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GREENVILLE-PICKENS SPEEDWAY

Supporters hope efforts will 'save the track'

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Supporters of the historic Greenville-Pickens Speedway are gearing up to protect NASCAR's historic site.

Greenville-Pickens Speedway supporters will hold a rally event on April 4 to drum up support for the racetrack. The event will take place at District Park, located at 201 Kay Drive in Easley.

The event will feature race cars, food trucks, and appearances by state politicians, including gubernatorial candidate and Attorney General Alan Wilson, who will look to show their support for the

track.

"South Carolina is known for really taking an effort and saving their historic landmarks. It means a lot that they are looking at Pickens County and saying, 'Hey, this is historic and needs to be saved,'" Kummer said.

Supporters are looking to get a deal done after the Pickens County Planning Commission rejected a Greenville-based developer's plan to bulldoze the track. Activists are hoping to discourage developers from destroying the site, which became NASCAR's first nationally televised start-to-finish race on April 10, 1971.

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Cars drive along State Highway 123 by the former Greenville-Pickens Speedway and the construction of the Speedway Industrial Park in the city of Easley in Pickens County. KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY NETWORK - SOUTH CAROLINA



Fox Carolina evening anchor **Tori Carmen** shares photos of her cancer diagnosis journey. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY TORI CARMEN

Fox Carolina's Carmen shares brain cancer story with People

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In 2025, Fox Carolina news anchor **Tori Carmen** was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Carmen, 38, announced to viewers that she would be taking a break from the air for the next several months.

Before the diagnosis, the Greenville resident had been enjoying her new engagement to **Jermy Holt**, a public information officer with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. She had also been planning a wedding for autumn.

Then came February 28, 2025, when she woke up in the middle of the night, screaming and in excruciating pain after not feeling well during a ski trip in North Carolina.

"I had a seizure. My whole right side locked up. I couldn't move my leg. My fiancé, **Jeremy Holt**, woke and asked, 'What's going on?'" Carmen told *People* in a March 26 interview. "I couldn't even speak. I was in so much pain. I couldn't scream anymore. I just fell into darkness. It was like a black hole taking me under. I thought I was dying."

Holt, who was trained in the event of a seizure, soon found the love of his life unresponsive.

"You lost consciousness," he said in the article. "I



Evening anchor **Tori Carmen** on the set of **Fox Carolina** in Greenville.

was doing everything in my power to try to revive you...and you were limp."

After a terrifying rush to the hospital and a shocking benign brain mass diagnosis, **Holt** told Carmen, "We've got to get married."

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Graham addresses criticism as TSA strains continue

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Sen. **Lindsey Graham**, R-S.C., was photographed by *TMZ* at Walt Disney World in Florida over the weekend of March 28–29, riding Space Mountain and holding a child's bubble wand amid a partial government shutdown.

The images surfaced at a time when Transportation Security Administration agents are working without pay, contributing to long airport lines, reduced security coverage, and mounting frustration among travellers.

According to **Graham**, he was in Florida for a meeting on Saudi Arabia and Israel, and then went to Orlando to meet some friends.

At the same time, families across the country struggle with rising gas and food prices that strain their daily lives.

Spring break is traditionally a moment of relief from the grind. For millions of Americans, it has become a harsh example of how fragile the economy is when Washington fails to function.

Critics condemned the senior lawmaker's vacationing, given the nation's circumstances.

California Gov. **Gavin Newsom's** press office weighed in on *Truth Social*, writing, "Divas still need vacation."

What is happening with the government shutdown?

The end of March signalled a record-breaking 45-day partial government shutdown, primarily affecting the Department of Homeland Security, which continues with no end in sight as Congress has entered a two-week recess, according to *USA TODAY*.

Trump's administration blames Senate Democrats, while TSA agents face severe financial hardship despite receiving back pay, with some airport operations affected.

Democrats don't want to negotiate until the GOP gets on the same page.

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