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## Wave of lawsuits a growing worry for police

Ruling in N. Charleston Taser case spotlights impact of heightened scrutiny on law enforcement

BY ANDREW KNAPP  
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A North Charleston policeman should not have used a Taser three times on a motorist who was blasting music and must now face a civil trial for alleged constitutional violations, a federal appeals court has ruled.

To some observers, federal judges' rebuke of this officer and others ac-

cused of civil rights violations around the South, along with sustained public scrutiny of police practices in the wake of officer-involved deaths nationwide, have made law enforcement a ripe environment for litigation.

The S.C. Insurance Reserve Fund, the state-run program that backs governments statewide, is paying out more in recent years to settle civil rights claims against the North

Charleston police, according to data obtained through the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. The annual total for all claims in 2012 and 2013 was around \$250,000. It rose to \$400,000 in 2014 and hit \$750,000 last year. None of that includes the \$6.5 million that went to the family of Walter Scott, who was fatally shot by a city officer a year ago.

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## Taser statistics

Police in North Charleston have recorded a steady drop in Taser uses since 2010, when the city adopted policy changes that the U.S. Department of Justice recommended nationwide. A lawsuit headed for trial this year stems from an officer's Taser use two years before that. Here are the numbers of Taser uses since the changes went into effect:

2010:	224
2011:	178
2012:	153
2013:	114
2014:	115
2015:	75

—Source: North Charleston Police Department yearly use of force analyses

## Birds vs. beachgoers?

Key food source for shorebirds another hurdle for renourishment



FILE PHOTO

A shorebird roams the sand in search of food at Folly Beach. Renourishment makes the worms they eat less abundant.

BY BO PETERSEN  
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Folly Beach needs beach renourishment sand again. The Isle of Palms needs to renourish. Edisto Beach is planning another round. The work has become more frequent and enormously expensive.

Now there's the worms.

Beach renourishment causes a long-term decline in the abundance of tiny worms in the sand that shorebirds eat, according to a recently released University of California at San Diego study. That could threaten the survival of pro-

jected species like red knots and plovers that migrate long distances and need the food to survive the trips.

That spells permitting trouble.

Those scurrying birds in the tidewash could drastically curtail large-scale renourishment crucial to swarms of summer beachgoers, the tourism economy and residents of beach communities.

The impact on endangered or threatened species already is enough of an environmental concern that the projects approved must avoid work during sea turtle nesting season. Shorebird concerns have delayed and jeopardized proj-

ects, such as the restoration of nearly eroded-to-ruin Folly Beach County Park in 2013.

"Shorebirds tend to congregate at inlets, but they will use the entire length of island shoreline depending on the abundance and distribution of food resources," said Melissa Birnbi, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist. "A lot of our developed beaches no longer provide suitable habitat for many species of shorebirds because they are not able to nest during the spring and summer or rest and feed undisturbed during migration and winter."

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Clinton Trump

## Rivals put focus on delegates

Critical calculations shaping campaigns

BY LAURIE KELLMAN  
and LISA LERER  
Associated Press

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Even so, the billionaire developer later in the day complained that the system is "corrupt" and that it's unfair that "it's not right" that the person who wins the most votes may not be the nominee. He denied the GOP nomination. Trump told a crowd in Rochester, N.Y., "You're going to have a big problem, folks."

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## Haley offers plan to lure teachers to rural schools

But shortage already hurts current S.C. effort

BY SEANNA ADCOX  
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COLUMBIA — The teacher shortage in poor, rural districts in South Carolina is so bad, the state is considering offering would-be instructors a way to graduate from college debt free. The catch? They have to spend eight years in the state's neediest districts, where turnover is the worst and the closest Wal-Mart can be up to 45 minutes away. There's another, perhaps even bigger, hurdle with Gov. Nikki Haley's proposal: The state doesn't have enough teachers interested in its current \$5 million loan-forgiveness program.

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## Despite obstacles, there's no plan to scrap recycling

BY BRENDA RINDGE  
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It's been more than six months since Charleston County and its recycling handler parted ways, but the effects still reverberate throughout the Lowcountry.

Recycling has become more difficult for many.

The county's contract with Hartsville-based recycler Sonoco ended in July while the market for some recycled materials has fallen off. Both have caused Lowcountry officials to rethink their recycling programs and have forced residents to change their habits.

"Recycling is very challenging right now with the price of commodities," said Dorchester County Public Works Director Jason Carraher.

Falling oil prices have cut into the economics of recycling, officials said. Cheap oil means that new plastic can cost less than plastic created from recycled materials, and in many cases, people are not willing to pay a higher price for eco-friendly plastic. The Wall Street Journal reported last year.

The drop in profitability has caused counties and other local governments to scramble in the short run, but they all remain committed to maintaining — or increasing — recycling in the years to come.

With new facilities, new programs and new technologies on the horizon, the future of recycling looks bright, officials said.

"Recycling is the most popular program in the county," said Charleston

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## GOING GREEN

Willett claims Masters title as Spieth stumbles 1-3B

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Danny Willett walks off of the 18th hole after shooting a 67 during the final round of the Masters.

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### EDUCATION

#### A DEBT-FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION?

A proposal by S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley would allow teachers to graduate college debt-free if they agree to teach in one of the state's neediest rural districts. 3A



### LEXINGTON COUNTY

## Fees on new development could pay for better roads

Idea emerges as push for penny tax vote wanes

BY TIM FLACH  
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It likely will be tough sell to county leaders

New road linking I-20 and I-26 also proposed

Lexington County officials are once again talking about levying impact fees on new development to help pay for road improvements.

The fees would be part of a

package that also might include a proposal for a 10- to 12-mile toll road linking I-20 to the I-26/I-77 intersection near the Congaree River in Richland County - stretching across Red Bank to Dixiana - to route traffic away from Malfunction Junction.

It promises to be slow going

for both ideas.

Renewed interest in fees comes after support for a second try this fall at voter approval of a penny sales tax increase for roads is fading. State money, too, seems unreachable. "We've got to look at other

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### NIGHT OF JOY



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From left, Curtis Bassfield, Rev. Betty Brown and Rev. Gloria Newman sing during the Night of Joy gathering at Spirit Communications Park.

## 'This city has come together'

Gospel music powers Columbia Night of Joy

### Shuttles give a lift at inaugural Fireflies stadium event

BY CASSIE COPE  
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about 10 trips transporting those who parked in the nearby lots an hour and a half before the event started. Sneaky gave a ride to a

Trolley, golf carts and



## Clinic fills void in opioid abuse treatment

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Theresa Terry first heard about Suboxone from friends in recovery who said it curbed their opioid cravings.

Terry, 62, had gone through detox at the Phoenix Center in Greenville before but said she wanted to get to a place where she could live without the pills.

"That was so many years of my life," she said.

So when Terry learned the Phoenix Center was opening a clinic to treat opioid addiction, she called to see if she could get on Suboxone. She was one of 17 people on a waiting list for treatment when the clinic opened last month. The facility is licensed to treat up to 300 patients.

With opioid use on the rise, expanding access to treatment is more important than ever.

"The opioid epidemic is one of the

most pressing public health issues in the United States today," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell said.

The agency last month announced \$94 million in additional funding to expand treatment of opioid use disorders at 271 health centers in 45 states.

South Carolina received more than \$1.1 million to support health centers in Florence, Orangeburg and Little River. The state ranked fourth-worst in the

nation in how much funding it commits to fighting drug and alcohol abuse, according to an earlier analysis by *The Greenville News*.

Improving access to medication-assisted treatment, or MAT, will bolster nationwide efforts to curb opioid abuse and help save lives, Burwell said.

Overdoses from heroin and other opioids are killing more than 28,000 people

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## ENGLISHMAN WINS MASTERS

Willett takes advantage of Spieth's collapse



Master champion Danny Willett of England waves after winning the tournament Sunday.

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However, when many people look back at the 80th Masters, all they'll remember is this was the tournament Jordan Spieth won. But he didn't win it. He lost it.

Spieth's collapse around Amen Corner was brutal as he dropped into a tie for fourth at 1 under. But he battled back and almost pulled everything out when he won

## Want to graduate college debt free? Teach in a rural area

SEANNA ADCOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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California faces one of the nation's most severe teacher shortages: Enrollment in college education programs has dropped more than 70 percent over the last decade, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Last year,




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## ■ SC EDUCATION

# Filling a need

Teach in a rural area to graduate debt-free under Haley plan

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Associated Press

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# The night shift

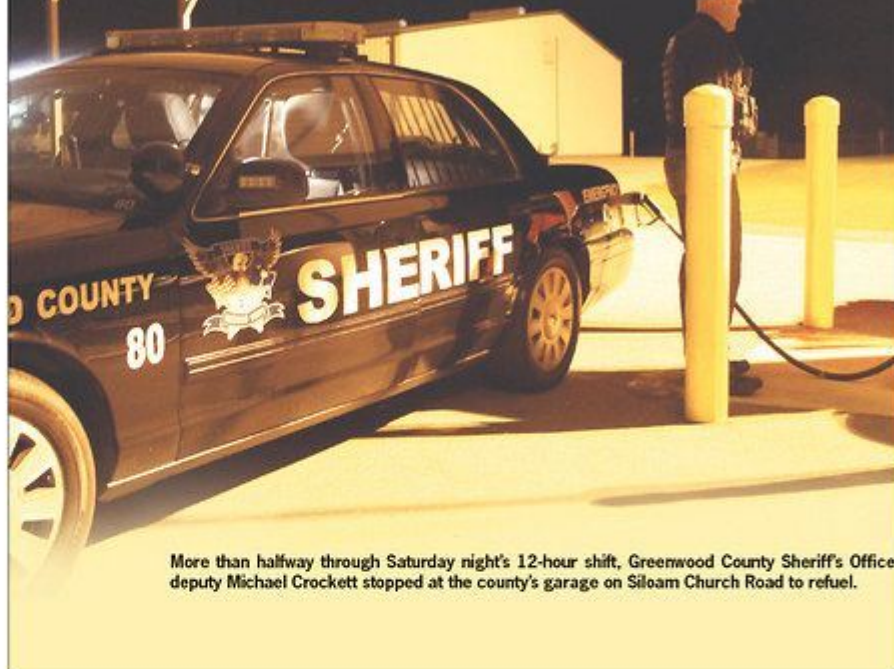
Ride-along with a deputy gives insights into how law enforcement works

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While some people sit at a desk working a 9 to 5 job, others, like Michael Crockett, work a 12-hour shift from behind a steering wheel.

Deputy Crockett, 33, has been with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office uniform patrol division for about six months. Since transferring from working with the Laurens County Sheriff's Office, he's been getting more familiar with the roads and highways in Greenwood. When his radio blares out a coded message requesting him to respond, he still sometimes needs to put the address into a GPS.

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More than halfway through Saturday night's 12-hour shift, Greenwood County Sheriff's Office deputy Michael Crockett stopped at the county's garage on Siloam Church Road to refuel.





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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Wreck results in two fatalities

Fatalities were reported Sunday in a two-vehicle accident that occurred last week.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said Donnell Marquise Coleman, 43, of 503 Pinkney St., Union died Saturday morning at Spartanburg Medical Center and his mother, Jannie Coleman, 63, of 103 Morning Glory Drive, Union died Sunday morning at Spartanburg Medical Center from injuries they sustained in a two-vehicle accident which occurred at 4:55 p.m. Thursday at the intersection of Pine Street and Rushing Road.

According to the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Andre Coleman was driving a 2001 Ford SUV eastbound on Pine Street, or Highway 176. Donnell Coleman was a rear seat passenger in the vehicle while Jannie Coleman was a front seat passenger, according to Highway Patrol.

According to Highway Patrol, Coleman attempted to turn left from Pine Street crossing the westbound lane into a private drive. A woman driving a 2006 Chrysler van struck the side of Coleman's vehicle. Occupants in both vehicles were all wearing seatbelts, according to Highway Patrol. Coleman was cited for failure to yield right of way. The causes of death are currently pending forensic examination and toxicology results.

The Highway Patrol continues to investigate the collision.

—From staff reports

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#### Traffic calming

Spartanburg City Council will continue its discussion of possible changes to the city's traffic calming program during Monday evening's meeting. **A6**

### ROLL POSITION

### CAMPAIGN 2016

## Candidates shift to delegate hunt

By Laurie Kellman  
and Lisa Lerer  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Democratic and Republican presidential hopefuls are coming to terms with the cold mathematical reality of chasing delegates ahead of their nominating conventions, with front-runners Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump driving for challenge-proof majorities against rivals who won't go away.

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Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump speaks during a rally Sunday at JetSmart Aviation Services in Rochester, N.Y. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### THE MASTERS

## Change of course

New father Willett  
takes advantage  
of Spieth woes to  
earn green jacket

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**AUGUSTA, Ga.** — Oh baby, what a finish to the Masters, with little-known Englishman Danny Willett completing a major life transformation over a 12-day span.

The 28-year-old provided the improbable encore to the March 30 birth of his first child by taking full advantage of a shocking Jordan Spieth final-nine collapse Sunday to emerge victorious at Augusta National. It was just Willett's second try for the green jacket.

He posted one of only two bogey-free rounds with a 5-under 67 over the pressure-packed finale to finish 5-under overall, two shots clear of Spieth and Lee Westwood.

"It's just crazy, just surreal," said Willett, who earned \$1.8 million for first place. "You know, words can't really



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## Big problem, solved



Fitness World Gyms owner Curtis Boyd (left) watches as Ernie Williams uses a roller machine at the gym in Darlington.

Darlington man has lost more than 400 pounds; local gym owner has helped

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY  
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DARLINGTON — At his heaviest, Ernie Williams said, he weighed 771 pounds. To the disbelief of doctors, the 36-year-old Darlington man was still mobile.

But on July 7, 2013, Williams said, he "fell out dead." As a result of his size, he slipped into a coma and was placed on life support. After some time, it was left up to his brother to make the decision on what to do

next. Williams' trainer, Curtis Boyd, said the medical team was ready to pull the plugs and remove him from life support.

"He (Williams' brother) had to make the decision," Williams said. "He told them to wait one more day."

A four-month hospital stay is what it took for Williams to recover well enough to leave.

He received physical therapy for several months after his hospital release. Therapy

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### City of Florence

## Downtown farmers market changing

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN  
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FLORENCE — A new season will bring change for the downtown Florence farmers market, including a new name, new location and new day of the week.

The City Center Market, as it will now be called, opens April 23. It will be held every Saturday through the end of October in the back parking lot of the City Center Building, with the ultimate hope of making it a year-round, multiday market.

"I think the timing is important because there's getting ready to be a lot more residential life downtown," market organizer Jennie Pezé said. "The city officials have made it pretty clear that they believe that local foods are a vital part of a thriving city."

Ovis Hill previously held Thursday and Saturday markets at Naturally Outdoors. The Thursday market will continue at Naturally Outdoors, but Ovis Hill will join forces with the City Center Market and move its Saturday market there. The farm will be an anchor tenant at the weekly market.

"That will be a huge draw," Pezé said.

She said the move to Saturday should attract more people and more vendors. The market previously was held on Wednesday afternoons.

Plus, she said, the weather is less volatile in the mornings, and there will not be a problem with daylight regardless of the season.

And perhaps of most importance to shoppers and vendors will be the increase in available parking, Pezé said. There is parking in the City Center parking lot and behind it on West Cheves Street.

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Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee. If you have a suggestion for someone or something to profile, send it to news@scnw.com.

## With 'Breathe,' man shares realities of life with cystic fibrosis

Brennen Reeves performs



BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN  
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Brennen Reeves, the show's writer and sole actor, suggests.

The 24-year-old Hilton Head Island native was born with cystic fibrosis.

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**Diamondback terrapin might be the key to marsh health** 3A



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**Police working to regain trust one year after Freddie Gray death** 9A



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**Morning:** Practice rounds  
**11 a.m.:** Opening ceremonies  
**11:30 a.m.:** Pro-Am  
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Tyler Lindo, 17, a member of the Bluffton High School football team, places trash bags and recycling bins near the practice driving range on Sunday during some final preparations for the RBC Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links in Sea Pines on Hilton Head.



### A 20-YEAR TRADITION

The Christian Heritage Breakfast celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year this week. Five-time tour winner Ben Crane will be the speaker. 3A

**True to plaid:** Injury aside, Jim Furyk plans to hit Heritage opening shot today

**Wrist surgery to keep last year's champion out of tournament,** but he'll be part of opening ceremony

**World No.1 Jason Day headlines the field to begin competition Thursday** at Harbour Town

BY JEFF SHAIN  
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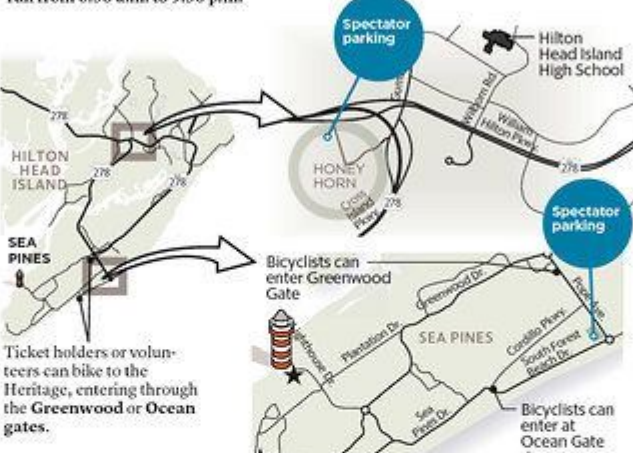
Though Jim Furyk may not yet be ready to go four rounds at the RBC Heritage, he's good for one shot.

And so the 48th edition of Heritage Week will open today in the same manner that tradition dictates — with last year's winner striking a drive into Calibogue Sound, accompanied by the blast of a cannon that signals the official start to Hilton Head Island's biggest sporting and social event.

Furyk will not play the tournament, as his surgically repaired left wrist still needs a few more weeks before it's ready for the rigors of

### Places to park

Tournament spectators can park at Honey Horn or the Coligny Beach parking lot. From there, buses will shuttle them to Harbour Town in Sea Pines. Buses will run from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.



### THE WILL TO WIN THE MASTERS

Danny Willett wins the Masters by three strokes after Jordan Spieth loses a five-shot lead with a quadruple-bogey. 1B



# WILLETT WINS

**Englishman  
earns victory  
after Spieth's  
collapse**

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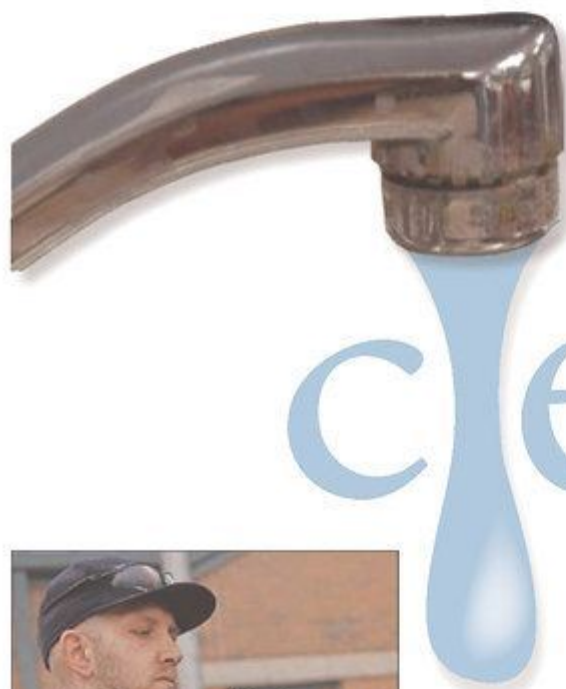
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## Aiken draws clean water

**Black  
leaders  
to meet,  
discuss  
concerns**

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER  
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Black community members will meet Monday to discuss law enforcement concerns and issues in the Aiken community at roughly the same time that Aiken City Council members will gather to hold their regularly scheduled meeting.

The 6 p.m. town hall will be open to the public at the Smith Hazel Recreation Center, 400 Kershaw Street. A press release states the town hall meeting is sponsored by the Concerned Ministers Fellowship of Aiken, the NAACP of Aiken County, Black Lives Matter and the African American Leadership Council so as to "inform our community about what we have learned, what we have heard and to develop together a path forward."

The Rev. Paul Bush, who is listed as the main contact on the news release, did not return comment by press time.

Aiken County residents Elijah Pontoon and Lakeya Hicks are suing in federal court the Aiken Department of Public Safety, its Chief Charles Barranco, four Aiken police officers and the City in Aiken over what they say was an unconstitutional search by police on Oct. 2, 2014.

The suit also says officer Chris Medlin and former officer Clark Smith unconstitutionally performed a public cavity search of Pontoon in broad daylight after Hicks' vehicle

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**A**iken County drinking water has not exceeded the regulated lead action level in the past five years, according to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The question of tap water quality in American cities has become more frequent following the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Images of Flint residents holding brown water in plastic water bottles in front of city leaders and news reports of children poisoned by lead have gained nationwide attention this year.

The city has suffered unsafe amounts of lead in its water for two years. Flint switched from Detroit drinking water to the Flint River Water in April 2014. Highly corrosive river water went through the city's pipes, leaching lead into the city's water supply, CNN reported.

In a series called "Tainted at the Tap" the Associated Press conducted an analysis of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency data and found that roughly 1,400 water systems across the country reported a sample above the EPA lead limit over the past three years.

This month, residents of two York County neighborhoods expressed concern after testing found the amount of lead in their drinking water exceeded federal standards, a separate AP story reported.

None of the water systems in Aiken named on DHEC's lead data sheet have exceeded the action level for lead, which is greater than 15 parts per billion or .015.

The data shows lead detection in public water systems from 2011 to 2015 and names



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