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Lieutenant Governor to attend Ribbon cutting ceremony in Pelion

COLUMBIA, S.C. - On Monday, March 4, 2013, Lieutenant Governor Glenn McConnell will attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Pelion Senior Center, recognizing the center's recent expansion and grand re-opening. The ceremony will be held at 210 Pine Street in Pelion and is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

The expansion at the Pelion Senior Center is funded, in part, by funds from the Permanent Improvement Project, which is administered through the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging.

"Senior centers are at the front gates of aging, offering sites that enhance health, nutrition, socialization, and volunteerism," remarked Lieutenant Governor McConnell. "As of today, we have far too few senior centers and are lacking the resources necessary to fill the existing and coming need."

Our state has one of the fastest growing senior populations in the nation. Currently, South Carolina's senior population is over 900,000 and is projected to nearly double by the year 2030.

"We, as a commission, are extremely grateful for the ability to expand our facility to prepare for the future influx of seniors," said Lynda Christison, Director of the Council on Aging at Lexington County's Recreation and Aging Commission. "We appreciate Lieutenant Governor McConnell's enthusiasm and hard work as he continues to serve as an advocate for seniors and people with disabilities across South Carolina."

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