



SMALL TOWN! BIG VISION!



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Town Office Hours

M – Th 9 am – 4:30 pm

Police Department Hours

M – F 8 am – 12 pm



Money is negotiable in jobs.
Full time jobs!

LAMAR 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.

LAMAR PUBLIC WORKS:

This department needs a person who will supervise personnel, schedule their jobs, and work with them. This employee must know how to operate a backhoe. See Mayor Howell or access an application at www.lamarsc.org and submit it to tdargan@lamarsc.org.

Happy New Year

New Year's Eve Gala

PRESENTED BY CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2025

8 PM - 12:30 AM | GOVERNORS RUN COUNTRY CLUB
665 CLUB DR, LAMAR, SC 29069

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL | COCKTAIL & EVENING ATTIRE | 18+ ONLY | 21+ SERVED

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES & COCKTAILS | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
SILENT AUCTION | LUXURY DOOR PRIZES

Tickets to this exclusive event may be purchased for \$50 at the Beehive Hair Salon or Mercantile213. Space is limited/so get yours today!

All proceeds to benefit Christmas on Main

Two New Council Members



Daren Lorenzo



Jessica Myers

Two new Council Members

Congratulations to Daren Lorenzo and Jessica Myers, who have been elected to serve four years on Lamar Town Council.

Councilman-Elect Lorenzo is the Operations Manager/Coordinator of King Industrial, located on South Railroad. He works with Christmas on Main, helping to promote Lamar as a "Winter Wonderland" each year.

Councilwoman-Elect Myers moved to Lamar about three years ago from Missouri. She is a school volunteer and a true "Lamartian."

Have a Happy Holiday!



Mayor for 2026-2029



Congratulations to Inez Lee, the new mayor of Lamar. Mayor-Elect Lee is a longtime educator and community leader.

She is well-known throughout town, with citizens recognizing her service, leadership, and dedication to education and to the community. She retired from the Darlington County School District after 35 years of service.

She has held many positions in community, church, and civic areas.

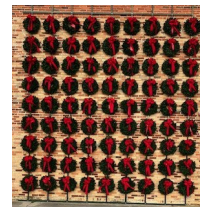
The people of Lamar look forward to having Mayor-Elect Lee lead their town toward continued growth.

Thank You, COM!

Thank you **Christmas on Main** for decorating our town for Christmas. It truly looks like "Winter Wonderland." Every year you make it grow and glow. It is beautiful!

I am so proud of Lamar.

Mayor Howell



December

Dates to Remember

- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday, Dec. 1
- Lamar Town Council – 6:15 pm – Town Hall – Dec. 8
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – 9 am – Town Hall – Dec. 12
- Court with Judge LaCross – 1:30 pm – Town Hall – Dec. 15
- Water Bill Due – Dec. 20
- Christmas – Dec. 24-26 TOWN HALL CLOSED
- Trash Pickup – Dec. 22 and 26
- New Year's Day – Jan. 1 TOWN HALL CLOSED
- Trash Pickup – Dec. 29 and Jan. 2

Lamar Library
December 2025

REINDEER HUNT—ALL MONTH LONG
FIND ALL THE REINDEER AND GET SOME CANDY!!

- 1 Knits Wits – 5:30 pm
- 2 A Charlie Brown Christmas Movie & Craft – 5 pm
- 3 Mobility & Stretching – 10:30 am
- 7 Teen Manga Club – (Grades 6-12) - 4:30 pm
- 10 Mobility & Stretching – 10:30 am
- 11 Senior Social Movie Matinee – 10:30 am
- 12 Homeschool Adventures – 1 pm
- 15 Knit Wits – 5:30 pm
- 16 Kids Ornament Workshop – 4 pm
- 17 Mobility & Stretching – 10:30 am
- 20 Cookies with Santa – Drop-in at 11 am
- 24 – 27 – CHRISTMAS – CLOSED
- 31 Mobility & Stretching – 10:30 am CLOSE @ 5 pm

Lamar Recreation

Rusty Anderson 843-992-5634



TRIP: Tuesday, Dec. 16
Alabama Theatre
North Myrtle Beach
Cost: \$50 for trip
You must pay for food.

BINGO: Wednesday, Dec. 17
10 am Lamar Rec. Bldg.



Children's book by local author, Ashley Abraham. It can be ordered from Amazon.

Congratulations, Ashley!

Citizens of Lamar,

When I took the reign as mayor in 2022, our Town was at a crossroads. The world was changing around us, and we faced a choice: push forward toward improving our town or just remain satisfied with Main Street and the empty buildings. I did not wish to become Mayor in name only. I often stated, "I'm not in it for me—I'm in it for the Town. Every citizen in Lamar is important, regardless of their background, and we will need every citizen's help to lift Lamar up to where it needs to be." Look at where we are today.



Mayor Howell

Four years later, we have made strides. We have become stronger and more prepared to meet our needs and challenges. Town Council, the Town Administrator, and I have been vigilant about looking for solutions

- for the water and sewer systems, adequate police protection, rugged roads and streets, flooding, and more;
- taking care of problems as they arise;
- adding local shops and businesses for hometown shopping;
- improving good financial management with the Town's money;
- growing stronger relationships between citizens;
- and listening to you—our Town's greatest asset.

As of the first of January 2026, I will no longer be your mayor. I offer my congratulations to Lamar's new mayor, Inez Lee. As she begins her reign, Lamar's next phase of growth begins. Infrastructure, economic, social, and promotional needs always require improvement. Also, as the world continues to change, this incoming Administration will face new challenges and opportunities.

Although I will no longer be your mayor, this is by no means goodbye. I will continue to be a Lamar resident, neighbor, and friend. It has been an honor of a lifetime and a privilege to work with this Town for the last four years. I vowed in 2022 to make Lamar better. Today, with God's grace and your support, I feel I have.

I leave you with this thought: Eduardo Galeano once wrote, "Many little people, in little places, doing little things, can change the world." I believe Lamar exemplifies this quote.

Thank you, James

2022-2025

November 28, 2025



CLASS A UPPER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations, Silver Foxes!

Lamar took an early lead over Lewisville to win the Upper State Football Championship on Friday, November 28.

The Silver Foxes will play Bamberg-Ehrhardt on Friday, December 5, at 4 pm at South Carolina State in Orangeburg. Winning this game will make Lamar SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS!

THIS TOWN IS WITH YOU, SILVER FOXES!
GO GET IT!



Woodmen Life Lamar Chapter presents Christmas on Main a \$2,500 grant.