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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### **Poly-America Establishing South Carolina Operations**

Poly-America, one of the largest polyethylene film manufacturers in the U.S., is establishing South Carolina operations with Carolina Poly, Inc. in Chester County. The company is investing \$100 million in the new facility, creating 300 new jobs in Chester, S.C. [Read More](#)

### **Midlands' Central Location to Help Grow Industrial Market**

The industrial market in Columbia, SC and the surrounding Midlands area continues to strengthen, ending the third quarter of 2015 with declining vacancy, positive absorption and increasing rental rates. [See More](#)

### **Walmart to hire more than 1,200 seasonal associates in South Carolina for upcoming holiday season**

Walmart announced it anticipates hiring about 1,200 associates in South Carolina for the upcoming holiday season. In addition to offering a chance to earn extra money during the holidays at one of the 80 Walmart Supercenters and Walmart general merchandise stores in South Carolina, starting salaries of at least \$9 an hour will also provide opportunities to earn at least \$1.75 an hour above the current federal and state minimum wage. [See More](#)

### **Richland County officials to travel to Nashville to gather flood-related lessons**

A small contingent of Richland County Council and County management will travel to Nashville today to meet with officials who helped the Tennessee city rebound from the devastating flood of 2010. [See More](#)

### **Charleston School of Law to induct J. Edward Bell III as President**

The Charleston School of Law will induct James Edward (Ed) Bell III as president and managing partner of the school at a Thursday ceremony at the offices of Garden & Gun magazine. [See More](#)

### **Persona Wood Fired Pizzeria's grand opening set for Friday, October 30th**

Persona Wood Fired Pizzeria is opening its first East Coast location at 1202 Main Street in downtown, Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

### **Soda City Market OktoberFest Saturday, Oct. 31st**

Soda City Market has announced that it will hold its annual Soda City OktoberFest on Saturday, October 31 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the 1400-1500 block of Main Street in downtown Columbia. [See More](#)

### **Skip Hardin joins McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley**

McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley, P.A. is once again growing; and announced the addition of C. E. "Skip" Hardin as the newest attorney to join the law firm. [See More](#)

### **Breaking the feedback loop**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "Feedback is generally a good thing. It helps us to learn and grow and develop skills, but like all things it's best in moderation." [Read More](#)

### **NAI Avant welcomes new marketing and public relations director Mary Quinn O'Connor**

NAI Avant announced the hiring of Mary Quinn O'Connor as the new Marketing and Public Relations Director. [See More](#)

### **First Baptist Church of Columbia collects \$60,000 for flood relief at benefit concert**

First Baptist Church of Columbia hosted a benefit concert featuring modern hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty on Oct. 11, raising \$60,000 in support of United Way of the Midlands' and the Columbia Metro Baptist Association's flood relief efforts. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant closes Devine Street office building sale in Columbia, SC**

NAI Avant senior broker Nick Stomski, SIOR, represented the buyer in the sale of ±4000 square feet of office space near downtown Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

## **Deadlines Approach for Disaster Unemployment**

### **Assistance**

Deadlines to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) are nearing for 19 of the 24 counties that have been declared eligible for individual assistance by FEMA. [See More](#)

## **Two McKay firm attorneys earn CCP designation**

McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley, P.A. announced that two of their attorneys, Brandon Jones and James E. L. "Eddie" Fickling have completed the necessary courses to earn their CCP designation from the CLM Claims College. [See More](#)

## **SC Oyster Festival set to celebrate 20 years of shucking**

Liquid Assets will host the 20th Annual South Carolina Oyster Festival, Sunday, November 22 at the Robert Mills House and Hampton-Preston Mansion. [See More](#)

## **29 Counties declared Primary Natural Disaster Areas By U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Governor Nikki Haley today announced that United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack has issued a disaster designation for counties in South Carolina that suffered damage and losses due to heavy rains and flooding. [See More](#)

## **Public and Individual Assistance for storm damage, response costs approved for additional counties**

Greenville and Spartanburg Counties were approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Individual Assistance, allowing survivors who sustained losses from the flood to apply for assistance. Assistance can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the effects of the disaster. [See More](#)

## **MV Commercial Construction receives Diamond Award**

MV Commercial Construction has been recognized as a Diamond Award recipient for the fourth year in a row by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) as part of its Safety Training Evaluation Process. [See More](#)

### **Deadline extended to Nov. 2: SCRA sponsoring EngenuitySC's \$5,000 Ignite! Ideas Contest**

EngenuitySC is seeking great ideas to contribute to the new #SCStrong landscape of our resilient region via the \$5,000 Ignite! 2015 Ideas Contest, sponsored by SCRA. Our community needs innovative ideas now more than ever – whether the idea directly impacts S.C. flood relief or has a long-term effect on our region. [See More](#)

### **Resource Financial Services makes smooth, speedy transition to TRID loans**

Resource Financial Services, a privately owned mortgage banker headquartered in Columbia, SC, serving SC, NC and GA, successfully closed their first post-TRID (TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure) loan on Monday, October 26, 2015. [See More](#)

### **Rooftop Rhythms Honors Officer Greg Alia**

Rooftop Rhythms, hosted by the City of Forest Acres, the popular, free neighborhood event, offering local food and local businesses celebrating the City of Forest Acres. [See More](#)

### **History at Home: What Tools Help Uncover the Past?**

With the goal to create opportunities for individuals to learn and explore the history of Columbia within the neighborhoods of Wheeler Hill, the Washington Street Business District, the Bottoms, and the North Downtown area the staff of the Columbia Archaeology Project and Our Story Matters will offer History At Home: What Tools Help Uncover the Past?, a program series that helps attendees discover the tools to exploring local history. [See More](#)

### **2nd Annual Growl at the Moon - Tonight**

Come "Growl at the Moon" at the museum's 2nd annual after hours Halloween party. [See More](#)

### **Flood Repair Permitting Open House - Tonight**

Open house to assist residents and business owners affected by recent flooding [See More](#)

### **Events around Columbia and the Midlands**

See business and after hours events here. [Read More](#)

### **Political cartoons from Robert Ariail**

Published on MidlandsBiz.com almost daily. [See More](#)

### **Robert Samuelson: Are we No. 1? It depends**

"Americans have long been fascinated with global rankings. Where do we stand? How do we compare with other nations? We like to imagine ourselves as No. 1: the national equivalent of the racing halfback who raises his forefinger as he crosses the goal line."

[Read More](#)

### **Kathleen Parker: Jeb, Jeb, Jeb**

"It might be time for Katie Couric to ask Jeb Bush what he reads. Not this column, obviously, where last May I sagely, if humbly, urged him to hug and then walk away from his brother, to whom he should refer to as President George W. Bush." [Read More](#)

### **Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: Thought dedication. You decide what to think, and how to react.**

"What is the importance of attitude? Every person, you included, wants to achieve more, earn more, find happiness, be successful, and be fulfilled. At the root of all these elements is attitude. Positive attitude. Your positive attitude." [Read More](#)

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