

SMALL TOWN! BIG VISION!

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Lamar's Monthly Connection MAY 2022

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April showers bring
May flowers!

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.

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.



Saturday, May 7, 12 Noon
Steppingstone Outreach Ministries
373 Davis Street
Stop the Violence Event
ALL INVITED



FREE SHREDDING SERVICE
FOR THE PUBLIC – May 11

If you have anything that needs to be shredded, GO TO LUM Church PARKING LOT on WED., MAY 11, FROM 1 PM – 4 PM. The Shredder Truck will be there.

IT'S TIME TO SET THE CLOCK

It's time to set the town clock. The clock was installed in 2011 and has not been examined by a clock specialist in these eleven years. As you know, the clock does not keep the correct time.



A clock fund is being set up to upgrade the clock. Details about how to donate, etc. will be included in the June edition of the CONNECTION.

The clock was purchased from the Verdun Clock Company and presented to Lamar in memory of Mr. Harold Andrews by the Andrews Family and others. "Mr. Harold" owned a hardware store in Lamar for years.



ATTENTION

Public Hearing on Flooding Issues

The South Carolina Office of Resilience has awarded Darlington County a grant and contracted with E.L. Robinson to perform a countywide watershed study.

If you have flooding issues, let your voice be heard at the public meeting in Lamar on Tuesday, May 17, at 6 PM, in the Lamar-Spaulding Elementary School Cafetorium. Other dates and locations are available throughout the county.

LAMAR POLICE CHIEF CARL SCOTT



The Lamar Police Department is hiring.

The Department is currently screening applicants for FT/PT/Reserve Police Officers. Submit an application at lamarsc.org and email to cscott@lamarsc.org.

To speak with someone at the Police Department, please call 843-326-5555.

SESQUICENTENNIAL MAY First Responders' Taste

THE SECOND CELEBRATION OF LAMAR'S SESQUICENTENNIAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MAY 26, FROM 4 PM. – 6PM.

First Responders' Taste will highlight Lamar's first responders. First responders, emergency vehicles, and equipment will line Railroad Avenue in front of Piggly Wiggly. Also, this program will include a "taste" as the public browses the area. Local vendors will furnish samples of food.

This program is in response to the many services performed for Lamar's citizens. It is a "Thank You" to first responders from the town celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Everyone is invited to celebrate **First Responders' Taste May 26.**

The first celebration of the Sesquicentennial, a praise and worship service, took place on April 3. A celebration will occur each month throughout the year.

WALMART GRANT \$1,000 Congratulations, Lamar!

Great news! Lamar is excited to announce that the town received a grant from Walmart Giving in the amount of \$1,000.

"Town Pride" is the name of the program assigned to this grant. The primary focus of the program is best described as "Environmental Sustainability."

The grant will be used for equipment and tools needed to sustain day-to-day activities beneficial to keeping the town clean and wholesome for its citizens and visitors.

The Town of Lamar's mission is to strive to promote and improve the quality of life of its citizens



VOLUNTEER!
Harvest Hope Food Bank
 Farmer's Market Location
Service Day
May 12 9am-12pm
 Come help pack food boxes for distribution!

Notice to Residents: ORDINANCES

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

5.210. Trash and Bonfires

It shall be unlawful to burn any trash or to have any bonfire within the corporate limits without first obtaining a permit from the Fire Chief, or in his absence, the Police Chief, or their lawful assistants.

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

Buildings which may have been or hereafter are 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.

What to Expect in May:



- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday
- Sesquicentennial Steering Com.– May 5 @ 6 PM
- STOP THE VIOLENCE–May 7 @ 12 PM, 373 Davis St.
- Town Council Mtg.-Mon., May 9 @ 6:15 PM
- FREE Shredding, Wed., May 11 @1 PM-4 PM, LUMC
- Harvest Hope Pack Box Day- May 12 @ 9 AM -12 PM
- Beautification Meeting –May 13 @ 9:00 AM
- Orange Frog Day– May 14 @ 10 AM – 12 PM, SMS
- Court with Judge Craig LaCross – May 16
- Flooding Issues Hearing – May 17 @ 6 PM, LSES
- Water Bill Due– May 20
- Lamar Pokémon Club – May 21 @ 10:30 AM – 1 PM
- First Responders' Taste – May 26 @ 4PM – 6 PM
- Library Book Club– May 28 @ 11:00AM
- Blood Drive –June 1 @ 1 PM – 6 PM, LUMC

SESQUICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE



Mayor James Howell
Reports

James Howell

I have now been in office long enough to realize that the personnel in Lamar in Water and Sewer are on the job day and night—water breaks do not ask when but demand immediate attention no matter the time or day. During the water break on Easter weekend I felt bad for you, you citizens, because many had company or had plans other than boiling water. However, the break was fixed “and life goes on.”

I have employed a new person in the Maintenance Department. He is Donnie Bryant, a local, who started the middle of April.

As the temperature rises and with the rains we have had, grass is turning green, flowers are budding or blooming, and the trees have sprouted leaves. “Spring has sprung” as the old saying does. What a wonderful time of year! The lawnmower will soon reach full speed.

The Police Department is in need of additional officers. If you or someone you know might want to serve our town in this capacity, please contact Chief Carl Scott.

I plan to see you all on Railroad Avenue on May 26 for the First Responders' Taste. Sounds like fun as we celebrate our First Responders and our 150th Anniversary. This is our second Sesquicentennial Monthly Event.

As we plan for these monthly events, it is very important that ALL CHAIRPERSONS AND OTHER ASSISTANTS FOR EACH EVENT COME TO THE SESQUICENTENNIAL STEERING COM. MEETINGS TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE ALL DECISIONS. FEEDBACK FROM OTHERS HELPS WITH PLANNING. THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 5, AT 6:00 PM. ALL CHAIRPERSONS ARE ASKED TO BE PRESENT.

ORANGE



DAY

Saturday, May 14, from 10 AM – 12 Noon, Spaulding Middle School will participate in a Community Fair called ORANGE FROG DAY. Activities will include promoting Happiness & Kindness, Preventive Health Screenings, Raising Awareness for Targeted Health & Mental Illness, Sharing Educational Materials, Job & Career Opportunities, Registration for School Year 2022-23, County Library Programs, Support School Programs, Parental Resources, Local Vendors, and much more.

Participants are urged to wear orange while SPREADING HAPPINESS IN THE COMMUNITY OF LAMAR. The ultimate goal is TO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE AND ADOPT A POSITIVE MINDSET THAT WILL PRODUCE SUCCESS.

The Orange Frog is a frog named Spark who turns “orange” among an island of green frogs. Spark is positive, optimistic, and has an open mind to change. He loves opportunities and grows through challenges.

Contact Nicole Jones & Kaywana Bradley at 843-326-7625 for further information.

Blood DRIVE: June 1, 2022, 1 PM – 6 PM

Lamar United Methodist Fellowship Hall
Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.com
Enter sponsor CODE: LamarUMC

NOTICE: If you would like to place information in the newsletter, please contact Inez Lee of the Beautification Committee at ilee@lamarsc.org or contact her at 843-230-7137 by the 20th of the month. Text Janie Howell at 843-326-5224.

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