALL 2025

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| 8/22 | @DARLINGTON | |
| 8/29 | @ GREEN SEA FLOYDS | |
| 9/5 | @ CENTRAL | |
| 9/12 | LAKE CITY | (HOME) |
| 9/19 | NORTH CENTRAL | (HOME) |
| 10/3 | MCBEE | (HOME) |
| 10/10 | @ GREAT FALLS | |
| 10/17 | @ LEE CENTRAL | |
| 10/24 | C.A. JOHNSON | (HOME) |
| 10/31 | LEWISVILLE | (HOME) |

NOTE

ORDINANCE

Fences (Zoning Book, p. 9)
4-8 Fences may be erected in front yards of any zoning district to a height not to exceed 48 inches. . .In side and rear yards, fences may be built not closer than three inches to a property line and no taller than eight feet.
SEE TOWN HALL ABOUT ORDINANCES.



Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday, Aug. 4
 - Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – Aug. 8
 - Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Aug. 11
 - Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm Town Hall – Aug. 18
 - Water Bill Due – Aug. 20
- LABOR DAY – SEPT. 1 – OFFICE CLOSED
- TRASH PICKUP – 9/2 AND 9/5

Lamar Library
843-326-5524
Darlington-lib.org

- Aug. 4 – Knit Wits, 5:30 pm
- Aug. 8 – Get a Red Apple Pass 10 am – 2 pm
- Aug. 18 – Knit Wits, 5:30 pm
- Aug. 20 – Book Club, 11 am “The Perfect Divorce” By Jeneva Rose
- Aug. 21 – Senior Social Movie Matinee, 10:30 am “Sister Act 2”



SPAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2025



- 8/30 Jamboree/Hemingway (H)
 - 9/10 @ C.E. Murray
 - 9/17 Bye
 - 9/24 @ Creek Bridge
 - 10/1 Kingstree (H)
 - 10/15 @ Hemingway
 - 10/22 Homecoming (H) C.E. Murray
 - 10/29 McBee (H)
 - 11/5 Senior Night (H) Creek Bridge
- ALL 6 PM, EXCEPT 8/30 10 AM

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT 7/14/2025

CODES & BUSINESS
Councilwoman Bradley - Angele asked that the office tell her about new licenses so when asked about circumstances in relation to new businesses, etc., she will be able to give answers.

WATER & SEWER
Councilwoman Lee –
Water bought in June: 3,365,300
Water billed: 1,789,198
Water loss: 1,576,102

STREETS & SANITATION
Councilwoman Mack –
-We are continuing to monitor the street lights. Also, she asked that the STOP signs on Adam’s Circle be checked. There is a question about stopping or continuing at Sanko. The Chief will investigate.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Councilman Cook –
-Looking for officers.
-Watch speeding in town—mostly 25-35 mph.
-Call 843-398-4011 for animal control.
-Completing the SCDOC grant. May have some left to help with computer updates.
--“No U-Turn” signs on Main Street.



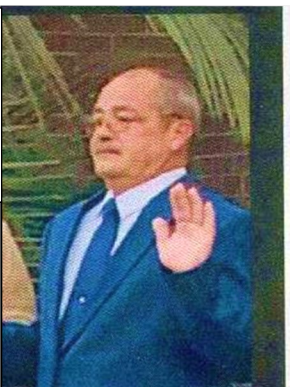
- 1. Name the counties surrounding Darlington County on this map.
- 2. What town is shown in Darlington County?
- 3. How many towns/cities are in Darlington County?

Lamar Recreation



BINGO – Tues., Aug. 19, 10 am
TRIP – Thurs., Aug. 21, Columbia – Shopping
NOTICE: Our Rec. Dept. needs 4 football coaches and 2 cheer coaches.
We also need players.
Register by Aug. 1, \$50.
Please help so we can have a successful season.
Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634

Mayor James Howell



This summer has been a scorcher! I encourage you to stay hydrated. Water is essential for everything from maintaining blood pressure to regulating body temperature and lubricating joints. My regular job has taught me about water!

The construction of the South Railroad Avenue Pump Station and Gravity Sewer Project is now underway. The project includes the abandonment and demolition of an existing pump station and wet well, which are in serious need of being replaced.

Do you know anyone who needs a job and can perhaps become a clerk in Town Hall or an officer to help monitor the Town? We are in need of a Town Clerk and a full-time officer and a part-time officer. Help fill these openings.

SCHOOL HAS STARTED. PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE BUSES. HELP SUPPORT OUR GREAT SCHOOLS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION OF “Connection.”

Helen Keller once stated, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” I think about this in relation to our Town. When we all work together, we accomplish much. I ask each of you to value our Town and help keep it clean, abide by our ordinances, and support our businesses.

Also, help each other, and if Town Hall can help, let us know.
Peace and joy,
James

CONTACTS FOR LAMAR

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| ALL EMERGENCIES | 911 |
| Police Department | 843-326-5555 |
| After Hours Police | |
| Non-Emergency | 843-398-4920 |
| ANONYMOUS TIP LINE | 843-326-1449 |
| Darlington Sheriff’s Off. | 843-398-4501 |
| Town of Lamar | 843-326-5551 |
| Town Clerk | 843-326-5551 |
| Lamar Fire Department | 911 |
| Darlington Fire District | 843-339-9098 |
| Lamar Recreation Center | 843-992-4480 |
| Lamar Post Office | 843-326-5211 |
| Lamar Public Library | 843-326-5524 |
| Carolina Bank – Lamar | 843-326-5557 |
| Darlington Humane Soc. | 843-398-4402 |
| Animal Control | 843-398-4011 |