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## WILMINGTON RIVERWALK



Work continues on Nov. 5 along the Riverwalk in downtown Wilmington. PHOTOS BY KEN BLEVINS/STARNEWS

# Upgrades continue

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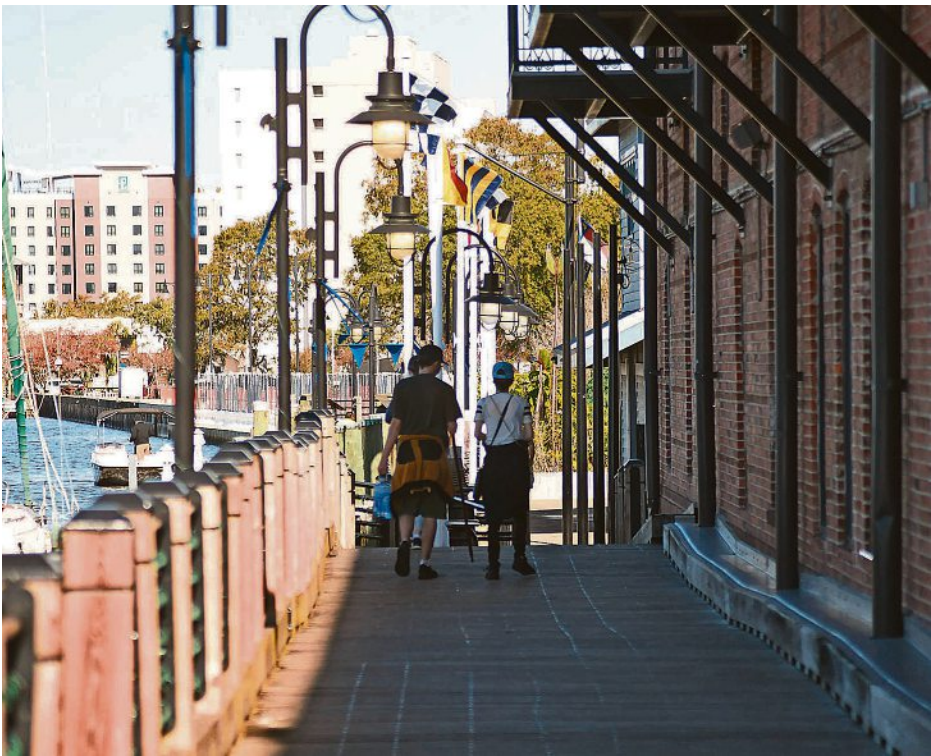
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The Wilmington Riverwalk, named one of the top riverwalks in the nation by USA TODAY, is getting a facelift. Work continues on a \$250,000 multi-year project to make improvements to the Wilmington Riverwalk. This past spring contractors began replacing the decking on the riverwalk. The Wilmington Riverwalk is a 1.75-mile stretch along the Cape Fear River in historic downtown Wilmington. It runs from the foot of Nun Street to the Isabel Holmes Bridge.

### What does the project entail?

As part of the first phase of the Wilmington Riverwalk annual maintenance needs contract, approved by the Wilmington City Council on Jan. 21, 2025, construction to replace all the decking on the strip began this past spring.

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Several improvements are expected when work is done, including at Water Street Park.

# Electric company reveals new rates

## Brunswick Electric increases facility charge

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Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation is implementing several changes for existing customers to combat growth. Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation energized its first lines in 1939 and now serves 90,000 members across four counties. That's 20,000 more than in 2014, according to its website. With residential development booming, rates are increasing as infrastructure projects are needed. Starting in November, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation transitioned to a time-based rate structure and increased its base facility charge for customers.

### When will the transition start?

The changes started on Nov. 1, and customers were notified in July of the transition.

### Changing to a time-based rate

Transitioning to a time-based rate means the price of electricity will vary by the time of day it is consumed, per the company's website. Electricity will be less expensive during "off-peak hours" and more expensive during "peak hours," when electricity demand is highest. During peak times, the rate is .2150 cents per kWh and only .0795 cents per kwh when off-peak. "By using more energy during off-peak hours, both the cooperative and its members can benefit from reduced overall energy costs by decreasing peak demand periods," the July notice stated.

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# Epstein trashed former friend Trump in emails

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WASHINGTON – "Dirty." "Expletive) crazy." "Borderline insane." A Mafia don but with the "great dangerous power" of being America's president and commander-in-chief. That's how the late Jeffrey Epstein described his former longtime friend and confidant Donald Trump, according to a trove of the convicted sex offender's texts and emails released Nov. 12 by the House Oversight Committee. But perhaps the most intriguing thing Epstein said about Trump in the 20,000-plus pages of emails provided by his estate was this: "I am the one able to take him down." The White House and Trump himself tried to spin the document release – and a later one by Republicans – as being a giant nothingburger.

On Nov. 14, Trump said on social media he was asking the Department of Justice to investigate Democrats he says "spent large portions of their life" with the disgraced financier: "Bill Clinton, Larry Summers, Reid Hoffman, J.P. Morgan, Chase, and many other people and institutions." At the same time, Trump railed against Republicans working with Democrats to force the full release of Epstein's federal case files, and urged them to stop digging into his relationship with the disgraced financier. "Some Weak Republicans have fallen into their clutches because they are soft and foolish. Epstein was a Democrat, and he is the Democrat's problem, not the Republican's problem!" Trump wrote. "Ask Bill Clinton, Reid Hoffman, and Larry Summers about Epstein, they

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Newly released correspondence with the late Jeffrey Epstein show the degradation of his relationship with President Donald Trump, in which he called Trump "borderline insane." STEPHANIE KEITH/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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