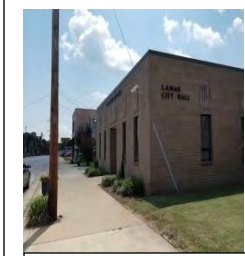


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# Lamar's Monthly Connection

## JUNE 2023

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Lamar Town Hall

### 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

### Lamar Hiring Police Officers



Lamar Police Department is hiring police officers. Be a part of our team! Apply at Town Hall or get an application at [www.lamarsc.org](http://www.lamarsc.org). Full-time certified officers will receive a \$2000 hiring bonus and earn up to \$17 per hour. Pay for full-time non-certified officers will start at \$14 per hour with pay increase after successfully completing the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

### Information from the May 8, 2023 Town Council Meeting

Lamar moving forward

The Zion Pump Station, according to Jannie Lathan of Lathan Consulting Corporation, will be completed and ready by the end of May or shortly thereafter. This is a positive step toward bringing Lamar's Sewer System up to date.

Other great news is that the Railroad Pump Station will also be rehabbed. Lamar has received a SCIP Grant in the amount of \$942,438 and a State Grant in the amount of \$44,188 to rehab this station. This work will begin soon.

The Water Meter Tampering Ordinance had its second reading at this Council Meeting. The offense for tampering with a water meter is set at \$200.

Town Council discussed buying an LED Notification Sign for the Town. Buying it was approved, but the exact spot to be placed must be determined. It will be two-sided and will give pertinent information about town happenings, etc. Watch for the installation.

A **blood drive** will be held on June 1 from 2-7 PM at the Library.

The Lamar Town Council Meeting is open to the public or it may be watched on Facebook.



### SCAM ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF SCOTT, LAMAR POLICE DEPT.

I was contacted earlier today in reference to a telephone scam. The persons committing this crime are stating that they are with the Lamar Police Department and that we have a warrant for the citizen's arrest.

I would like to reassure you that THIS IS A SCAM. Please do not follow through with any of their instructions.

The people doing this, are stating that the citizen has a time limit to pay the amount on the warrant or they will be arrested. They are even going as far as to use my name in this scam.

Date: May 24, 2023

### The USDA Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

The seasonal program allows qualifying seniors to buy fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers' markets, roadside stands, and other agricultural programs.

Seniors may pick up vouchers Tuesday, June 6, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Department of Social Services –Grooms Building 528 Cartersville Hwy., Lamar

Must show ID

### TOWN OF LAMAR PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2023-2024 BUDGET READING

On May 12 this poster was placed on the Town's website, Facebook page, the Lamar Library's website, the Neighborhood Watch website, and with other social media outlets.

Although the workshop and first reading have passed, the second reading notice is printed here for your information. This meeting is open to the public.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Lamar Town Council will hold a Budget Workshop on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6: 15 PM.

The first reading of the 2023-2024 Budget will be held Monday, May 23, 2023, at 6: 15 PM. This meeting is open to the public.

The second reading will be held during the scheduled Town Council meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6: 15 PM. This meeting is open to the public.

Lamar Town Hall  
117 W. Main St.  
Lamar, SC 29069





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

**CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**17.203.4 TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS AND APPURTENANCES**

It shall be unlawful to tamper with or change any water meter . . .

**17.203.8 PENALTIES.** The violation of any provision of this Article, unless otherwise provided, shall be deemed a misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**(Ord. 5-9-77)**

**(AMENDED 5-8-23)**

**17.203.8 PENALTIES.** THE TAMPERING FEE SHALL BE \$200 PER OFFENSE. THE VIOLATOR’S METER SHALL BE REMOVED UPON THE SECOND OFFENSE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE. RESTORATION OF THE VIOLATOR’S METER SHALL REQUIRE PAYMENT OF \$200 TAMPERING FEE, THE \$50 RECONNECTION FEE, AND THE FULL WATER BILL, INCLUDING LATE PENALTIES.

**What’s on the Schedule in June:**



- **Blood Drive** - June 1 – 2-7 pm, **Library**
- **Day of Prayer & Fasting** – 1st Monday - June 5
- **All Together Tales** – Every Monday beginning June 5 – 10:00 am - **Library**
- **Summer Reading Program** – May 30 – July 31 - **Library**  
*Performers every Tuesday*  
*Kickoff Performers* –June 6 – 2:00 pm – Grey Seal Puppets
- **Planning Commission Mtg.**- June 6– 6:30 pm –Town Hall
- **Senior Movie** – June 8 – 10:30 am – **Library**
- **Beautification Com. Mtg.** – June 9 – 9 am, Town Hall
- **Town Council Mtg.** – June 12 - 6:15 pm, Town Hall
- **Summer Reading Performers** - June 13 – 2 pm - **Library**  
Black Creek Wildlife Center
- **Court with Judge Craig LaCross** – June 19 – 1:30 pm – Town Hall
- **Water Bill Due** –June 20
- **Book Club** – June 21– 11 am – **Library**
- **Summer Reading Performers**– June 27 – 2:00 pm – **Library**  
Sharon the Storyteller

**What were these events in Lamar?**



May 4, 2023



April 28, 2023



May 8, 2023

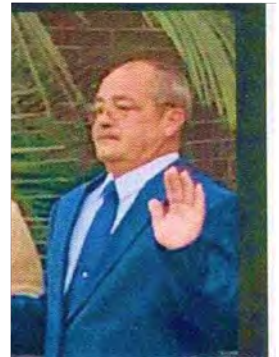


March 20, 2023

Mayor  
*James Howell*

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**June**



Can you believe that summer is here? This is truly a busy time of year for all. No more sitting in the house, but it’s time to rise and shine and get that work in the garden or yard done before the heat is too bad.

It’s also time for children to be out and about. Please watch out for kids as you drive through town. Sometimes they “forget” to look before crossing or playing too close to the street.

I am pleased at this point that we are completing the Zion Lift Station and beginning the work on the Railroad Lift Station. Tim, the Council, and I are constantly working to determine what we can accomplish next. If you have questions or comments, let us know. You are our eyes and ears!

Since we couldn’t get the Egg Scramble Winners in the May newsletter, it is my pleasure to announce the winners. These folks put a lot of effort into making their places take on the Easter and spring look for Egg Scramble.

**BEST DECORATED YARD:**

- Golden Egg Winner - Dianette Evans
- Second Place - William Springs
- Third Place - Vermell McClain

**BEST DECORATED BUSINESS:**

- Winner - Josey’s New Beginner’s Daycare
- Second Place - 213 MERCANTILE
- Third Place - Lamar ABC Store

Thank you to all who participated in the Egg Scramble Contest. It was a pleasure to ride through town and see the decorated yards.

I am proud of Lamar and my wish every day is that you experience peace, joy, and security in OUR small town with a big vision.

Sincerely, *Mayor James Howell*



Yard  
Golden Egg Winner  
Dianette Evans



Business  
Winner  
Josey’s New  
Beginner’s  
Daycare



**FIREWORKS  
ON MAIN JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**



**WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM WITH WATERSIDE AND CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES, CHILI COOK-OFF, AND FREE FOOD SERVED FROM 5:30 – 7 PM**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME FELLOWSHIP, LISTEN TO THE BANDS, AND WATCH THE FIREWORKS ON MAIN AT DARK  
LAMAR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

ANSWERS TO: May 4 – National Day of Prayer April 28 – E Coli Scare  
May 8 – Town Council Meeting. March 20 – Repaving Main Street