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Proposed SC bill could make abortion punishable by 30 years behind bars

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A South Carolina legislative committee is set to take up discussions of an all-out abortion ban.

Senate Bill 323, also called the “Unborn Child Protection Act,” seeks to ban all abortions in South Carolina by removing the fetal heartbeat timeline under the state’s current law. The Palmetto State’s “Fetal Heartbeat Law” legalizes abortion before a steady cardiac activity

is detectable in an ultrasound. The current state law allows for exceptions to the abortion ban in cases of rape, incest, fetal anomalies, or medical emergencies. All exceptions, except in

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The South Carolina State House in Columbia, S.C. on Dec. 3, 2024.
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Honor Tower at Unity Park in Greenville. July 3. KEN RUINARD / STAFF

City to unveil ‘Honor Tower’ in November at Unity Park

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The final piece to Unity Park’s 60-acre, \$66 million project will be unveiled on Nov. 11, Veterans’ Day, as the Thomas and Vivian A. Wong Honor Tower and Gardens will open with a ceremony and remarks from Greenville city officials, partners, and investors.

In a project totaling nearly \$11 million, the new tower will stand at 125 feet and 10 stories tall, featuring an observation deck at the 99-foot level with clear sights overlooking the Upstate, four floral and green life gardens inspired by local, plus a photographic history of the former grounds of Mayberry and Meadowbrook Park.

According to city leaders, the project was designed to honor first responders,

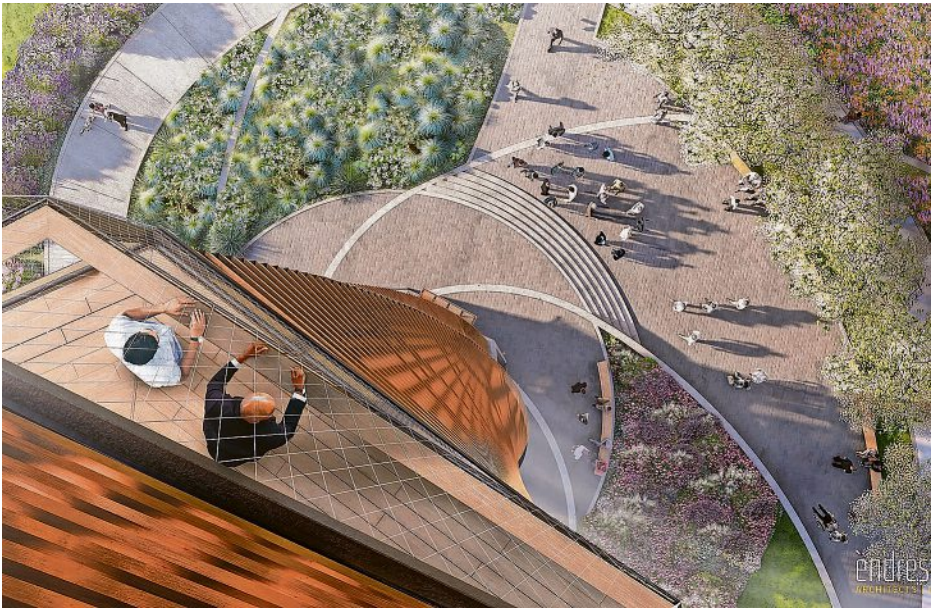


Photo renderings of a view from the observatory at the Honor Tower and Gardens at Unity Park, which plans to open by Q3 of 2025.

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Best SC places to view changing fall leaves

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Fall foliage in South Carolina is forecast to be “typical” this year.

This prediction comes from AccuWeather’s Fall Foliage Forecast, with long-range experts forecasting vibrant autumn colors this season compared to 2024.

“There will be drastic differences in fall foliage across this country this year,” explained AccuWeather lead long-expert Paul Pastelok. “We expect vibrant colors across much of the New England and the Midwest this autumn. Don’t wait too long to check out the leaves as they approach peak color. The fall foliage may not last long this year.”

Other parts of the country may experience dull fall foliage due to bugs, unfavorable weather conditions earlier this year, and tree disease, said Pastelok.

Luckily for the Carolinas, “a good showing of foliage” is predicted, although AccuWeather’s biggest concern for the region are “wind from a tropical storm or hurricane, which will knock the leaves off of trees before they reach peak color.”

AccuWeather’s 2025 Fall Foliage Forecast

- Most vibrant areas: New England, Colorado, Rockies, Plains, Midwest.
- Mixed but decent: Great Lakes, Montana.
- Risk of dull colors or early drop: Pacific Northwest, most of Appalachians, Gulf Coast states.

AccuWeather’s guide to tree species and fall colors

- Aspens: Golden yellow

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