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Lamar's Monthly Connection

January 2023

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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.

New Businesses in Town in 2022

Lamar is growing! These new businesses have opened their doors in the last few months of 2022. Show support. SHOP LOCALLY!

- Beehive Hair Salon – Featuring haircuts, styles, and manicures
- CARQUEST - Your AUTO Parts store; soon it will supply basic hardware
- Clover Styles Boutique – Featuring clothing and jewelry; arrivals weekly
- Eatz on Main – Buffet and/or Order
- Mercantile213 – Everything from gift ideas to clothes to shoes to arts to crafts to knickknacks for one and all; and coffeeshop
- Two Sisters Thrift Shop – Featuring gently-used clothes and articles (A bakery is coming in April.)

*****If your water service is disconnected, your trash roll cart will be picked up. 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.

POLICE DEPT. HIRING!

The Town is recruiting new officers immediately.
 Full-time –Certified officers will start at \$17/per hour and receive a bonus of \$2,000.
 Health insurance and police retirement are offered.
 Part-time/reserve police officers are being screened also.
 Apply in person at 117 W. Main St. or access an application at www.lamarsc.org .

LOOKING BACK SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEWSLETTER

In January 2019 a formal name was chosen for this newsletter. In November 2018 the question was posed. Several suggestions were received, and after consideration of them, Town Hall and the Beautification Commission, who sponsors the newsletter, found the perfect name: **LAMAR'S MONTHLY CONNECTION.** Jennifer Lewis Gee suggested the name. It fits what the paper does—it connects Lamar with its people monthly.

In December 2018 Duke Energy informed Lamar that it could no longer make a canopy of lights across Main Street! The old tradition was shattered. However, Lamar's volunteers forged ahead to make a new tradition and bring back the old. In 2022, besides lights across Main Street, the town was decorated like no other time in its history.

In 2019 a comprehensive and enlightening tour of Lamar could be taken by simply using the finger or the mouse and go directly to www.lamarsc.org on the computer keyboard. Information on Lamar could be easily found on the internet.

Chief Carl Scott was introduced to Lamar in June 2019. He stated, "I look forward to serving Lamar."

Tim Dargan became the Town Administrator in 2020. He was hired by Mayor Darnell McPherson and continues to serve.

Christmas on Main was established in 2020 and had its first event the first Saturday in December despite Covid.

Yes, Covid-19 took over in 2020. It was with great regret that the Egg Scramble was cancelled. Also, masks had to be worn everywhere. Church was conducted in parking lots with people sitting in their vehicles. School was in-class some days and at-home on computers other days. Many people were sick.

In 2020 Lamar-Spaulling Elementary School was being completed and Kristi Austin was named Principal.

Covid continued to dictate 2021. Most eating places had take out only. School days were still off and on.

The beginning of 2022 brought about some relief from Covid and people finally began to venture out, although many people still wear masks for prevention. Also, Mayor James Howell took office along with Mary Ann Mack and Tyler Cook, Town Council members.

Lamar celebrated its Sesquicentennial in 2022. The town was identified as a town in 1872 and therefore in the year 2022 Lamar celebrated its 150th birthday. Each month starting in April an event was held to recognize or honor some group or public servant and Lamar's history of education.

ORDINANCES – Reference Code of Ordinances in Town Hall when questioning a situation

Code of Ordinances – page 69

Article III. Garbage and Refuse Removal and Disposal

10.305 Responsibility to Place Garbage . . .

Each occupant/user shall place his garbage for collection at the proper time in the proper manner near the sidewalk or highway in front of residence.

10.306 Cleaning of Containers

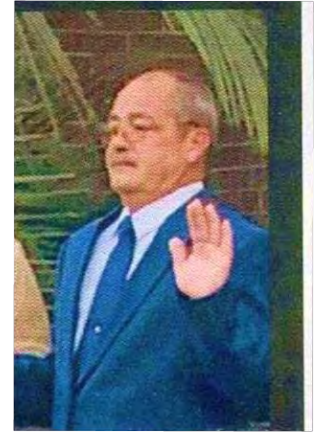
It shall be the responsibility of the occupant/user to keep their individual container reasonably clean.

10.307 Storage Area to Be Kept Clean of Litter

It shall be the responsibility of the occupant/user to keep the pickup point free of litter. . . . Containers shall not be filled to overflow capacity in order to prevent litter distribution when emptying the container.

Mayor
James Howell

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JANUARY 2023

Ring in the New Year is a time to celebrate with family, friends—Lamar’s citizens. It’s a time to think about last year and a time to make plans for a new year. A lot can happen in a year from good to bad, but the New Year brings about a new beginning and a fresh start. As Mayor of Lamar, I plan to make 2023 a year to work on hopes and ambitions not yet accomplished for this small town with a big vision. I ask you to join me in continuing to make Lamar a home for new businesses and citizens and a community where visitors come to shop and feel welcomed.

Thank you for all you do for our Town.

SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT OUR TOWN.

What’s on the Schedule in January:



- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday – January 2
- Story Time at Library – Every Tuesday – 10:00 AM
- Town Council Mtg. – January 9 - 6:15 PM
- Beautification Commission Meeting – January 13 - 9 AM
- Court with Judge Craig LaCross – January 16 – 1:30 PM
- Water Bill Due – January 20

SAVE THE DATE

Lamar’s Egg

Scramble

Jamboree 2023

“ENCHANTED UNDER
THE SEA”

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023
TASTE OF LAMAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023
NIGHT PARADE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023
ALL DAY FESTIVAL

*Darlington’s Hot Chocolate
5k Run/Walk*



Race Day: January 7 2023

Race Time: 10:00 AM

Registration/Bib Pick-up: 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM day of race

Race Location: Fitness World Gym – Darlington
1032 Pearl Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Cost: \$30 – to register before 01/07/2023
\$35 – to register the day of

All registrants will receive an event t-shirt while supplies last

HOW TO REGISTER go to -
<https://hotchocolate5kdarlington.itsyourrace.com/>

Please email Bailee Heatherly at
hotchocolate5k@outlook.com with any questions!

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 Cell 843-326-5224. (This is a cell number.)