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Demolition of former cinema creates community growth



Demolition work on the former AMC Classic 16 cinema at 111 Cinema Dr. in Wilmington continued on Oct. 24 with an excavator dropping debris into a dumpster. PHOTO BY BOB LIEPA/STARNEWS

Making way for a new housing development

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What was once a place where people went to enjoy movies will become a place that some will call home.

A housing complex is planned for the site of a former Wilmington movie theater.

The former AMC Classic 16 cinema building at 111 Cinema Dr., closed since October 2023, is to become the site of a housing development.

Eight buildings — seven three-story buildings and one four-story building — have been proposed for the 8.58-acre property. In all, 147 multi-family housing units would be included. As part of it all, there would be 37 two-bedroom units, 12 three-bedroom units, 97 four-bedroom units and one model unit, making up just under 200,000 heated square feet.

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The cinema closed its doors in October 2023. A housing complex is planned for the 8.58-acre property.

Gas leak subject of 911 calls, county reviewing

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New Hanover County is working alongside providers after unauthorized gas service restoration led to emergency calls.

Service was restored following a gas leak at Harris Teeter on Carolina Beach Road without proper county clearance leading to an additional leak and 911 call, according to an Oct. 10 email obtained by the StarNews. In an email from the New Hanover County Building Safety Department, the county requested a formal explanation from service provider Piedmont Natural Gas regarding the unauthorized restoration.

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Jamaica reports damage, outages

Thao Nguyen, Dinah Voyles Pulver and Jeanine Santucci

USA TODAY

Hurricane Melissa churned over Cuba as a Category 2 storm Oct. 29 as authorities in Jamaica began surveying the extensive damage left in its wake as the strongest tropical cyclone of the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season.

Melissa reached Jamaica on Oct. 28 as an extremely dangerous Category 5 hurricane, the highest level on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, with damaging winds, catastrophic flash flooding and landslides. The storm caused widespread infrastructure damage, including power and communication outages that left hundreds of thousands of residents in the dark.

At least seven people were killed as

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