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Morning Edition

### **Issues:**

- None.

### **Summary:**

- Five news media outlets, including a Charlotte, NC, TV station, took advantage of the opportunity to film during a **FEMA** home inspection in Columbia.
- New DRCs open in Calhoun and Georgetown counties
- City flood recovery hotline garnered additional stories (first reported yesterday afternoon)
- A Team South Carolina event for Florence and Williamsburg counties is Monday at Williamsburg Recreation Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m
- As homeowners look to rebuild, a Columbia flood ordinance may not allow buildings that need to be demolished, from rebuilding in their current location if those buildings lie in what's called a "flood way" on the flood map.
- The State has a feature story about a Columbia lawyer and his family and how they escaped the waters and have embarked on rebuilding. He is grateful for the help neighbors and friends have provided and says he realizes now how unimportant "stuff" is.
- Numerous news outlets are warning people about how to avoid buying flood damaged cars or otherwise becoming victimized by scams
- Schools are getting back to normal schedules
- Shellfish beds that were closed during flood event have been reopened by DHEC
- Businesses and communities around SC and elsewhere continue to contribute funds and goods to the flood recovery effort
- This year's Famously Hot New Year's celebration in Columbia, headlined by Lauren Hill, will raise funds for flood relief
- Shelter pets from SC are now in new shelters as far away as Connecticut

### **Analysis:**

- Of the five media outlets that filmed at a **FEMA** home inspection tour yesterday, at least four broadcast those reports last night. Those four reports are included here this morning, including numerous video snippets in the TV Eyes portion of these clips. Other numerous reports this morning are about the most recent DRC openings and Team South Carolina events, along with stories about ongoing road repair issues and the dangerous dams that are being drained around the state due to the orders from DHEC. There are more than 200 mentions of FEMA in this report.

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## Floods

### Inspectors Visit Damaged Homes With Residents

By Jennifer Ready

WOLO ABC Columbia, Oct 22, 2015

Columbia , S.C. (WOLO) -- On Thursday, inspectors with **FEMA** visited several homes to evaluate the damage

to homes left by the floods.

"You see this on TV all the time and you never expect it to be here," said Kimberly Sonnenfeld.

Sonnenfeld was living with a friend on Glenhaven Road when the historic floods swept through the home roughly three weeks ago.

"It was horrible, you start thinking 'What do I have?'" explained Sonnenfeld.

Alongside an inspector, Sonnenfeld walked through the completely gutted house to show him the damage first hand so **FEMA** can determine what kind of assistance she may qualify for.

"Everybody's case is different and it's on an individual basis," explained **FEMA** official Ken Higginbotham.

Higginbotham said inspectors are mainly looking for damaged items people need to sustain life in their home, such as a water heater. Once the damages are documented then **FEMA** is able to determine eligibility.

"We as the federal government are not here to make people whole again, we're here to get people back on the road to recovery," said Higginbotham.

**FEMA** is still encouraging residents to apply. For more information visit [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov) or call 803-621-3362.

## **FEMA Inspectors Move To Help Flood Victims**

By Shelli Adamczyk

[WACH-TV Columbia \(SC\)](#), October 23, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WACH) – Right now inspectors working with **FEMA** are trying to make the recovery process from historic flooding a little easier for residents in the Midlands.

So far there's been 49,215 statewide inspections, out of those 43,399 inspections have been completed.

Officials said almost 63,000 households have contacted **FEMA** for assistance or information.

**FEMA** has already approved \$45.2 million dollars in grant funding, officials said if people do not qualify they work with other federal assistance programs that can address any unmet needs.

Right now residents in 22 counties across the state are eligible for assistance from **FEMA**.

The deadline to apply for assistance from **FEMA** is December 5, 2015.

Officials encourage people to apply as soon as possible and have any information ready that could be helpful like pictures of damage, documents, paperwork related to the flooding.

For assistance call 1-800-621-**FEMA** or apply at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov)

## **FEMA Inspectors Walk Through Homes Damaged By The Flood**

By Loren Thomas

[WLTX-TV Columbia \(SC\)](#), October 23, 2015

Columbia, SC (WLTX) – Every day **FEMA** inspections are being done on homes around the state to determine what's next for flood victims. One woman we spoke with can no longer return to her home after her inspection.

"You know walking through this house it's a shell," says Kimberly Sommenfeld.

She was renting a home off of Glenhaven Drive in Columbia when the flood waters rose above her ceiling.

"I saved the two dogs and I got my purse, a mismatched pair of yoga sandals, a cell phone and that was it the water came in too quick," says Sommenfeld. "You don't even think. Everybody is like why didn't you grab this and I couldn't even get out."

Now she has to find somewhere else to live after losing everything.

On Thursday morning **FEMA** inspectors assessed the damage.

"This home is deemed uninhabitable," says Ken Higgenbotham.

To this day more than 43, 000 of these inspections have been completed around the state.. It takes about 45 minutes, but the results can be life changing.

"It's marked with a yellow x on it basically because people can enter into it, but you are to enter into it with caution," says Higgenbotham. "If it's red tagged or red x it means the structure is really bad and you cannot come in."

Homes all along Glenhaven Drive have been marked with that same X. Sommenfeld says it was tough to return to what was home.

"It's just hard to come back and look at something that you've spent 15 to 20 years in and it's just gone," says Sommenfeld. "Everything is just gone."

There is no specific timeline on when homeowners can begin seeing help from **FEMA**. However, officials want to make sure that if you were affected, you are registered for disaster assistance, then the process can begin.

## **SC families still suffering weeks after historic floods**

By Greg Suskin

WSOC Charlotte, NC, ABC, Oct. 22, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Many families are still homeless and relief efforts are still in full swing more than two weeks after floodwaters did billions of dollars in damage in South Carolina.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency** still has more than 1,200 people on the ground in places like Glenhaven Drive in Columbia. The homes on the street are mostly empty but the yards are full, stacked with debris.

Everything from furniture, to clothing, to a grandfather clock rests on the ground in the sun.

Kimberly Sonnenfeld stood near her TV that was covered in mud, upside down in the grass.

She was awakened to a crackling sound early on Oct. 4.

"I stepped out of the bed and I was in 6 to 8 inches of water," she said. "By the time I got to the garage, it was three feet of water."

She managed to grab her dogs and wade across the street to higher ground. She saw emergency crews with boats and rope and knew there was no going back.

The water was above her roof in about 45 minutes and the water line on the chimney is still visible.

On Thursday, **FEMA** officials took Channel 9 into her home. All that's left are the studs and the sheetrock was ripped out by the flood, which submerged her house for 20 hours.

Sonnenfeld is now staying with a friend who lost her husband in the flood. He drowned in his car only a few blocks away.

Houses remain abandoned, boarded up and many are marked as unsafe to enter.

## Flood-damaged Road Repairs Will Take Months

By Tim Smith

[Greenville \(SC\) News](#), October 23, 2015

COLUMBIA Three weeks after record rains knocked out more than 500 South Carolina roads and bridges, the list of closures has shrunk, but about half of the remaining projects could run into the holidays or longer.

The estimated completion date for 77 of 153 road and bridge projects remaining as of Thursday is sometime after Nov. 26, the latest time classification used by the state Department of Transportation.

And officials say they do not yet know how long it will take past November.

"We want to have as much work done by Thanksgiving as possible," said Pete Poore, a DOT spokesman. "But the reality is, there are some repair jobs out there that are going to take awhile."

Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Larry Grooms, however, says he believes most of the work will be finished by the beginning of next year.

"I think the recovery is going to move along much quicker than most first realized," he said.

For weeks, the agency issued daily lists of roads and bridges closed by the flooding, hitting a peak of 541 days afterward.

But more recently, as more roads have opened, the agency has begun classifying the remainder in terms of when the repairs might be done: by Oct. 31, before Nov. 26 or after Nov. 26.

Some of the projects involve roads over dams with private owners. Other projects involve more complex construction, including bridges, Poore said.

As of Thursday, 42 bridges remained closed.

Grooms said in many cases, the bridges will not have to be rebuilt because it was the roadway near the bridge that washed out.

He said the agency thought it might take a contractor two months to replace a bridge in his district. A contractor told him he could start work right away and finish the job in days instead of months.

"Some of these roads where they say it will take until after Thanksgiving, they may be completed well before then," he said.

He said some projects may be held up by items unrelated to construction, such as getting needed rights of way.

Many of the remaining closures are in the Midlands. As of Thursday, 66 roads and bridges were closed in Richland County, where 36 work sites are active. Poore said crews from DOT districts elsewhere in the state have been brought to the county to speed up work.

There are 83 work crews on road and bridge projects statewide, but most are in Richland County.

The agency is hoping to get the work done within 180 days, the bright line established by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency** for 100 percent reimbursement. Work done after 180 days, Poore said, is reimbursed at 80 percent.

He said about half the agency's work crews have returned to normal duties while the other half are working flood projects, either in their districts or another.

Altogether, Poore said, the agency has contracts in 13 counties on 55 sites involving 20 contractors.

Almost 40 of the closed roads or bridges may be re-opened by the end of this month, DOT estimates.

## Disaster Recovery Center Opens In Calhoun County

Orangeburg (SC) Times And Democrat, October 23, 2015

A new disaster recovery center is open in St. Matthews to help South Carolina flood survivors. This Calhoun County center is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the **Federal Emergency Management Agency**, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other public and private agencies are at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors with applications for aid.

The disaster recovery center is located at the John Ford Community Center at 304 Agnes St. in St. Matthews.

It is not necessary to visit a center to register for and receive state-federal disaster assistance. If possible, survivors should register with **FEMA** before visiting a recovery center.

To register, go online any time to [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or call the **FEMA** helpline at 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages, and phone lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Disaster survivors who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 to register. Those who use 711 or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center may call 800-621-3362. All disaster recovery centers are accessible and equipped with tools to accommodate disaster survivors who need disability-related communication aids.

Federal and state disaster assistance for eligible individuals and families can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary residences and help with other serious disaster-related losses not covered by insurance.

Low-interest disaster recovery loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are the primary means of federal help for disaster survivors, including homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. Individuals and businesses should first register with **FEMA**. For information on SBA disaster recovery loans call 800-659-2955/800-877-8339 TTY or go online to [SBA.gov/disaster](http://SBA.gov/disaster). An application for an SBA disaster recovery loan may be completed online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Additional disaster recovery centers are open in affected South Carolina counties. For information on the locations of recovery centers, call the **FEMA** helpline at 800-621-3362 or go online to [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

## Disaster Recovery Center Opens In Calhoun County

Columbia (SC) Regional Business Report, October 22, 2015

A disaster recovery center for Calhoun County has been opened in St. Matthews to help survivors of this month's devastating floods.

The center, opened from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week until further notice, is at John Ford Community Center, 304 Agnes St.

Representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the **Federal Emergency Management Agency**, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other public and private agencies are at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors with applications for aid.

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## Two new FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers opening in Georgetown County

WCBF News 2 NBC Myrtle Beach, October 22, 2015

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC — Two new Disaster Recovery Centers will open in Georgetown County this weekend to serve members of the public affected by recent flooding.

A Disaster Recovery Center will open Saturday at Potato Bed Ferry Community Center, 531 Big Dam Swamp Drive in Andrews. A second Disaster Recovery Center will open on Sunday at Beck Recreation Center, 2030 Church Street in Georgetown. Once operating, the Disaster Recovery Centers will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. until further notice.

A Mobile Disaster Recovery Center that opened more than a week ago at 1295 N. Fraser Street, Georgetown, in front of the Tractor Supply Co., will continue operating until Sunday. The mobile location will close after operations at Beck are up and running.

Disaster Recovery Centers offer a location where flood-affected residents can go to meet with representatives from the S.C. Emergency Management Division, the **Federal Emergency Management Agency**, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies about disaster assistance programs and how to apply for aid.

Members of the public are asked to register with **FEMA** before going to a Disaster Recovery Center. Registration can be handled online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling (800) 621-3362. Help is available in most languages and phone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Disaster survivors who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY should call (800) 462-7585. If survivors use 711 or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center, call (800) 621-3362.

Federal disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary residences not covered by insurance.

Low-interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration are also available to help with business, homeowner and renter uninsured losses.

Survivors and businesses should first register with **FEMA** and may obtain information on SBA disaster loan applications by calling 800-659-2955.

Residents in Georgetown County who need assistance with immediate needs, such as water, cleanup kits, etc., are asked to dial 211 from any working phone to be put in touch with service agencies.

## City opens hotline to field all flood-related questions

By Jeremy Turnage

WIS TV 10 Columbia NBC, Oct. 22, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - Victims of the flood from around the Columbia area now have a new hotline to turn to for their questions.

City leaders announced the Columbia Area Recovery Effort line will begin taking calls Friday morning. You'll be able to reach the CARE line by calling 1-866-272-1976.

Officials say the hotline is being put in place to steer callers to whatever services they may need. That can include help finding temporary housing as well as questions on insurance.

City leaders say people looking to volunteer should also use the hotline.

"You don't have to do this alone," Mayor Steve Benjamin said. "You call the CARE hotline at 1-866-272-1976. You ask us, you tell us, and we're listening. We're here for you."

City officials say the hotline will be taking calls 8 a.m. through 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

## Mayor Benjamin unveils Care Hotline for Midlands' flood victims

By Matthew Stevens

WACH Fox 57 Columbia, October 22nd 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WACH) - Help is now just a phone call away for flood victims in the Midlands thanks to a local call center in Columbia.

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin announced Thursday a new system called 'Care Hotline' has been established.

Volunteers and representatives from FEAM, DSS and the United Way will be working the center to answer any questions people have about the recovery process.

Many people impacted by this month's floods do not have access to the internet, so this is another way to serve their needs.

"There's some really difficult times still ahead. A whole lot of folks are still trying to recover from the floods but people don't have to do it on their own. We'll be here to help them navigate through this effort," said Mayor Benjamin.

The call center will start taking calls Friday morning.

It will be open Monday through Saturday, from 8am to 7pm. The number to reach the center is 866-272-1976.

## How Florence Officials Plan To Use Federal Funds

By Audrey Biesk

[WMBF-TV Myrtle Beach \(SC\)](#), October 23, 2015

FLORENCE COUNTY, SC (WMBF) – As some roads around Florence County are being repaired to get them back to the way they were before the flooding, one road in Monticello neighborhood is not even close.

The damage in the Monticello neighborhood didn't just happen in one day. It has been caused over the past few weeks by heavy traffic over the wet concrete. It caused debris build up, and residents in that neighborhood haven't seen a repair yet.

Marion Joyner, Supervisor with the Florence County Public Works Department said, "The whole road is completely torn apart and torn up and that's what we have to replace at some point as soon as we can figure out what we can do and how to replace it."

To help with this process, a Public Assistance Hearing was held in Florence today to make sure government agencies around the county are taking advantage of the **FEMA** reimbursement program.

Representatives from Florence County fire, sheriff's office, and the school district were also there who are in need of being a part of this reimbursement program. They were told by South Carolina Emergency Management Division that it's their main goal to assist communities in restoration, so their grant money can be issued.

Reggie Baxley, Supervisor Area 2 for the Florence County Public Works Department said, "I'm hoping that we'll be reimbursed for a lot of it, and I hope the citizens of Florence County will be helped a lot of them are going to need it, I can tell you that."

Public Works are one of those agencies taking advantage of this reimbursement. The Director tells me there wouldn't be enough money in the year for emergency maintenance if didn't have this help.

"Everything still has to dry off. I mean it's still got a drying out period just like everything else," said Joyner.

That's the waiting process these folks have to deal with now. Homeowners down the street from the road damage say this is definitely an inconvenience and tell me Public Works has been out here every day for weeks, but hasn't been able to start any repairs.

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## Flood Ordinance Could Restrict Rebuilding

By Joyce Koh

[WLTX-TV Columbia \(SC\)](#), October 23, 2015

Columbia, SC (WLTX)- As people begin to recover after the floods, there could be some red tape keeping homes and businesses that were completely demolished from rebuilding again.

The flood ordinance would not allow buildings that need to be demolished, from rebuilding in their current location if those buildings lie in what's called a "flood way" on the flood map.

However, if a building does not need to be demolished and can be repaired, then a repair permit could be issued.

Elevating or flood proofing would be required if a structure is significantly damaged, including elevating homes to two feet above the base flood elevation.

"**FEMA** and other local inspectors will come through and do their own assessment," Gills Creek Watershed Association Director Erich Miarka said. "If they determine that the property has been substantially damaged, which means the cost of the repairs exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure, then you are now a significantly or substantially damaged property."

## Williams, Robinson plan more help for Pee Dee flood victims

[Florence Morning News](#), October 22, 2015

By Joshua Lloyd

FLORENCE, S.C. – South Carolina Rep. Robert Williams of Darlington and Florence City Councilman Ed Robinson have formed a Neighborhood Improvement Council that will hold a special help session next Tuesday, aimed at providing additional means of flood recovery information to the area.

The help session is open to any Pee Dee resident who had flood damage this month, and will be held Tuesday at Florence-Darlington Technical College in the Fred C. Fore Auditorium of the 400 building.

Officials will be at the session to explain any confusion or misunderstanding that may have come as a result of the **FEMA** application process.

The Neighborhood Improvement Council also includes contractors from around the Pee Dee who will be available to assist flood victims in getting repairs done to their damaged property.

Williams said at a Thursday morning news conference the council was formed primarily to get more information

on ways victims can get the help they need from their own community.

“There are folks here who have no idea who to go to, who to ask questions, who to share their concerns with,” Williams said. “We want to make sure the best information is getting to the most unserved areas in our Pee Dee Region.”

Robinson said the event will include tips on ways to make the process of applying with **FEMA** more expedient, as well as assistance options for those who were denied federal aid.

“A lot of people need help, and we have the resources that will do what needs to be done in order for people to capitalize on the help that out there for them after this disaster,” Robinson said. “We’re here to make sure people are getting the fair share of the help they’re supposed to have.”

Attendees are urged to bring photographic or video proof of property damages to help officials provide more in-depth analysis of the types of help available.

Want to go?

Who : Neighborhood Improvement Council of the Pee Dee

What : Disaster relief help session

When : Tuesday, Oct. 27 - - 11 a.m.

Where : Florence-Darlington Technical College – 400 building – Fred C. Fore Auditorium

Attendees are asked to bring photographic or video proof of damages.

## **Gov. Haley to host Team South Carolina for Florence, Williamsburg counties**

**WMBF** Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct 22, 2015

By Whitney Hill

FLORENCE COUNTY, SC (WMBF) – Governor Nikki Haley will be in Kingstree on Monday, October 26, for the Team South Carolina event for Florence and Williamsburg counties that will be held at the Williamsburg Recreation Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., according to a news release from the South Carolina Governor’s Office.

The Team South Carolina events are where flood victims can go to learn about resources available to families and businesses while South Carolina recovers from the flooding.

These events also bring state and federal officials and non-profit organizations together to help those who have been impacted by the statewide flooding.

The news release states that Florence and Williamsburg County residents can do the following during the Team South Carolina event:

Register for financial assistance from **FEMA**

Apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration

Learn more about repairing and flood proofing their home from **FEMA**

Get information about assistance for farmers with crop losses or damage from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency

Apply for unemployment benefits from the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce

Apply for food and financial assistance from the S.C. Department of Social Services

Get information about mental health and other healthcare services from the S.C. Department of Mental Health and the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Get help with insurance claims from the S.C. Department of Insurance

Receive a free kit to test well water from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

Receive a free tetanus shot from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

The Williamsburg Recreation Center is located at 2086 Thurgood Marshall Highway in Kingstree.

## **Flooding concerns continue after waters recede**

By wbtwlucaslalde

**WBTW**, Myrtle Beach/Florence CBS, October 22, 2015

MYRTLE BEACH, SC (WBTW) – Flood concerns continue for some communities that are no longer underwater, including Cameron Village, in Burgess, located in southern Horry County.

The people there didn’t lose their homes, but many couldn’t leave their homes. They were basically surrounded by water, and News13 had you covered on that during the floods.

Now that the waters have gone down, homeowners continue to feel that the drainage system in the neighborhood needs to be assessed, and it’s something they say they’ve complained about for years.

“2010 was our first major flooding, we had two feet of water on Grand Oak Blvd and several other places,” said Rocco Turso, who has lived in the neighborhood for the past seven years.

“You don’t have to be an engineer to see that Cameron Village doesn’t have the drainage capacity,” said Turso.

After seeing the worst round of flooding yet, two weeks ago, over 100 residents came together, in the hopes that the problem will be addressed.

Les Giggans lives in Cameron Village and spent time documenting the floods in early October, "during the time we were underwater, Myrtle Beach Yacht Club was dry, they could enter and exit their community without any problem. However, we were at nearly 32 inches of water down at this drive," he said, referencing a community right across the street.

Both entrances were blocked off by flood waters for a number of days, people who live in the area blame poor drainage from the ditches at Bay Road.

"It couldn't go any where! they had to open up enterprise road down at bay road just so people could get out," said homeowner, Peter Brotherton.

Brotherton, now wants an independent assessment, "we want someone who had nothing to do with the planning stages to come and take a look at it."

An extra ditch that was dug and that did drain the water during the last flood, still Turso wants a permanent solution all parties can agree on.

"Our hopes that the county, residents and Beazer can come together and finally come up with a viable solution," said Turso.

Beazer is the developer at Cameron Village, News13 reached out on Thursday, but did not receive comment.

Horry County councilman Gary Loftus, who splits the area with councilman Cam Crawford, says the county will assess homeowners concerns and is committed to finding a solution.

A board member for the communities HOA says the board will present their concerns to the councilmen and hopefully Beazer representatives on October 28th.

## Red Cross services still available at local resource centers

WMBF Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct 22, 2015 6:15 PM EDT

By Whitney Hill

MYRTLE BEACH, SC (WMBF) – The American Red Cross will be available at local resource centers on Friday, October 23, to assist flood victims with creating disaster recovery plans, navigating paperwork and finding additional resources.

Red Cross volunteers and various organizations and services will be at the following local resource centers:

First United Methodist Church located at 1001 5th Avenue in Conway from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Georgetown First Baptist Church located at 219 Cleland Street in Georgetown from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Williamsburg Recreation Center located at 2086 Thurgood Marshall Highway in Kingstree from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For additional information about available Red Cross flood related services and resources, please call (855) 773-3175.

## Homeowner Prepares To Rebuild After Flood

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(No transcript available. Station interviews David Richardson, homeowner on Kilbourne Road in Columbia, about how volunteer groups helped gut his flooded home, how he has applied for insurance payout and FEMA funds and is waiting for word from either.)

## Local Businesses work to recover from SC Flood

By Jennifer Ready

WOLO ABC Columbia, Oct 21, 2015

Columbia, S.C. (WOLO) -- On Wednesday, an SBA Administrator and one of President Obama's Cabinet members visited the midlands to speak with local leaders and assess the flood damage.

Nearly three weeks after the historic floods hit the midlands, several business owners are still in the recovery process.

Owner of Labrasca's Pizza, Brett Wilson, said his restaurant suffered about a foot of water and is now fixing the damage himself.

"It was mud and muck everywhere," described Wilson. "We had to rip up all the carpet and tile board."

As a result, the door's of Wilson's shop have remained closed, which is ultimately affecting his bottom line.

"A loss of revenue is the biggest impact," said Wilson.

That's why the US Small Business Administration is on the ground to help business owners and homeowners. On Wednesday morning, Obama Cabinet member, Maria Contreras-Sweet joined local leaders to assess the aftermath of

the historic floods that left homes and businesses in ruins. Contreras-Sweet encouraged South Carolinians to take advantage of the assistance SBA can provide.

"This is not the time to have too much pride," said Contreras-Sweet. "This is the time to pick up the phone and call those who are ready and want to help you."

Contreras-Sweet said the SBA can provide disaster loans on a multitude of levels including; up to \$40,000 for damaged personal property, up to \$200,000 to repair or replace a primary residence, and up to \$2 million to repair a business.

For additional information or to find out if you qualify for assistance, you can visit an SBA disaster recovery center in South Carolina, call 1-800-659-2955 or visit [SBA.gov/sc](http://SBA.gov/sc).

## **Flood of 2015 was a record-setter in SC**

By SAMMY FRETWELL

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 22, 2015

### Highlights

17 stream gauges registered highest peak water flows or river heights ever

Congaree River flowed fast enough to fill two Olympic-sized swimming pools every second

The recent rain storm that flooded Columbia and many parts of South Carolina produced record-setting river levels in some areas of the state, a federal agency says.

Seventeen stream gauges registered the highest peak water flows or river heights ever recorded at those gauges, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

"This was absolutely an historic flood for South Carolina," said John Shelton, a USGS hydrologist who oversaw the agency's work.

Some of the records were set on Gills Creek in Columbia and near Kingstree on the Black River, which recorded its highest peak in 87 years, the geological survey said.

The Gills Creek flood record was set at a gauge on lower Devine Street near a new shopping center with Marshalls and PetSmart.

Peak flows there hit 19.6 feet on Oct. 4. The previous record, set Feb. 24, 1979, was 8.66 feet, survey data said.

The lower Devine Street area experienced some of the worst flooding in Columbia as Gills Creek overflowed and covered the roadway.

This month's flood also was the highest on the Congaree River since April 8, 1936.

This year, the Congaree peaked at 185,000 cubic feet per second. The peak that day was enough to fill two Olympic-sized swimming pools every second, the survey said. The River had a peak stage of 31.8 feet Oct. 4.

The flood this month was so powerful that it also knocked out eight stream gauges used by the geological survey.

The Oct. 4 storm was the worst many people ever remember in Columbia. As much as 17 inches of rain fell on parts of the city in several hours time, causing dams to break, homes to flood and people to flee for safety. Nearly 20 people, half in the Columbia area, were killed in the storm.

## **Road atop Windsor Lake dam closed amid safety questions**

By Sammy Fretwell

[The State](#) (Columbia) Oct. 22, 2015

Motorists were blocked Wednesday from driving across the Windsor Lake dam in northeast Richland County after state officials closed the road that they say is potentially unsafe and in need of repair.

State officials said barricades went up after they met Tuesday night to discuss the portion of Chatsworth Road atop the dam. The dam, like many other earthen dams in South Carolina, was battered during a historic flood on Oct. 4.

The dam holds back the waters of Windsor Lake, a major residential pond above Decker Boulevard.

Dam managers said this week that the structure needs minor repairs but is otherwise safe. A 2010 Department of Health and Environmental Control inspection report said the dam was well maintained.

And as recently as Monday, DHEC said "there is no immediate threat to public safety at this time." The agency's written response followed questions by The State newspaper about automobile traffic over the dam.

But DHEC officials said in an email Wednesday night that the road had been closed "out of an abundance of caution." The agency said it was awaiting confirmation from the dam's owner that water levels in Windsor Lake would be lowered because of safety questions.

The Windsor Lake dam is among 75 across South Carolina that DHEC ordered last week to lower water levels. The orders said the dams appeared "unsafe and a potential danger to life and/or property." The dams were supposed to be lowered by Tuesday. The orders also require the dams' owners to inspect the structures and provide a plan of action to DHEC by Oct. 30.

As of Wednesday, DHEC said 36 dam representatives had responded to the 75 emergency orders. Dams across the state are under scrutiny because some three dozen breached as a result of the storm. More than half of those were in Richland and Lexington counties.

Paul Lawrence, who lives downstream from Windsor Lake, expressed concern this week about a crack down the center of the road, which he said raised questions about the dam's safety. He said he's glad DHEC closed Chatsworth Road, and the Windsor Lake dam owners started to lower water levels.

"It's a real good thing," he said.

See earlier story on Lowering Windsor Lake in The State's video: <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article40578147.html>

## Officials drain Broadway Lake after emergency order from DHEC

Fox Carolina 21, Anderson, Oct 22, 2015 7:08 PM EST

By Ashley Daley

ANDERSON, SC (FOX Carolina) - In the weeks since historic flooding across South Carolina, state officials have been inspecting the nearly 50,000 dams across the state. The inspections come after many private and public dams failed as waters rose in South Carolina's Midlands and Low Country, leading to severe flood damage.

Those inspections prompted an emergency order to be issued by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) requiring repairs at hundreds of dams, including several in the Upstate. One of them is the Broadway Lake Dam in Anderson County.

DHEC ordered county officials on Monday to lower the lake to half pool, after they had deemed its hazard potential to be "significant," and that damage to homes, roads, and public utilities was "likely."

In a phone interview, Robert Yanity, the public information officer for DHEC said the emergency order was to make sure that the dams are safe for the people around them.

"There are some areas of the dam where erosion has taken place and we know we have to remove some trees. If they fall it's like yanking a plug out," Anderson County Administrator Rusty Burns said.

But Burns says the county has been aware of the issue for months, working closely with local DHEC officials. He says they even went as far as hiring an engineering firm to conduct an independent study on the lake and dam.

Burns and local DHEC officials he spoke with say they believe the danger is "not imminent."

"If we thought that we would be down there doing something. Everybody would always rather be safe than sorry. Some of those dams in that part of the world are no longer there so I can understand being overly cautious," Burns said.

Burns said the county now needs to find the money to make the repairs, estimated somewhere between \$100,000 and more than \$200,000. Burns said to replace the dam entirely would cost nearly \$30 million.

Carol Thrasher has lived on the lake for 14 years. She said she doesn't mind the lake being drained temporarily while the dam is fixed, but is fearful it could take a while.

"This impacts the fish, the fishing and everything that goes on down here at the lake. And it affects all of us, we can use the boat, we can't do anything as far as the water," Thrasher said.

DHEC says once the repairs are made the county can bring the lake levels back up. But Burns says he does not yet know when the funds will be allocated to make the repairs.

## Dams damaged from storm, flooding

Greenville Index Journal, October 23, 2015

By Ariel Gilreath

After major rain and flooding at the beginning of the month, the Department of Health and Environmental Control has ordered 63 dams in South Carolina be fixed or replaced, three of which are in Greenwood County.

The dams were apparently damaged during what Gov. Nikki Haley termed the "1,000 year storm" in the beginning of October that led to flooding across South Carolina.

DHEC said the dams in Greenwood affected by the storm are Town and Country Dam 1 and Town and Country Dam 2, located in the Gatewood community on Gatewood Drive, and the Upper North Lake Dam located on Rocky Creek near Northlake Drive.

Attempts to reach people responsible for maintaining the dams were unsuccessful.

"DHEC remains committed to ensuring public safety and will be aggressive in pursuing all necessary safety measures to make sure that dam owners are making these needed repairs as quickly as possible," Catherine Heigel, director of DHEC, said in a released statement.

DHEC put each dam into one of three classifications: C1, C2 or C3. According to DHEC's website, the failure of dams put in category C1 could mean death or serious damage to infrastructure, failure of dams in C2 will not likely result in death but may damage infrastructure and the failure of dams in C3 may result in limited property damage.

Owners of the dams are required to submit a detailed inspection and a plan of action for the dams by Oct. 30 to DHEC.

## **The latest flood news developments**

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 23, 2015

### **FLOOD RECORDS RELEASED**

South Carolina streams and rivers hit their highest level ever recorded at 17 places, the U.S. Geological Survey said Thursday in releasing details on the record floods.

Some of the records were set near Kingstree on the Black River, which recorded its highest peak in 87 years, and on Gills Creek in Columbia.

The Gills Creek flood record was set on Devine Street near where the old K-Mart property was recently redeveloped. Peak flows there hit 19.6 feet on Oct. 4. The previous record, set Feb. 24, 1979, was 8.66 feet.

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### **RICHLAND, LEXINGTON ROADS**

Fort Jackson Boulevard reopened Thursday, clearing a major passageway off Interstate 77 near the Cross Hill Market and Fort Jackson Army base in Columbia.

Flora Drive also reopened in Northeast Richland on Thursday.

Major thoroughfares Decker Boulevard and Percival Road opened in Richland County earlier this week.

Still, about 60 roads remain closed in the county, down from a peak of 133.

In Lexington County, 11 roads remain closed: Barnwell Road, Devils Backbone Road, Durham Drive, Drawdebil Road, Old Ramblin Road, Ottawa Trail/Natchez Street, Sandlewood Drive, Taylor Street, Wilton Road, Windy Road and Woodberry Road.

### **RICHLAND TAX DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Richland County announced Thursday that the S.C. Department of Revenue has approved its plan to extend property tax payment deadlines for all residential and commercial properties an additional 30 days.

That means tax bills will be mailed out in November rather than October. It also means that penalties normally imposed on Jan. 16 will not be added to tax bills until Feb. 17, 2016. This applies to tax bills for real estate property, business personal property, manufacturing properties, and boats and motors that are normally billed and collected at the turn of each year.

Car taxes, which are due throughout the year, are not covered by the extension.

### **LEXINGTON DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS**

Consultants from AMEC will join Lexington County officials in assessing flood damage to 400 homes in the Irmo-St. Andrews area in coming days.

Those reviews are expected to take at least five weeks.

It's part of the work the company took on after being selected as a storm water adviser last year, County Administrator Joe Mergo said. AMEC was chosen by County Council for a three-year deal over six other firms that bid for the work, records show.

It's too soon to say how much the reviews will cost since the work will be paid by the hour, Mergo said.

## **Flood waters may bring ongoing problems to Florence County roads**

By Taylor Herlong

[WBTW](#), CBS Myrtle Beach-Florence, October 22, 2015

FLORENCE COUNTY, SC (WBTW)- South Carolina Department of Transportation crews are still working in Florence County to repair roads damaged by the flood.

In the last few weeks, the county's SCDOT Maintenance Director Al Griggs says crews have worked around-the-clock to repair roads.

"We've had to deal with a lot of washouts, roads being gone, a lot of culverts pipes just being blown out from the excess of rain and water," said Griggs.

Two weeks ago, part of Old River Road in Florence County was completely washed away, exposing a twenty-foot hole in the ground.

Thursday, crews worked to cover that hole by packing sand and preparing it to be paved.

Crews say they're no longer having to work around-the-clock and are trying to get back to normal operations, but

that we may still see some long-term effects from the flood.

“We had roads that were just submerged underwater. Obviously, that’s not good for the road. It can weaken the base which can cause the asphalt to start to crumble, and that’s where you get your potholes and stuff from,” said Griggs.

Parts of SC 51, Secondary 57, Highway 34, Country Club Road in Lake City, and Hill Harrell Road in Effingham are still closed.

Griggs says they hope to have some of those roads open in two weeks, but because they are big projects, it may take longer.

The Florence County Department of Transportation says they are working with crews from Marion, Dillon, Darlington, and Williamsburg to have roads open as soon as possible.

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By Cassie Cope

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 22, 2015

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## **Amid Columbia’s floods, a new reckoning of sorts**

By GERRY MELENDEZ

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 22, 2015

Amid the floods earlier this month in Columbia, Bert Louthian has discovered a new reckoning of sorts.

The attorney’s home on Old Neck Road was overcome. He and his family were rescued by boat just as Louthian was putting his wife, Amy, daughter, Addy, and dog, Sam, on a paddle board to push them out into Lake Katherine.

“The house is destroyed, but we can rebuild the house,” he said. “You don’t really know that stuff is just stuff until you experience something like this.”

Louthian and his wife continue to have a positive outlook on their recovery from the disaster.

“It’s empowering to know that my neighbors and my friends are strong,” he said.

Louthian, 57, grew up in the neighborhood and said the disaster has brought everyone closer.

“I bet you I have 25 new best friends now,” he said. “I know who those people are now just from the way they behaved during this catastrophe.”

Addie Louthian wipes a tear off her mother Amy’s face as they listen to pastor Amos Disasa during service at Downtown Church, Sunday, October 18, 2015. The Louthians home was damaged by the flood but they continue to have a positive attitude as they recover. “The love and the support and the prayers, that means more than anything,” said Amy.

Bert Louthian is greeted at Downtown Church in Columbia, Sunday, October 18, 2015. Louthian and his family were rescued by boat just as he was putting his wife Amy, daughter Addy, and dog Sam on a paddle board to push them out into Lake Katherine.

Bert Louthian sits with his daughter Addie and wife Amy as they listen to pastor Amos Disasa during service at Downtown Church, Sunday, October 18, 2015. The couple’s home was damaged by the flood but they continue to have a positive attitude as they recover. “The love and the support and the prayers, that means more than anything,” said Amy.

Amy Louthian gets a hug during church service at Downtown Church, Sunday, October 18, 2015. The Louthians home was damaged by the flood but they continue to have a positive attitude as they recover. “The love and the support and the prayers, that means more than anything,” said Amy.

Bert Louthian walks through his flood damaged home on Old Neck Road in Columbia, SC, earlier this month. The home suffered major damage during the flood.

## Buyers Beware: Flood Damaged Cars in SC

By Matt Alba

WCBD NBC Mount Pleasant, October 22, 2015

RAVENEL, SC – If you plan on buying a car any time soon, you might want to take some extra time to make sure you don't get one damaged from the historic flooding earlier this month.

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs says it has already seen a report of a flood damaged car someone is trying to sell on craigslist.

Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, Carri Lybarker, warned, "These flood damaged vehicles can have electronic and mechanical problems that show up down the road...If there is a car out there and it's a deal that looks too good to be true, go ahead and walk away."

Sources told News 2 hundreds of flooded cars have made their way to the Lowcountry, and are now waiting to be sold.

"It's a cyclical kind of thing unfortunately that we see here. We are in the business of trying to stop these scam artists but if it wasn't working they wouldn't be doing it. That's why arming consumers with the knowledge to be able to protect themselves is important," said Lybarker.

A lot of the time once a car is flooded or damaged beyond repair, insurance companies will bring the car to an auto auction lot. Once the car is adjusted by an insurance adjuster, they can then re-sell it to a dealer or to an individual buyer

Once the car leaves the auto auction lot, it is usually labeled a salvage vehicle. To make sure you're not buying one, all you need to do is get the vehicle identification number, or vin number, and run a check on the National Insurance Crime Bureau website to see if it's been salvaged.

Use the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to get a free report on the vehicle's flood history at [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org) or [www.flood.carfax.com](http://www.flood.carfax.com). Keep in mind that flood history is only reported on vehicles that were insured when they were damaged.

However, Lybarker said, "It doesn't mean that the car isn't going to have problems if they don't have that indication on the title."

To further prevent you from being lured into buying a flood damaged car, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs has put together steps that you should take

They say stick to well-known reputable sellers. If you seem to be getting a deal that's too good to be true, it probably is; at that point, you should walk away once the sale gets suspicious.

For more tips and ways to protect yourself from fraud, [click here](#).

If you think you were sold a flood damaged vehicle, you can contact the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs to file a complaint at 1-800-922-1594

## Beware of Flood Damaged Cars if You Plan on Buying a New One

By Dawn Logg

WSPA, CBS, Spartanburg, October 22, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C. – If you plan on buying a car anytime soon you might want to take extra time to make sure you don't get one damaged in recent flooding.

Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, Carri Lybarker, says she has already seen a report of a flood damaged car someone is trying to sell on Craigslist.

To protect consumers, the Department of Consumer Affairs has put together a list of steps that can help you know what to look for:

- Stick to reputable, well-known sellers

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

- Trust your gut. If anything seems suspicious, walk away.

They also have a checklist of what to do before you buy:

Inspect and Examine

Check the trunk, glove compartment, dashboard, and below the seats for water damage such as silt, mud, or rust.

Examine the interior closely: make sure that the upholstery and carpeting match and fit tight; if it doesn't, this could be a sign it has been replaced. Also check for discoloring, faded or stained material, which are other signs of serious water damage.

- Have the vehicle inspected by a trusted mechanic before you purchase.

- Test

Check that all the lights and gauges in the instrument panel are working properly.

Test all the interior and exterior lights, windshield wipers, turn signals, stereo, windows, mirrors, and seats.

Ensure both the heater and air conditioner work. Check for musty odors when the air conditioner is on.

Ask

Ask to see a detailed vehicle history report. The report can reveal hidden problems from a vehicle's past.

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Click [HERE](#) if you'd like to print out the Department of Consumer Affairs's pamphlet on flood damaged vehicles.

## **Consumer Affairs: Scammers taking advantage of many after flood**

By Jeremy Turnage

[WIS TV 10 NBC Columbia](#), Oct. 22, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, along with car dealer associations here in the state, want to keep you safe from potential scams after October's unprecedented flood.

The agency, along with the Carolinas Independent Automobile Dealers Association released a four point list of what you need to know about flood damaged vehicles on the market.

The big thing to remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Experts say do your research first before you buy.

"Carfax or an Equifax report, car history report," John Brown with Carolinas Independent Auto Dealers. "Then there's a couple of websites the consumer can use that they may not be aware of. They can go to [NICB.org](http://NICB.org), which is the insurance reporting website."

If you do feel like someone may be trying to sell you a flood-damaged vehicle, Consumer Affairs urges you to contact them.

## **State warns flood victims to beware**

[Press and Standard/Colleton Today](#), Oct 23, 2015.

As South Carolina enters the recovery phase following the recent flooding, the South Carolina Department of Insurance wants to encourage consumers to be aware.

Unfortunately, con artists and others engaged in illegal activity prey on people during the aftermath of a catastrophic event. "Individuals are so anxious to get back their sense of normalcy that they become the victims of fraud," said Director Ray Farmer, "because they let their emotions control their decisions."

Don't get victimized twice, Farmer suggests, offering some tips to help you protect yourself and your property from fraud and other scams.

**Protect Yourself from Home Repair Fraud**

Call your insurance company first. Home repair fraud increases exponentially following a major storm. Protect your investment by getting more than one bid from contractors and requesting at least three references. Your insurer may be able to make recommendations on reliable roofers. Beware of door-to-door solicitations to repair your roof.

n Make sure the contractor is licensed. When choosing a contractor to make repairs, check licensing and references before hiring. You may look up a contractor's licensing status by going to the South Carolina Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation website, <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/>.

Get it in writing. Always insist on a written estimate before repairs begin and do not sign any contracts before the insurance company's adjuster has examined the damage. In some cases the adjuster will want to see the estimate before you begin making repairs.

n Make payments in installments. Do not pay a contractor the full amount up front or sign over your insurance settlement payment. A contractor should expect to be paid a percentage when the contract is signed and the remainder once the work is completed. Keep a record of all payments made.

Hidden damages. If the contractor finds hidden damage that was not discovered in the original assessment by the adjuster, contact your insurance company to resolve the difference. For any disagreements that cannot be resolved, contact the South Carolina Department of Insurance about your recourse.

Here are some things to watch out for: advertisements or other statements like the "offer is only good for today;" or "we can make you a deal because the repairs will be made with materials left over." If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't. The key is to get educated about your insurance choices.

For more information about homeowners or renter's insurance and the basic coverages in a policy, go to [www.InsureUonline.org](http://www.InsureUonline.org) and choose the life stage that best fits your life situation. For specific questions about coverages or about a licensee, you may contact the South Carolina Department of Insurance at 1-800-768-3467 or by email at

consumers@doi.sc.gov. You may also file a complaint online with the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

Don't be a victim of insurance fraud! Before you sign a contract or write a check for coverage, stop. Call the South Carolina Department of Insurance and confirm that the agent, adjuster, appraiser, and/or company you are working with are licensed to do business in your state.

Report incidents of insurance and other types of fraud to the South Carolina Attorney General's Office at 1-888-953-7283.

## Forest Acres garden store reopens after flood, but told to leave by landlord

By Sarah Ellis

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 22, 2015

### Highlights

Forest Lake Gardens has until Oct. 31 to vacate Trenholm Road store

First Citizens Bank is terminating the store's lease

Customers value the store's eclectic character, local products

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC -- If several feet of water couldn't take Forest Lake Gardens out of business, it appears a bank might do it.

Joseph McDougall's 12-year old Forest Acres produce and garden store has been ordered by its landlord, First Citizens Bank, to pack up and leave its site near the corner of Trenholm Road and Forest Drive by the end of the month — next Saturday.

Forest Lake Gardens' landlord, First Citizens Bank, is terminating its lease and says the store must leave the Trenholm Road property by the end of the month.

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McDougall received a letter dated Oct. 20 saying that in light of the floodplain property being "particularly hard hit" by recent floods, the landlord "has assessed the damage and has determined that it is not practical (or, under the applicable construction guidelines and ordinances, possible) to restore or replace the affected improvements."

"I think the neighborhood is going to be sad or irritated if Joseph is shut down," said Sally Huguley, a loyal customer who said she appreciates the colorful, eclectic character of McDougall's store. "I like to go to a local business. ... I just don't want to go to the big box stores, and if he closes down, at least in the Forest Acres area, that's what we're going to have to do."

It didn't come as much surprise to McDougall that the bank, which merged its North Carolina and South Carolina corporations earlier this year, would tell him to move out after the flood. He was told several months ago that his lease might not be renewed, McDougall said.

"I don't have any fear" in the face of being shut down, McDougall said. "I'm not a victim, by no means. I don't feel like a victim, because I can start all over. ... This was an opportunity for me."

"Once the wheel starts turning, you can't stop it," McDougall said. "What I learned from Rush, a band I like — I'm studying a lot of my music — he says in 'Tom Sawyer' that changes aren't permanent, but change is."

First Citizens and the city of Forest Acres have had ongoing negotiations about the future of the property for about a year and a half, said Angela English, a Columbia spokeswoman for the bank. English said she did not know what the space might look like in the future, but McDougall said he had been told a green space and a new road had been discussed.

"We sincerely empathize with Mr. McDougall and the entire Forest Acres community" in the aftermath of the flood, English said. "We've been working and will continue to work with him on some options for his business."

Forest Lake Gardens reopened about a week and a half after floodwaters reached above the door frame of the building, leaving a muddy water line on a painting of Bob Marley above McDougall's office. The painting is the only thing at the store that's not for sale, McDougall said — "That and my soul."

McDougall was determined to open the store back up before the bank could tell him to get out, he said, and he's already done \$10,000 worth of business in the week since reopening.

Tucked behind the First Citizens at the corner of Trenholm Road and Forest Drive, across the street from the Forest Acres Police Department, Forest Lake Gardens was well-stocked this week with warmly colored mums and pumpkins and other seasonal flowers and produce. A pair of McDougall's well-known Big Foot statues — including a hot pink one, which have always sold well, McDougall said — sat along the sidewalk at the edge of the road.

"You were selling stuff before I could get out of my driveway," Forest Acres resident Wilma Bjontegard told McDougall on Thursday. She had come to buy potting soil. "I admired how hard he worked to get it back together. ... I wouldn't want to lose it."

More than 1,200 people had signed an online petition by Thursday afternoon asking First Citizens to save Forest

Lake Gardens. Meanwhile, McDougall collected a list of email addresses from customers so he could let them know when and where he reopens his business.

He would like to stay put, but he's prepared to move. McDougall said he owns property on Two Notch Road, where he expects he can reopen.

"We'll come to you," a woman told him Thursday as she walked to her car with a potted plant.

## **DHEC reopens many shellfish beds closed by flooding**

WCBN News 2 NBC Mount Pleasant

October 22, 2015, 4:12 pm

News Release

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control has reopened many shellfish beds previously closed due to excessive rainfall earlier this month.

"Water quality data indicate that the approved harvesting areas in Charleston and Colleton counties are suitable for harvesting," said Mike Pearson, manager of DHEC's Shellfish Sanitation Section.

The following harvesting areas have been reopened:

St. Helena Sound north to the southern shore of Stono Inlet

The northern shore of Dewees Inlet extending up Dewees Creek north to McClellanville and Mud Bay, and out to Cape Romain Harbor

The following areas will remain closed to harvesting until sampling results indicate they are again suitable for harvesting:

The northern shore of the Stono Inlet north to the Charleston Harbor

The southern shore of Dewees Inlet extending into Dewees Creek South to the Charleston Harbor

McClellanville and Muddy Bay out to Cape Romain Harbor, north to Litchfield and Midway Inlet.

For information on Georgetown and Horry counties' clam and oyster harvesting areas, call DHEC's Environmental Quality Control office at (843) 238-4378. For more information on clam and oyster harvesting areas in Beaufort County, call DHEC's EQC office at (843) 846-1030. For more information on Charleston County clam and oyster harvesting areas, call DHEC's EQC office at (843) 953-0150.

## **City officials clarify pay issues for all city personnel during floods**

By Jack Kuenzie

WIS TV 10, Columbia NBC, Oct. 22, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) -This month's flood disaster saw hundreds of City of Columbia employees working overtime with many providing critical services and considered by the city to be essential to the response.

Additional Links

City Manager Teresa Wilson addresses city employee concerns about time off during flood

But the rain and flooding kept others at home. City leaders have been working on a way to deal with pay issues for all employees.

This has been a subject of questions and confusion over the city's approach. We've had persistent inquiries from viewers identifying themselves as city staff, and we've been given some more definitive information by the City of Columbia.

As we reported earlier this month while the city was still operating at an elevated response level, city officials required extended hours from staff considered "essential" -- people in public works, utilities, engineering and first responders for example. Others, during the height of the bad weather and afterward, were told to stay home.

Some were worried they'd be forced to take vacation time for those days off or would not be paid.

City Manager Teresa Wilson promised to study the pay issue. That was more than a week ago.

Mayor Steve Benjamin says he met this week with the city manager and they discussed compensation for those staffers.

"It's her prerogative as to how she handles it under this form of government," Benjamin said. "However, I shared my opinion that employees who were not called in to work who actually are a significant minority of employees -- most employees our public works staff, our first responders -- were on the job. Compensating those who were not working just as if they were, just as state employees have while finding some way, I'm not sure if it means additional pay or a bonus to reward those who were actually working."

We obtained a letter from Wilson to city employees first thanking them for what she called their "phenomenal level of service" and pledging support to those personally impacted by the flooding.

Wilson says there's never been a question she would forgive time taken due to the operational shut down.

She says she wanted to make sure the city properly logged time taken by almost 1,700 essential staffers while

reviewing options to acknowledge work they did under extreme circumstances.

Wilson says they will be paid overtime. She says the fiscal impact of that decision will be great and the city will also follow existing policy to give additional leave days to non-exempt essential staff and exempt supervisors who worked on the front lines.

## **Mosquito population rising as water recedes**

WMBF Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct 22, 2015

By Amy Lipman

HORRY COUNTY, SC (WMBF) - While the peak of the flooding is over, the manager of Horry County's Mosquito Control Program, James Brock, said the mosquito problem is really just now beginning.

Brock counted 15 mosquitoes landing on him per minute near the Lees Landing community Thursday afternoon.

"It's definitely worse than 2013. Floyd? I'd say it's right there with it," Brock said. "It's going to be a nice crop of them. That's for sure."

County employees have been doing landing counts by day to figure out how many mosquitoes are in particular areas then they're spraying neighborhoods with four trucks by night to kill them. The trucks are also focusing on spraying in parks and recreational areas, Brock said.

Brock said mosquitoes are starting to hatch now and the population should peak around Monday. He said the cool weather at the beginning of this week had slowed it down some.

Now, Brock said the program's hotline has received more than 60 calls in the past day from people complaining about mosquitoes. He said they received half that number of calls for the entire month of July.

The county will send someone to investigate as many of those calls as possible. They'll check around the home for standing water. Brock said trash cans, tires, bird baths and children's toys are the worst culprits. He said 100,000 mosquitoes can breed in just a few inches of water.

The mosquito control program is also doing aerial spraying. Check out the details of that here.

October is usually the tail end of mosquito spraying season, but for Zap Pest Control the calls this month have doubled a typical October.

"A lot of people having standing water in their yards and things like that, which breeds mosquitoes," said Lennie Johnson, owner of Zap Pest Control.

Johnson said the adult mosquitoes spend their days feeding on the nectar under the leaves of plants. So that's where he aims his spray gun.

"You can see how close [bushes] are to the patio right here where these homeowners like to sit," he said. "So without treatment, they're going to be getting eaten up by mosquitoes out here."

The treatment is good for 30 days.

Johnson said people still experiencing flooding really just have to wait for the water to go down for the adult mosquito population to hit its peak, so it can be treated.

In the meantime though, people should dump out anything that may be holding small amounts of water, Brock said.

He also said people should wear light-colored clothing and bug spray if they must go outside.

Brock said pets should be treated for heartworm and livestock should be vaccinated for Triple-E.

SCDHEC reports two reported human cases of West Nile Virus this year in South Carolina.

## **All Richland County schools return to normal schedule next week**

By Kelly Petty

Columbia Daily, October 22, 2015

All Richland County schools are returning to normal schedules starting next Monday. Meanwhile, Lexington-Richland School District Five has announced a second date to make up for the five days of cancelled classes during the flood.

District officials at Richland One and Richland Two are asking students to report to school or bus stops at normal times this coming Monday.

Richland One's afterschool child care programs will open, but the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, South Carolina Chamber Homework Centers, Comprehensive Remediation and Athletic Tutorial will start back up Nov. 2.

Both school systems scheduled delayed starts to offer time for bus drivers to adjust to altered routes and road closures.

"More than half of the 675 daily bus trips our 194 buses make had to be rerouted because several roads and bridges across our district were closed after the flooding, and the delayed start times have been a big help to our bus

drivers,” said Richland One Superintendent Craig Witherspoon. “We’re happy that most of the roads and bridges that were closed have reopened and we can return to normal schedules.”

Richland Two still expects some delays of up to 20 minutes because of longer routes and traffic congestion, according to a district spokesperson.

Lexington-Richland Five students will make up a missed day of school because of the flood on Nov. 9. The date was previously scheduled as a student holiday.

Students missed a total of five days of class time because of the floods. Schools were opened Oct. 12 to make up for one of the days. School officials will decide later how to make up the remaining days. Like other districts in the Midlands, Lexington-Richland Five is monitoring potential winter weather.

Potential make up days include March 25, April 18 and June 3.

“School districts are required to make up three days, which are typically built into school calendars,” said District Five Public Information Officer Mark Bounds. “We consulted with our parents, principals and teachers to ensure our decision would provide the best possible way to make up lost instructional time with the least negative impact on our families.”

21st Century Community Learning Centers, Athletic Tutorial, Comprehensive Remediation, Lexington-Richland Five, Mark Bounds, Richland One, Richland Two, South Carolina Chamber Homework Centers, Superintendent Dr. Craig Witherspoon.

## **Man wanted for store burglary during historic flooding**

By Matthew Stevens

WACH Fox 57, Columbia, October 22 2015

KERSHAW COUNTY, SC (WACH) - Kershaw County deputies are searching for a man who broke into a store during the heavy flooding that hit the county.

According to authorities, the man broke into the C&M Market on US Highway 1 in Elgin October 4 and stole cigarettes, lottery tickets and cash.

Investigators have named Christopher Griggs, 34, as the primary suspect for the crime.

A search of Grigg's home led to the discovery of items that were stolen from store at his residence.

Griggs is currently on the run and is facing charges of second degree burglary and intent to defraud, pass stolen lottery tickets.

Griggs has an extensive criminal record and anyone with any information on his whereabouts is urged to the Kershaw County Sheriff's Office at 803-425-1512 or CrimeStoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

## **Choose your favorite way to help flood victims**

Sumter Item, October 22, 2015

To help the public know of more ways it can help flood victims, The Sumter Item will list fundraisers and places to donate money, food or clothing. Here's what we have so far:

The Social Justice Consortium of the Upper Lowlands, in conjunction with the South Carolina Health Financial Management Association, is seeking financial donations for their recently launched Dry Shoes for Kids Campaign.

This fund will go a long way in reaching the needs of so many school children in Sumter, Lee, Clarendon and Kershaw counties after this historic and tragic flood. There are hundreds of school children and their families that lost all of their belongings.

All checks should be made to SJC, Attn. Dry Shoe Fund and may be mailed to P.O. Box 548, Sumter, SC, 29150 Attn: Wilson or may be dropped off at the following locations: Church of the Holy Comforter, 213 N. Main St., UBI Inc., 110 E. Liberty St., Sumter; Bullock Funeral Home, 1190 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter; or Graham Realty, 519 E. DeKalb St., Camden. Donations are also being accepted at any area branch of NBSC. For your convenience, a GoFund Me page, [GoFundme.com/SCKidsDryShoeFund](http://GoFundme.com/SCKidsDryShoeFund), has also been set up.

The South Carolina Realtors, in partnership with the National Association of Realtors, is offering assistance to South Carolina's flood victims through the Realtors Relief Foundation. The foundation is providing mortgage or rent relief up to \$1,000 to those who qualify.

Assistance is available to qualified applicants for either monthly mortgage expense for the primary residence or cost of temporary shelter because of displacement from the primary residence resulting from the historic floods. Assistance is limited to \$1,000 per applicant and one grant per residence.

The deadline for application submission is Nov. 30. Money is limited, and applications will be processed on a first-come basis.

Anyone can apply for the grants, and anyone can donate to Realtors Relief Foundation by visiting [screaltors.org/relief](http://screaltors.org/relief). Individual Realtors and Realtor associations in South Carolina and across the country have donated or

pledged more than \$300,000 to the foundation to help South Carolina flood victims.

For more information, visit [screaltors.org/flood](https://screaltors.org/flood).

The Central Carolina Community Foundation has established a national S.C. Flood Relief Fund to address the pressing needs of flood disaster victims - both short and long term.

One hundred percent of the money donated will go directly to local grassroots organizations aiding those in need. To donate, go to <https://www.YourFoundation.org/SCFloodRelief>.

The foundation's board has provided initial funding of \$50,000, and additional donations have been received from across the country.

A special statewide fund has been established to assist students in school districts affected by flooding in South Carolina and can be viewed at [floodreliefforscschools.org](http://floodreliefforscschools.org).

The South Carolina School Boards Association and South Carolina Future Minds announced that money collected will be distributed to school districts in counties designated for federal assistance by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency**.

Trip DuBard, executive director of SC Future Minds, said there are a couple of ways individuals, organizations and schools can contribute. Go to [www.floodreliefforscschools.org](http://www.floodreliefforscschools.org) or text "SCSchools" to 71777.

All proceeds from the Sumter Clarendon Chapter of the Building Industry Association Golf Tournament, to be held Nov. 2 at Beech Creek Golf Club, will benefit the United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties Flood Relief Fund. For sponsorship opportunities and to register, call Nelle Tomlinson (803) 775-6800.

The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation and BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina have made available \$1 million to South Carolina nonprofit organizations assisting state residents affected by catastrophic flooding. South Carolina-based 501(c)(3) organizations that are providing disaster-related services to residents of affected counties may apply. Projects that may be funded include activities supporting the health and human services of those affected by this natural disaster.

Interested nonprofit organizations may contact BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation at (803) 264-7860 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or email [FLOOD.RELIEF@bcssc.com](mailto:FLOOD.RELIEF@bcssc.com) for additional information and to determine eligibility.

South State Bank has established the South State Bank Emergency Relief Fund, with an initial contribution of \$100,000, to provide financial support to the communities it serves. The South State Bank Emergency Relief Fund is operated by Central Carolina Community Foundation, and 100 percent of all donations will support the flood relief efforts.

In addition to the initial contribution, individuals and organizations can also donate in support of affected communities. Money will be available through local nonprofit organizations providing assistance to flood victims in these counties: Florence, Orangeburg, Richland and Sumter. The bank does not have branches in Clarendon and Lee counties. For more information on how to make a donation or apply for assistance, visit [www.SouthStateBank.com/EmergencyRelief](http://www.SouthStateBank.com/EmergencyRelief).

Sumter United Ministries, 36 S. Artillery Drive, is looking to collect items that can be part of a "Flood Bucket" that will aid in the cleanup process. Requested items include: 5-gallon buckets; liquid cleaner, 12-16 ounces; dish soap; anti-bacterial air freshener; insect repellent spray; scrub brushes; cleaning wipes; sponges; scouring pads; heavy-duty trash bags; dust masks; kitchen dishwashing gloves; work gloves; and empty spray bottles. For more information, call (803) 775-0757.

Donate to Harvest Hope Food Bank to help displaced families who need food. Visit <https://donate.harvesthope.org/>.

Donate to The Salvation Army which is providing food, water and shelter to flood victims. Text STORM to 51555.

The Red Cross is accepting financial donations. Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or text REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Your donation helps provide food, shelter and emotional support to those affected by disasters. The Red Cross accepts large, bulk donations of new items if they are suitable to the needs of a specific disaster. It does not accept small quantities or collections of new or used products, such as household goods, clothing or food. The Red Cross works closely with local community groups and organizations that do accept in-kind donations. Visit [nvoad.org](http://nvoad.org) for a list of organizations accepting in-kind donations.

Volunteer to distribute water and food through United Way. Visit <http://bit.ly/1Q7HfDc>.

United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties has a Flood Relief Fund that will directly benefit the people, families and organizations affected by this crisis. All money will stay within Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties. A webpage with volunteer opportunities, donation sites, distribution sites and needs for the communities has been established at <http://www.uwaysumter.org/flood-relief-information>. Organizations collecting or distributing can contact

United Way at (803) 773-7935 or [anorris@uwaysumter.org](mailto:anorris@uwaysumter.org) to have their organization added to the list. It will be updated.

If you know of events organized for donations or fundraisers, send the information to [rick@theitem.com](mailto:rick@theitem.com), and it will be added to the list.

## **Kroger donates \$104,000 to Central South Carolina Red Cross for flood relief efforts**

By Kelly Petty

[Columbia Daily](#), October 22, 2015

The Central South Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross got a large donation from a national grocery chain. Store managers from several Kroger stores presented the nonprofit with a \$50,000 check in response to the floods that have affected South Carolina.

Store Manager Stephen Leonard (front, right) presents check to American Red Cross Major Gifts Samantha Jones (left) and Rebecca Jordan, executive director of the Central South Carolina Chapter American Red Cross (right). (Photo provided)

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The check represented \$25,000 from the corporate office and \$25,000 from the Atlanta Division, which covers stores in Georgia, eastern Alabama and South Carolina.

The Red Cross also received \$47,000 in bottled water and cash donations raised through staff and customers at the Aiken and Augusta, Georgia stores, as well as an additional \$7,000 raised through Kroger's "Round Up" campaign held between Oct. 7 to Oct. 17. Donations totaled \$104,000.

"It's times like these that communities band together to rebuild lives and homes," said Rebecca Jordan, executive director of the Central South Carolina American Red Cross. "Kroger is the epitome of corporate citizenship at its best, and we are forever grateful for their generosity and commitment to the Midland community. This donation will have a profound impact on our efforts for restoration."

Stephen Leonard, store manager for the Two Notch Road location in northeast Columbia, said the donations would help the Red Cross continue to provide shelter and supplies to thousands of families who have lost their homes to the floods.

Leonard said his store remained open during the flooding in Columbia, except for during curfew and said many of his employees slept overnight in the store to make sure that water and needed goods delivered by the Kroger's trucks made it to the store.

"That's what we do. That's our job and that's what we're here for is for our community," Leonard said. "To be able to be open and provide the necessities that they're looking for, the water especially, it's a great feeling that we stayed open to make sure every customer was taken care of to the best of our ability."

## **OYS: Choosing A Charity**

By Liz Owens

[WRDW-TV Augusta \(GA\)](#), October 23, 2015

AUGUSTA, G.A. (WRDW)-- A warning for those who plan to donate to the South Carolina flood victims to do their homework before giving.

Twenty-two counties in South Carolina now qualify for **FEMA** after the disastrous flood a few weeks ago. Many in those counties have still not recovered from the damage and are in desperate need for help.

Pat Finch has already donated bottles of water to the flood victims. "The most recent need we're concerned about is the South Carolina disaster relief," she said.

Finch gives whenever she can to five different charities but she is always extra cautious when it comes to disaster relief. She worries bad people will try to prey on her and others kinds.

Gigi Turner with the Better Business Bureau couldn't agree more. "We have found with each and every disaster within close proximity to us, including Katrina, there are always scammers coming out of the woodwork to take advantage of the kindhearted people that want to help the victims of those disasters," Turner said.

Turner is warning donors to give wisely. "You want to know who you are dealing with," she said. Do your homework.

Find out whether the charity your considering is a 501c3. Also, read up on the charity's reputation. And, ask what percentage of your donation actually goes to the victims.

You want to consider all those tips when it comes to giving during the holidays too.

There are several good websites that help donors learn more about different charities.

Have information or an opinion about this story? Click here to contact the newsroom.

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## **Flooding Damages Buildings, Not Spirit At St. Paul's Anglican Church In Conway**

By Christel Bell

[WMBF-TV Myrtle Beach \(SC\)](#), October 23, 2015

CONWAY, SC (WMBF) – The flood damage totaled thousands of dollars for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Conway. Church officials say the expenses came at a time when the church's budget is already tight, however, clergy officials say the damage was done to their buildings not their spirit.

When the flood waters started rising into the church's day school, Father Reggie Corfield said he couldn't believe it. "The immediate response is why us again?" said Corfield. "We already been through so much, we had an AC unit that broke, two actually and it cost almost \$20,000 that was just a month ago."

Corfield said he felt helpless. "To see the water pouring in there was nothing we could do, we just had to watch and see it happen."

The church, which stands on Main Street in Conway, is a 105 years old. "A lot of water flowed in from the storm drains and flooded out our school building, 6 or 8 rooms got flooded," explained Corfield. "Water destroyed carpet, sheet rock, and a lot of mold was there."

St. Paul does not have flood insurance. Corfield says the insurance that did have does not cover rising waters cases. The church even tried to apply for **FEMA** aid, but was denied. Corfield said they were told they do not qualify because assistance is for homeowners.

Despite the setbacks, the church's faith has never been broken. "The Lord has been immensely good to us and even through this storm it has brought us together like never before," said Corfield.

Many of the church members are retirees on a fixed income. Corfield says some have even been affected by the floods themselves, but they still managed to give what they could help the church start renovations.

"People in our own congregation they have stepped up to the plate, they chipped in, they have spent hours working on these projects, to help get it done so that the costs are not so much," he said.

The church really just needed to buy materials. Donations from other churches in Conway have poured in and he says the support from the community has been overwhelming.

Corfield added, "Even from people out-of-state have helped us with little money \$20, \$30, \$40, but it has gone a long way."

St. Paul's Church sees the flood as a blessing and a testament of faith. "You know there is always good in pain and suffering and I can not see it more prominent in a situation like this, so it has been a great blessing to us," said Corfield.

Most of structural damage was to the church's daycare school. Church officials say there was only minor roof damage to the actual church sanctuary. They plan to make those renovations in the near future.

The repair work for the school should be done by the end of October.

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## **South Carolina relief truck only half full**

By Brad McEwen

[Albany \(Ga.\) Herald](#), Oct. 22, 2015

Albany officials and concerned volunteers continue to urge the Albany community to help fill a 53-foot trailer headed to South Carolina with much-needed supplies for those impacted by recent flooding in the wake of Hurricane Joaquin, and have agreed to continue collecting items through Saturday.

ALBANY — Albany officials and concerned volunteers continue to urge the Albany community to help fill a 53-foot trailer headed to South Carolina with much-needed supplies for those impacted by recent flooding in the wake of Hurricane Joaquin, and have agreed to continue collecting items through Saturday.

For the past week volunteers have been working diligently to help fill up the trailer which was donated by Interstate National Lease for the purpose of transporting donated supplies, like water, bleach, toothpaste, and other non-perishables to flood victims.

Collections began last weekend at the James H Gray Civic Center before moving to the former Coca-Cola bottling plant on Pine Avenue, which is owned by Sherwood Baptist Church, earlier this week.

Although the original deadline for filling the truck before sending it to South Carolina was Thursday, Albany City Manager Sharon Subadan, who was on site at the bottling plant Thursday afternoon, said collections will continue through Saturday to ensure the truck is filled before heading to its destination.

“It’s about halfway there, so folks still have the opportunity to help fill it up,” said Subadan, who understand what the flood victims are going through. “I was personally the victim of a natural disaster having lost a house during Hurricane Andrew, so I know what it’s like. I’m challenging everyone in the community to come out and donate something. Every little bit helps.”

Subadan said the most needed items at this point are diapers and other baby supplies, as well as cleaning supplies such as bleach and disinfectant wipes. A good deal of water has already been collected but bottled water is always welcome, she said.

“We absolutely need your donations and it doesn’t take much,” said Subadan. “When you go to the store to buy bags of candy for Halloween, grab a jug of bleach, or a canister of wipes, anything, and swing by and drop it off. You don’t even need to get out of your car.”

Indeed anyone wanting to drop off a donation has to simply pull through the warehouse where volunteers from across the city are waiting to unload them and place them on a pallet to go in the truck.

Albany Commissioner B.J. Fletcher, who has been an outspoken supporter of the initiative, also issued a challenge to the community Thursday saying that because this community not only experienced the struggles of dealing with catastrophic flooding, but also the blessings of concerned citizens from other areas lending support, it really needed to step up.

“People need to remember where they were in 1994 and 1998 and think about what was done for them,” said Fletcher. “Now is the time for everybody to give back. That’s really what life’s about. We need to get this truck filled.”

Although Fletcher said much still needs to be done, she did offer praise to those who have already made donations, especially area businesses like Home Depot, Short and Paulk, Sams, and others that have dropped off pallets of supplies.

“A lot of places have given, some of the big ones and the mom and pops,” Fletcher said. “Honestly when we’ve asked we haven’t been turned down by anybody.”

In order to help encourage folks to donate, Fletcher added that she would have her brother bring his food truck to the collection site on Pine from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and that anyone who donates an item will get a half price funnel cake.

“That should sweeten the deal,” she said.

Collections will continue at the bottling plant location through Friday and again until noon on Saturday. Then the trailer will be moved to the front entrance of the Albany Mall where residents can continue to drop off donations until 6 p.m.

Initiative organizers are hoping that by the end of the day Saturday the trailer will be full and can be sent to South Carolina where the supplies will be distributed by the South Carolina Emergency Management Agency.

Locally-owned Interstate National Lease, which is a division of the Fred Taylor Company, not only donated the use of the trailer but it has also donated use of the truck and the fuel and driver needed to get it to its destination.

Although Albany Assistant Fire Chief Eugene Robinson, who was tasked by the city to organize the collections, said there were plenty of volunteers helping thus far, more are always needed. Anyone interested in finding out what they can do to help can contact Robinson at (229) 733-7314.

## **Flood dogs now ready for adoption in Raleigh**

WTVD, Raleigh NC

Oct. 22, 2015

RALEIGH (WTVD) -- It has been a few weeks since heavy rain brought flooding to South Carolina, but the struggle to find homes for some animals displaced by the floods continues. Some are up for adoption at the SPCA of Wake County in Raleigh.

Eleven dogs like Frannie, Madonna, and Nancy were evacuated from a South Carolina shelter because of the rising water.

The dogs were relocated from South Carolina because of the flooding.

"What we were able to do ... was rescue these already homeless dogs out of the shelters and then that gave the animal shelters in South Carolina the ability to help the animals stranded by the floods themselves," said Mondy Lamb with the SPCA of Wake County.

Five-year-old Nancy obviously needs some nourishment, but Lamb says she has lots of love to give.

"She's got something that we call happy tail, which is when their tail wags so hard it bangs into things," she explained.

Frannie is an active 1-year-old pup and Madonna is a 4-year-old hound mix. But most of the flood dogs at the no-kill adoption center in Raleigh are Lab mixes.

"Like a lot of dogs here that we have, they just crave human affection and they want that relationship with a family," said Lamb.

It'll cost you \$95 to adopt one of the dogs. For more information, visit the pet adoption center at 200 Petfinder Lane in Raleigh or [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## **Flooded shelter sends dozens of dogs to local humane society**

By Johnny Burnham

[New Britain \(Conn.\) Herald](#), Oct 22, 2015

NEWINGTON — Dozens of dogs made the trip up from flood-drenched South Carolina to the Connecticut Humane Society this week, wagging their tails in the hope of finding their forever homes.

The majority of the canines are at the Humane Society's Newington location, said Theresa Geary, its director of operations. After the state's furry newcomers are cleared by a veterinarian, they will be up for adoption within a week.

"One of our partner organizations reached out and asked if we would be able to help," Geary said. "It's important to help them in their time of crisis."

The dogs transported to Connecticut on Tuesday were already in a shelter, Geary said, and moving them was necessary in order to free up some much-needed room for the influx of homeless dogs as a result of the floods.

Alicia Wright, the society's public relations director, said 42 dogs were transported from the Francis R. Willis SPCA shelter in Summerville, South Carolina, to Connecticut. Most are in Newington, with a few also at the Humane Society's branches in Waterford and Westport.

The Francis R. Willis shelter remains closed due to the flooding and is not able to take in strays until further notice. While it rebuilds its home, Geary is excited to find the pups a new home of their own locally.

"We're fortunate because we have great owners and people willing to adopt here in Connecticut. We have great families in Connecticut that will take them," she said.

When an animal is matched with its new family, Geary made it clear it's a happy moment not just for the proud new parents and the newest four-legged member of the family, but for all those at the Humane Society as well.

"It's a great feeling; it's why we come back to work every day," she said. "When an animal gets adopted, some of the staff members are so happy they have tears in their eyes. It's amazing."

Wright said the Humane Society sets no time limit on the adoption process and that its pets, including the 42 new dogs, will remain at the society until they go to their forever homes — whether it takes days, weeks, months or years.

The South Carolina canines are currently quarantined as they undergo evaluation and receive any medical treatment necessary. The dogs range in age, from puppies to age 10, and span a number of breeds. Geary said they are "a great group" and are in good general health.

The Humane Society takes in more than 5,000 animals per year, of which Wright said 94 percent are placed into new homes.

For more information on adopting from the Humane Society, visit [cthumane.org](http://cthumane.org) or call 1-800-452-0114.

## **Lauryn Hill will headline the Famously Hot New Year**

[WISTV 10 NBC Columbia](#), Oct 22, 2015

By Jeremy Turnage

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - Multi Grammy award-winning recording artist Lauryn Hill will headline the annual Famously Hot New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Columbia, city officials confirmed Thursday.

Hill has been well-known for her singles career as well as her time with The Fugees.

Three other local acts, Susto, ColorBlind, and the Dead 27s, have also been announced as opening acts.

The Famously Hot New Year's Eve celebration is a free party held on Main Street in downtown Columbia each year. Along with the free concert, there will also be local food trucks, pre-parties and family friendly activities. The event also holds the largest midnight fireworks display across the two Carolinas.

In response to the recent flooding in South Carolina, the Famously Hot New Year celebration will support a #SCStrong fundraising drive for the South Carolina Flood Relief Fund, created by the Central Carolina Community Foundation.

"The goal is to say 'thank you' to the people of Columbia and the Midlands for a fantastic year, a wonderful year, a special year this year in particular behind us, but also opening the door to a brand new 2016 and to burst into it with a new sense of energy," Mayor Steve Benjamin said.

The party begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 12:30 a.m.

## **TV/Radio Clips**



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[FEMA on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 08:02:25

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... >> if you have little or no damage, apply for federal assistance with FEMA or the fba. >>> homeowners with wells are concerned about the water quality after the flooding. ...

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[FEMA on WFXB \(FOX\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/22/2015 08:38:03

Fox Morning News (News)

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[FEMA on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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CBS This Morning (News)

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[FEMA on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/22/2015 08:58:29

Today (News)

... flooding, but others weren't so lucky. FEMA can help, but victims have to make sure they've exhausted other options first. but, if you can't get help ...

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[FEMA on WCBF-CHS \(NBC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/22/2015 11:06:41

News 2 Midday (News)

... >>> if the floods damaged your vehicle, you may qualify for FEMA assistance. it must be insured and must conform to state laws. you can find out how and where to apply on our web site, ...

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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 12:05:09

WIS News 10 Midday (News)

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[FEMA on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/22/2015 12:06:48

Live 5 News at Noon (News)

... register for federal help through FEMA, learn more about flood proofing their homes and receive a free ...

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[FEMA on WCBF-CHS \(NBC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/22/2015 12:15:19

Hollywood Today Live (Lifestyle)

... personal trainer. >> jeremy says it is not his job to make sure his FEMA costars get paid the same. he says he let other people deal with the contracts. he says he supports actors being ...

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[FEMA on WOLO- COL \(ABC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 12:30:45

ABC Columbia News at Noon (News)

... flooding. the list of counties eligible for FEMA assistance continues to grow this afternoon. according to governor nikki haley sumter, lee, claredon and orangeburg are four of six ...

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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WIS News 10 at 4PM (News)

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[FEMA on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/22/2015 16:33:54

WMBF News at 4:30 (News)

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[FEMA on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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WMBF News at 4:30 (News)

... the church was struggling financially, no flood insurance, and no help from FEMA, they relied on faith to help them get through.... [e18]church flood damage-sotvo father reggie corfield/st. ...

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[FEMA on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/22/2015 17:01:53

WMBF News at 5 (News)

... up the flood damage. public works is one of those agencies in need of FEMA reimbursement and aubesk is live in one neighborhood where you can see that damage is still a ...

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[FEMA on WYFF \(NBC\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/22/2015 17:10:54

WYFF News 4 @ 5pm (News)

... creek bed. officials have applied for help from FEMA to fix it. and should know in the next month if that is approved. owens says the cost to repair the hole is around \$236,000. ...

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[FEMA on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 17:31:07

News 19 Friends @ 5 (News)

... director of the watershed explains. >> FEMA and some other local inspectors will come through and do an assessment and if they determine that the property has been substantially ...

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[FEMA on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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WMBF News at 5:30 (News)

... flood victims can register for federal help through FEMA, learn more about flood proofing their homes and receive a free tetanus shot-- to name a few. earlier this week, the governor ...

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[FEMA on WOLO- COL \(ABC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 18:00:20

ABC Columbia News at 6 (News)

... crime stoppers at 1-888-crime-sc. >>> FEMA officials are busy on the ground helping neighbors get assistance. jennifer ready joined them on a home assessment today. ...

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[FEMA on WOLO- COL \(ABC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 18:01:31

ABC Columbia News at 6 (News)

... >> reporter: so far, up to 63,000 people have registered for FEMA and they are encouraging to still apply if you haven't already done so. also, if you have received a denial letter consider ...

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[FEMA on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/22/2015 18:03:06

ABC15 News at 6PM (News)

... about flood damage. >>> a reminder tonight you can still apply for FEMA assistance if you have flood damage. some of the eligible counties include marion darlington florence georgetown and horry. ...

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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/22/2015 18:03:42

News 19 @ 6 (News)

... building can be salvaged repair permit could be issued. >> FEMA and local inspectors will come through and do an assessment. if they determine the new -- the property has been ...

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Federal Emergency Management Agency on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/22/2015 18:04:39

WIS News 10 at 6:00 (News)

... what help they can get from the Federal Emergency Management Agency --- better known as FEMA. one woman in columbia allowed us to be part of her evaluation. ...

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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/22/2015 18:04:56

News 19 @ 6 (News)

... can call consumer affairs at 1- 800-922-1594. >> each day FEMA inspections are still being done on homes around the midlands to determine what's next for the flood victims. ...

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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

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WIS News 10 at 6:00 (News)

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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

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... you can of course do that by calling 1-800- 621- FEMA live in the newsroom, mike desumma, wis news 10. outreach is continuing in ...

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FEMA on WSOC-CLT (ABC) - Charlotte, NC

10/22/2015 18:12:01

Eyewitness News at 6:00 (News)

... flooding devastated parts of south carolina we have new numbers from FEMA on the recovery effort.oqhe recovery e >>> two weeks after these floodwaters caused damage in ...

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FEMA on WSOC-CLT (ABC) - Charlotte, NC

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Eyewitness News at 6:00 (News)

... we sent reportage greg ceci and very hard-hit neighborhood. >> he spoke with FEMA and families who still face an uncertain future. he joins us live tonight. >> reporter: FEMA has 1200 ...

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FEMA on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

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WYFF News 4 @ 6pm (News)

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[FEMA on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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WMBF News at 6 (News)

... there. no flood insurance. and corfield says FEMA aid was denied...they were told... assistance is only available for homeowners. but still the thriving church's ...

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[FEMA on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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News 19 @ 7 (News)

... what his house looks like. he has seen inspectors from FEMA and flood insurance coverage, but hasn't heard back on what's next for his home. >> my house is drying out. i have dehumidifiers, and fans ...

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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WIS News 10 7:00 Report (News)

... though it arrives tuesday into wednesday of next week. officials with FEMA are still asking all south carolinians affected by the floods to look into their office for help. ...

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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WIS News 10 7:00 Report (News)

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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 19:03:57  
WIS News 10 7:00 Report (News)

... you can of course do that by calling 1-800- 621- FEMA city leaders announced the columbia area recovery effort line will begin taking calls ...

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[FEMA on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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ABC15 News at 7PM (News)

... our state continues to recover from the flood. government agencies like FEMA, state resources like will be there to answer any questions people have. ...

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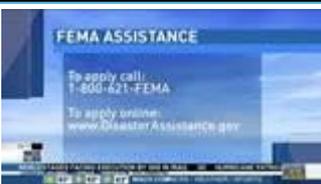


[FEMA on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 22:09:30  
WACH FOX News at 10 (News)

... you never expect it to be here. reporter: right now, inspectors working with FEMA are trying to make that process a little easier. >> we as the federal government are not here to make people ...

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[FEMA on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/22/2015 22:11:35  
WACH FOX News at 10 (News)

... here's a reminder on how you can apply for that relief. the hotline is 1-800-621-FEMA. you can apply on line. if you have any doubts about whether you will qualify, the only way to clear that up is ...

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[FEMA on WCCB - Charlotte, NC](#)

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WCCB News @ Ten (News)

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[FEMA on WGHP \(FOX\) - Greensboro, NC](#)

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Fox8 10:00 News (News)

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[FEMA on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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ABC15 News at 11 (News)

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ABC Columbia News at 11 (News)

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[FEMA on WLOS \(ABC\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/22/2015 23:09:13

News 13 Tonight (News)

... catastrophic flooding in columbia. ahead, an update as FEMA works to get everyone back on their feet. >> jason: warmer tomorrow for many. ...

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[FEMA on WSOC-CLT \(ABC\) - Charlotte, NC](#)

10/22/2015 23:10:56

Eyewitness News Tonight (News)

... about 62,000 families have applied for disaster relief through FEMA. columbia was one of the hardest hit areas. we spoke to a woman who escaped adam water rushed into her ...

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[FEMA on WLOS \(ABC\) - Greenville, SC](#)

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News 13 Tonight (News)

... still homeless and relief efforts are still in swing. FEMA has more than 1200 people still on the ground there. their streets and homes are empty. and the yards are full of ...

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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

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#### FEMA on WCCB - Charlotte, NC

10/23/2015 04:34:06

WCCB News Rising (News)

... -- flooding there. wccb caught up with inspectors with FEMA thursday, as they evaluated damaged homes in columbia, looking at things like water heaters that people will need to live in their ...



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News 13 at 4:30am (News)

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#### FEMA on WSOC-CLT (ABC) - Charlotte, NC

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Eyewitness News Daybreak 4:30 a.m. (News)

... more than 60,000 families have applied for the money through FEMA. officials still don't know the total number of homes damaged or destroyed. >>> keith monday is in severe ...



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[FEMA. on WCI V-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/23/2015 05:03:29

Good Morning Charleston (News)

... every step of the recovery process. you can apply for FEMA loans and assistance programs. the event runs from noon , until 5 at the orangeburg county y-m-c-a. tessa) the american red cross ...



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[FEMA on WOLO- COL \(ABC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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Good Morning Columbia (Other)

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[FEMA. on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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WMBF News Today at 5 am (News)

... government agencies around the county are taking advantage of the FEMA reimbursement program. at the meeting, the south carolina emergency management division ...



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[FEMA. on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/23/2015 05:08:05

News 13 First Morning (News)

... its open from 10 until 6. red cross representatives will be at the FEMA disaster recovery center in little river today. that's at the north strand recreation center on "highway 57 south". ...



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[FEMA. on WCNC-CLT \(NBC\) - Charlotte, NC](#)

10/23/2015 05:29:53

NBC Charlotte @ 5:00 (News)

... hear from a parent who also went to that school. >>> plus see how FEMA is using a simple system to figure out which houses have the worst flood damage in south carolina. >>> it's friday and we are ...



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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

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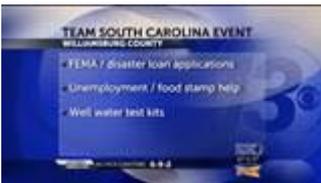
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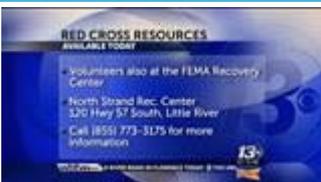
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**FEMA on WCBD-CHS (NBC) - Charleston, SC**

10/23/2015 05:48:47

News 2 Today (News)

... recreation center in kingstree. available resources include FEMA and disaster loan applications, and more. and there will be well water test kits. >>> an effort is under way to ...



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**FEMA. on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC**

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News 13 Early Morning (News)

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10/23/2015 05:59:58

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... time, officials want to you know help is out there. FEMA, along with other federal and state agencies are working to together to help make the process a little bit easier. as of now, 22 counties in the ...

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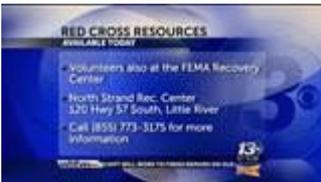
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... give them a call to get information you need. >>> rochelle: FEMA inspectors are surveying damage to see what assistance homeowners may qualify for. they say inspectors are mainly ...

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### FEMA on WCCB - Charlotte, NC

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WCCB News Rising (News)

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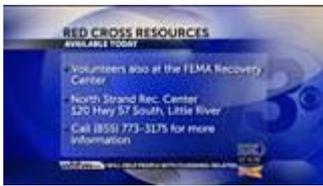
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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

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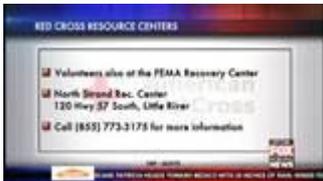
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#### FEMA on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

10/23/2015 07:05:57

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... you to know there is high pressure out there. FEMA, along with other federal and Saturday agencies are working together to help make the process a little bit easier. ...



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#### FEMA on WFXB (FOX) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/23/2015 07:06:14

Fox Morning News (News)

... its open from 10 until 6. red cross representatives will be at the FEMA disaster recovery center in little river today. that's at the north strand recreation center on highway 57 ...



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#### FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/23/2015 07:27:36

Today (News)

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#### FEMA on WPDE (ABC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/23/2015 07:27:54

Good Morning America (News)

... our state continues to recover from this month's flooding. government agencies like FEMA, and state resources like dhcc will be there to answer any questions people have. happening today---- ...

Thank you,

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