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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**WOLO:** Team SC Day Assists Sumter Flood Victims

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/news/local/Team-SC-Day-Assists-Sumter-Flood-Victims-333363121.html>

Beth Rousseau

Team South Carolina Days are designed to be one stop shopping for all those working to recover from recent flooding. Curtis and Jennifer Clark are two of thousands statewide faced with the daunting task of starting over after flooding destroyed their home.

**Note:** The couple's story is one of dozens, with similar devastating endings, heard by Governor Nikki Haley at the first Team South Carolina day.

**Note:** According to Governor Haley, "It's painful to hear the stories because they've lost a lot and they're scared and our job is to show them that it's going to be okay." The Governor says part of that reassurance is providing effected individuals with information and immediate resources during recovery.

**Note:** Governor Haley says, "As long as there is someone that is without, as long as there is someone that still has a question we're going to keep answering and keep doing everything we can to touch those people and get them what they need."

**The Item:** Governor visits Sumter today

*Team South Carolina will set up at Civic Center*

<http://theitem.com/stories/governor-visits-sumter-today,256237>

Gov. Nikki Haley will visit the Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St., as part of the first Team South Carolina flood relief event, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today. Team South Carolina events are intended to serve as one-stop shops where flood victims can find out about resources available to families and businesses as South Carolina recovers from the 1,000-year flood.

**Post and Courier:** Palmetto Sunrise: Nikki Haley calls on public to help

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#label/Clips/15072cc9d78d0f5a>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley spent Thursday evening wearing gloves, goggles and a facemask. The Palmetto State's governor was in one of the Midlands' most devastated areas, Forest Acres, to help clean up a World War II veteran's home. It was part of an effort by Samaritan's Purse, a faith-based organization that responds to disasters throughout the nation.

**Note:** Haley called for South Carolinians to help their neighbors and promoted today's Team South Carolina Day in Sumter. From 11 a.m., to 7 p.m., at the Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St., multiple agencies will be on hand to help those who were devastated by the flood. Haley, who will be at the event, has called for volunteers to attend as well.

### S.C. Flood Recovery News:

**Associated Press:** As city dries, Columbia turns to who will pay to fix damage

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZkAm12q4](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZkAm12q4)

Meg Kinnard, Susanne M. Schafer

Two weeks ago, South Carolina's floods sent 6 feet of water into Walt Oliver's home. Now, after volunteers helped gut the ruined plaster, carpeting, duct work and hardwood floors, it's "down to studs and subfloors," he said. Like most residents of the hard-hit Columbia area, Oliver did not have flood insurance. He has applied for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and a FEMA inspector has been out to take a look at his home.

**Post and Courier:** Senate leader creates panel to look into flood costs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC1603/151019428>

Cynthia Roldan

The special committee is composed of eight Senate members, including Charleston's Republican Sen. Larry Grooms. Members are expected to receive information from several agencies and "conduct legislative oversight for the various flood relief efforts from state agencies," Senate President Pro Tem. Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, said in a letter to the members of the panel.

**Associated Press:** Senate creates 9-member study committee for flooding relief

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vePHONSr](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vePHONSr)

The leader of South Carolina's Senate has appointed a special committee to oversee state agencies' flood relief efforts and determine how much more money is needed to help people recover from the catastrophic flooding. Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman announced Friday the creation of a committee of five Republicans and four Democrats. It will include Leatherman, who also chairs the chamber's Finance Committee.

**Greenville News:** Forestry officials estimate flood losses at \$65 million

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/16/forestry-officials-estimate-flood-losses-65-million/74044532/>

Tim Smith

South Carolina's forest industry has sustained losses of at least \$65 million from this month's historic flooding, state officials say. The assessment does not include what are expected to be additional millions of dollars in damage and repair to private forest roads, which is unknown, according to the South Carolina Forestry Commission..

**Associated Press:** FEMA approves 11 more SC counties for public assistance

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved 11 more South Carolina counties for assistance that allows state agencies, local governments and some private non-profits to recoup costs of storm response, debris removal and infrastructure damage. The 11 additional counties eligible for all categories of the FEMA public assistance program are: Abbeville, Anderson, Bamberg, Colleton, Darlington, Fairfield, Florence, Kershaw, Laurens, McCormick, and Newberry Counties.

**Associated Press:** DOT: AT least 86 SC roads closed until after Thanksgiving

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XZVMW2rX](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XZVMW2rX)

Transportation officials say at least 86 roads and bridges in South Carolina damaged from this month's floods will remain closed until at least after Thanksgiving. The state Department of Transportation released its plans to repair the roads in the state on Friday. Officials put the damaged roads into three categories - fixed by Oct. 31, fixed by Nov. 26 or fixed sometime later.

## **S.C. Political News:**

**Post and Courier:** Hillary Clinton to speak to S.C.'s largest gay civil rights group next month

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC1603/151019492>

Schuyler Kropf

Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton will address South Carolina's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization next month in Columbia, organizers said Friday. Clinton will take part in "An Evening with Hillary" on Nov. 7, the group S.C. Equality announced.

**The State:** Hillary Clinton to speak to LGBT advocacy group in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article39413499.html>

Jamie Self

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will return to Columbia next month to speak to a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender advocacy group. The frontrunner in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination will speak to S.C. Equality on Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Columbia Marriott.

**Post and Courier:** Lindsey Graham raises \$1.05 million in past three months for presidential bid

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC1603/151019504>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham raised \$1.05 million in the summer months toward his White House run, leaving

him with \$1.65 million cash on hand going forward. The amount is not close to what some of the other leading GOP front-runners brought in during the three-month reporting period that ended Sept. 30.

**Post and Courier:** Mayoral candidates Ginny Deerin and Leon Stavrinakis exchange barbs as race heats up

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC16/151019399>

Diane Knich

The Charleston mayor's race until this week had been polite, like the city itself. But it heated up after Ginny Deerin challenged state Rep. Leon Stavrinakis, one of her five opponents, on his legislative record in a debate Wednesday and in new TV ads that began running Thursday.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Santee Cooper board approves new solar energy incentives

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151016/PC05/151019474>

David Wren

Santee Cooper's board of directors on Friday approved a three-year, \$2.3 million incentives program designed to benefit residential and commercial customers who want to use solar panels to generate electricity, but a conservation group says the measure does not go far enough.

**Buzzfeed:** Mick Mulvaney On The Speaker's Race: "You Don't Get To Win Just Because You're Paul Ryan"

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/ilanbenmeir/mick-mulvaney-on-the-speakers-race-you-dont-get-to-win-just#.lyOK747vj>

Ilan Ben-Meir

South Carolina Rep. Mick Mulvaney, a founding member of the House Freedom Caucus, said Thursday that Rep. Paul Ryan would "have a real hard sell" in the race to replace John Boehner as speaker of the house unless he promises a return to "regular order."

### **Local News:**

**The State:** Jury awards Emma Longstreet's family \$3.85 million against Columbia bar

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article39481827.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A Richland County jury on Friday afternoon socked a local bar with a \$3.85 million negligence verdict in connection with the bar's role in serving liquor to a drunk man who several hours later rammed his Jeep into a car, killing 6-year-old Emma Longstreet.

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