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# Lamar's Monthly Connection MAY 2023

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Business Office: 843-326-5551 Police Department: 843-326-5555

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## Water Payments



- Due on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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. No water-No trash pickup.

**NEED HELP WITH:**  
**GAS, LIGHTS, RENT or WATER?**

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

## 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

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS For Lamar

- All Emergencies 911
- Police Department 843-326-5555
- Chief Carl Scott 843-639-3900
- After Hours Non-Emergency 843-398-4920
- Anonymous Tip Line 843-326-1449
- Darlington County Sheriff's Office 843-398-4501



Police Chief Scott

LOOKS for new Officers

Lamar Police Department is hiring police officers. Be a part of our team!

Full-time certified officers will receive a \$2000 hiring bonus and earn up to \$17 per hour on experience and certification.

Pay for full-time non-certified officers will start at \$14 per hour with pay increase after successfully completing the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

### Employment qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must have a H.S. diploma or GED
- Must have a valid S.C. driver's license
- Must pass all phases of background check

### Benefits and Incentives:

- \$2000 hiring bonus (Certified officers only)
- Insurance
- Retirement
- Uniforms/Equipment (Provided)
- Take home vehicle (With approved mileage)

Go to [www.lamarsc.org](http://www.lamarsc.org) or to Town Hall for an application.

## TOWN COUNCIL

Council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:15 pm. The public is welcomed. During the question-and-comment time, the public may present new business.

YOU MAY VISIT OUR TOWN OF LAMAR FACEBOOK PAGE TO VIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS.

## What is FOG?

Information from DHEC

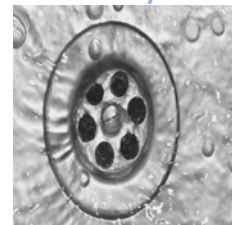
FOG is fats, oils, and grease that can build up in sewer lines. When grease is washed down the sink or toilet it coats and sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes.

Why is FOG a problem? Sewer pipes can become clogged and cause backups into basements, sinks, drains, toilets, yards, etc. Backups create health hazards, and result in expensive property damage, and threaten the environment.



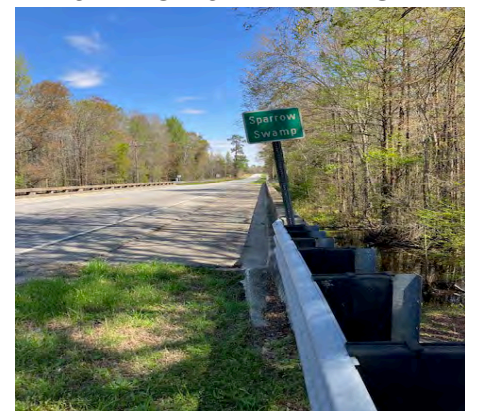
Where does FOG come from?

- Meat (bacon, sausage, etc.)
- Lard
- Cooking oil
- Butter or margarine
- Food scraps
- Baking products
- Milk, ice cream, yogurt, sour cream
- Cream based sauces
- Salad dressings, cheeses, mayo



Keep these foods out of all drains. Avoid sewer backups in your home.

## SPARROW SWAMP BRIDGE



ONE MONTH DOWN!  
TWO OR MORE TO GO?

**ORDINANCES** – Check with Town Hall when questioning a situation.

**LAMAR TOWN CODE**

**Chapter 5, Article VI, Mobile Homes**

**5.604. PERMANENT FOUNDATION REQUIRED**

No mobile home shall be occupied for dwelling purposes within the corporate limits unless it shall have been securely placed on a permanent foundation.

**5.607. YARD REQUIREMENTS**

The following yard requirements, in feet, shall be considered as minimum provisions for mobile homes located within the corporate limits:

1. Front yard, measured from the nearest right-of-way line.....50'
2. Side yard, from each side lot line.....15'
3. Rear yard, from rear lot line.....40'

**5.608. NUMBER OF HOMES PER ACRE**

Not more than two (2) mobile homes shall be placed on one (1) acre of land or less.

**5.609. INDIVIDUAL LOT REQUIRED. HOME TO FACE STREET**

Each mobile home shall be situated on its own individual lot and shall face the street.

**2-26-87** If a house or mobile home burns, before it can be replaced with a mobile home, it shall have to meet minimum yard requirements as outlined in Ordinance 5.607.

**2-26-87** If a mobile home is put on a lot, it must be for use by the owner and not used as a rental unit.

**NOTE:** If you have an unwanted dog, cat, or other animal on your property, call Darlington County Animal Control at 843-398-4011. A cage will be brought to your property to capture the animal.

**What's on the Schedule in MAY:**



- Day of Prayer & Fasting – 1st Monday - May 1
- Planning Commission Mtg. - May 2 – 6:30 pm –Town Hall
- Story Time at Library – Every Tuesday – 5 pm
- Town Council Mtg. – May 8 - 6:15 pm, Town Hall
- Beautification Com. Mtg. – May 12 – 9 am, Town Hall
- Court with Judge Craig LaCross – May 15 – 1:30 pm
- Library Book Club – May 17 – 11 am
- Water Bill Due –May 20

**What do you know about Lamar?**

1. Is Lamar a town or a city
2. What is the population of Lamar?
3. Is the government a mayor-council or council-mayor type ?
4. When is Egg Scramble always held?
5. Is Main St. a state or county highway?
6. When did Mayor Howell take office?
7. How many years are in one term for mayor?
8. What is the name of the one industry on Main St.?
9. What did Lamar celebrate in 2022?
10. Is it legal to drive a golf cart on a state highway?(Answers below)

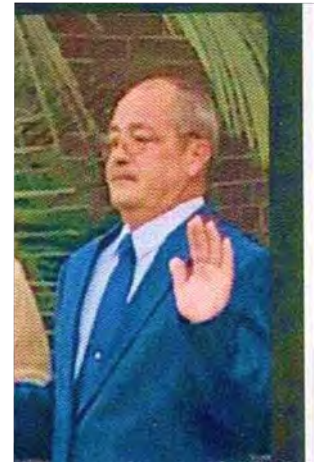
NOTICE: If you would like to place information in the newsletter, please contact Inez Lee of the Beautification Committee at [in81@aol.com](mailto:in81@aol.com) or contact her at 843-230-7137 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Text or call Janie Howell at Cell 843-326-5224. (This is a cell number.)

1 town 2 about 1,000 3 mayor-council 4 first weekend in April  
5 state 6 2022 7 4 8 Carolina Table 9 Sesquicentennial 10 No

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**MAY**



May is a great time of year—the month between winter and summer as I see it. The days and nights may still be cool, but some are warm—all days to make one want to get out in the yard and survey the weeds and needs.

In town, we are in full process of cutting grass, weedeating, blowing, and all the other work needed to keep Lamar clean. Trash and debris are being picked up at intervals to keep our streets and sidewalks neat.

It's that time of year when home owners and businesses are checking their own places to complete that cleanup from The Great American Cleanup in March. This cleanup includes old cars, broken furniture pushed out, porch swings falling down, awnings in need of being replaced, windows that need cleaning, and other “junk” ready for the county dump.

The town will pick up these discarded and useless articles/matter when you place them by the sidewalk (not up in the yard). Call 843-617-5126 to get an old car picked up. They buy them. You don't need a title.

Thank you for helping to keep Lamar clean and neat for all—you and our visitors.

*Mayor James Howell*