

SMALL TOWN! BIG VISION!

Mayor: James Howell

Council:

- Angele Bradley
- Tyler Cook
- Inez Lee
- Mary Ann Mack

Town Administrator:

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Lamar's Monthly Connection

March 2022



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 also. No water-No trash pickup.



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



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.

Visit the Town of Lamar website at www.lamarsc.org and the Town's Facebook page at Town of Lamar SC.



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Lamar Spring Cleaning

Friday-Saturday, March 18-19

Citizens: It's that time! Your help is needed to do **SPRING CLEANING**. This is the time to clean your yard and to help clean the streets and public areas of Lamar, **OUR TOWN**.

Small tree limbs, brush, etc. may be placed beside the street for pickup. (Cut these limbs to accommodate easy pickup.) Leaves, straw, and other small trash must be placed in bags for pickup. The County Recycle Center on Bay Branch Road is open. You may take your trash there.

Please clean all junk, including old cars, from your yard. Call 843-617-5126 for old car pickup. They pick up 24/7 and pay CASH on the spot.

Businesses: Please clean your windows, doors, fronts of your buildings, and the yards or sidewalks. Make your places presentable, friendly, and inviting.

DO YOUR PART! On March 18-19 volunteer to help with town projects and/or help your neighbors with cleaning.

At 12 o'clock on Saturday, hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be furnished at Town Hall for all volunteers.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SPRING CLEAN LAMAR.

Egg Scramble Jamboree Over Easy Saturday, April 2, 2022



2022 EGG SCRAMBLE JAMBOREE

The Lamar Egg Scramble Jamboree will be back in swing for 2022 with a one-day event on April 2, 2022, "Egg Scramble Jamboree Over Easy."

We will be providing more information soon! For details, you may call 843-942-9327 and leave a message. A committee member will get back to you as soon as possible.

Notice to Residents: ORDINANCES

Lamar is governed by a set of ordinances that are in compliance with county and state ordinances. The one being highlighted at this time is below:



Burning (pg. 43)

5.211. Building(s) Burned or Destroyed More Than Half its Value.

Buildings which may have been or hereafter be damaged by fire, decay or otherwise to an amount greater than one-half its value, exclusive of the foundation, shall not be repaired or rebuilt but shall be removed.

A Planning Commission is Established

The Planning Commission is a group of citizens appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Town Council to promote orderly development in the town. A comprehensive plan must provide for the town's physical, social, and economic growth. In other words, its purpose is to help the town plan for future development, land use, and proposing land use ordinances, including zoning. This Commission will report to Town Council and the Mayor with any amendments, recommendations, problems, etc.

Members are Cynthia Spann, Angie Lucas, Eugene Chapman, Edith Josey, Joe Roselli, Shari McFadden, Angela Grooms, Ed Johnson, Danielle Wilkes, Fran Knotts, and Janie Howell.

Six hours of training are required to be a member.

A Board of Zoning Appeals is Established

The Board of Zoning Appeals is a group of citizens appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Town Council to hear requests for special exceptions and variances arising from the application of the town's zoning ordinances, resolutions, and maps. If a town has zoning, a Board of Zoning must be created.

Members are Jerry Shull, Lang Howell, Izandria Durant, Jing Li (Tina), Frank Hicks, Paul Coker, John Waiters, William Springs, and Michelle Lloyd.

What to Expect in March:



- Town Council Meeting –Monday, Mar. 14@6:15
- Beautification Meeting –2nd Friday@9:00 a.m.
- Neighborhood Watch – 1st Thursday@6:00 p.m.
- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday
- Court with Judge Craig LaCross – 3rd Monday

All vendors/organizations must obtain a permit from Lamar Town Hall prior to their events (including selling of goods, parades, group gatherings, etc.). This policy will be enforced.



Mayor James Howell Reports

James Howell

Two months have passed quickly. I am busy getting up-to-date on the everyday business in the office and working to establish plans for concerns that need to be addressed. As you can see in the newsletter today, a Planning Commission and Board of Zoning have been established per the SC Municipal Assoc. Other immediate plans deal with Ordinance 5.211. Buildings Burned or Destroyed More Than Half its Value, dilapidated buildings, water breaks, and delinquent water bills.

Council members have been assigned a specific area in town to serve and monitor. Inez Lee is over Water & Sewer, Angele Bradley is over Codes & Business Licenses, Tyler Cook is over the Police Dept., and Mary Ann Mack is over Streets & Sanitation (Public Works). They are all working together to serve Lamar.

I look forward to my ultimate goal of adding new businesses and having good infrastructure and adequate police protection, etc. I ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO SUPPORT OUR PRESENT BUSINESSES AND SHOW OTHERS THE BENEFIT OF SHOPPING AND OWNING A BUSINESS IN LAMAR OR BEING A RESIDENT WHO RESIDES IN LAMAR.

Don't forget the Sesquicentennial Celebration being planned. The first celebration is set for April 3. Celebrations will occur throughout the year. Watch the April newsletter for further information.

Lamar's SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ses qui cen ten ni al

Things to know:

- *Sesquicentennial means One-hundred-and fiftieth anniversary
- *2022 population: 938
- *Presently 154th largest city in SC
- *Form of municipal government: Mayor-Council
- *Known as Devil's Woodyard; Mims Cross Roads, and Lisbon before becoming Lamar
- *Began identifying as Lisbon the town in 1872
- *Granted Town Charter in 1890 as Lamar



NOTICE: If you would like to place information in the newsletter, please contact Inez Lee of the Beautification Committee at ilee@lamarsc.org by the 20th of the month, bring your info to the office, or text Janie Howell at 843-326-5224. Let us know about sports, library programs, and other information for citizens.



Addendum from Councilwoman Inez B. Lee:

Lamar Town Hall has been open every Monday and Tuesday since July 2021. Citizens had to enter through the Police Department entrance due to covid-19 protocol.

Please contact the editor of Lamar's Monthly Connection for information that you would like to place in the newsletter by the 20th of each month:

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