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AIR DATE	Reporter	Story Headline	Length
Government			
Thursday, June 24th AM/PM	BS	New Hanover County's new American Rescue funding plan remains vague on \$3.5 million in affordable housing spending	SS
Wednesday, June 23rd AM/PM	KK	Wilmington's staff struggle to balance a growing city with the urban tree canopy	Wrap
Monday, June 22nd AM/PM	KK	New Hanover will invest the remaining \$350 million from NHRMC sale, apart from the \$1.25 billion community endowment	SS
Monday, June 21st AM/PM	BS	Updated: Chair Olson-Boseman's resolution would strip raises from NHC commissioners who didn't support budget	2-Way
Monday, June 21st AM/PM	RBK	Local governments have passed their budgets, but who actually spends the money? Spoiler: it's complicated	SS/2-Way
Monday, June 21st AM/PM	BS	Ironically, giving away millions of federal dollars will be pretty expensive for New Hanover County	Wrap
Thursday, June 17th AM/PM	KK	With little drama, Wilmington passed its quarter-billion-dollar budget. Here's a look at what's in it	Feature
Wednesday, June 16th AM/PM	KK	Wilmington got \$26 million from the American Rescue Plan, but hasn't yet finalized spending plans	Wrap
Monday, June 14th	HB	Fees kick in for New Hanover County's Stormwater Services program, but at a discount	Web
Thursday, June 10th	BS	Already had the COVID-19 vaccine, or plan to soon? You could win \$1 million, says Gov. Cooper	Web
Tuesday, June 8th AM/PM	BS/KK	Newsroom Conversations: This week in pickleball and tax increases	Feature/2-Way
Tuesday, June 8th AM/PM	BS	Wilmington and NHC officials agree on housing bond, transportation tax - now they have to sell it to voters	Feature
Monday, June 7th AM/PM	KK	After last-minute debate, New Hanover County narrowly passes controversial budget	Feature
Monday, June 7th AM	BS	This week in government: New Hanover Boards of Education and Commissioners, joint city-county meeting	Feature/2-Way
Monday, May 17th PM/18th AM	KK	New Hanover County set to effectively raise taxes, in large part for teacher pay	SS
Monday, May 17th AM/PM	BS	This week in local government: Budget season is upon us, plus Board of Ed talks suspensions and Title IX survey	Feature/2-Way
Friday, May 14th PM	BS	Gov. Cooper (mostly) lifts mask mandate, removes social distancing requirements and gathering limits	SS
Thursday, May 6th	KK	Minor tensions aside, City and County officials collaborate on housing plan	Feature
Wednesday, May 3rd	HB	North Carolina households can get help with internet bills from a federal program	Web
Wednesday, May 3rd	KK	City Council considers cyber security, emergency preparedness, affordable housing for budget boost in 2022	SS
Monday, May 3rd	KK	Wilmington and New Hanover will receive millions from American Rescue Plan Act	SS
Tuesday, April 27th	BS	Wilmington, New Hanover County leaders will tackle tough issues at this week's joint meeting	Web
Thursday, April 22nd AM/PM	KK	City takes next step in Gateway Project	Spot
Monday, April 19th AM/PM	KK	Budget requests drive city council to criticize county	SS
Wednesday, April 14th AM/PM	BS	\$31-million contract awarded to repair Wilmington's federal courthouse, damaged in Hurricane Florence	Spot
Thursday, April 1st AM/PM	BS	NHC says Rescue Act funding could increase affordable housing, but details aren't worked out yet	Feature

Culture/Human Interest/Community			
Friday, June 25th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Riverfront Park	Program/Feature
Friday, June 18th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Highway 17 Big Band	Program/Feature
Friday, June 18th	BS	The Newsroom: Wilmington Pride, Juneteenth, and a deep dive into WAVE	Program
Friday, June 11th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: The Lifespan of a Fact	Program/Feature
Thursday, June 10th AM/PM	HB	Local program teaches free swimming lessons, aims to incorporate them into public schools	SS
Friday, June 4th	BS	The Newsroom: A year after George Floyd's murder, reflections and opportunities for change	Feature
Friday, June 4th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Cinema Sisters	Program/Feature
Friday, June 28th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Cinderella	Program/Feature
Thursday, May 27th AM/PM	RLH	Filmmakers set out to make a psychological thriller in the Cape Fear region -- then -- Covid	Feature
Tuesday, May 25th	SS	The Newsroom Special Edition: Wilmington protestors, the 'Trump billboard,' and the Confederate monuments	Podcast Episode
Friday, May 21st	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Port City Shorts	Program/Feature
Tuesday, May 18th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: By Kids For Kids Art Auction	Program/Feature
Friday, May 7th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: The Great American Songbook	Program/Feature
Friday, May 7th	BS	The Newsroom: NHC school board chair and vice-chair, NC's police footage law, and urban farming	Program
Friday, April 30th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Jazz at the Mansion	Program/Feature
Friday, April 23rd	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Wilmington Jewish Film Festival	Program/Feature
Friday, April 16th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Opera House Theatre Company	Program/Feature
Friday, April 9th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Dreams Center for Arts Education	Program/Feature
Friday, April 2nd	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Azalea Festival	Program/Feature
Friday, April 2nd	BS	The Newsroom: Councilman Kevin Spears, the NHCS civil suit, affordable housing	Program
Tuesday, March 30th AM/PM	BS	It's not you, Wilmington is seeing (and hearing) more military fly-overs	Feature

Environment			
Thursday, June 24th AM/PM	HB	It's National Pollinator Week: Could native plant gardening help save the bees?	SS
Monday, June 14th	HB	NCDOT: 2021 is on pace to be record-breaking for roadside litter	Web
Friday, June 11th AM/PM	HB	A living shoreline project is protecting Topsail Beach's sound and its species — one bag of oyster shells at a time	Feature
Thursday, June 10th	HB	Governor Cooper establishes offshore wind goals for North Carolina	Web
Thursday, June 3rd AM/PM	HB	North Carolina's shoreline estuaries are transforming into "ghost forests," but why?	Feature
Tuesday, May 25th	HB	Seen a chipmunk in eastern North Carolina? The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission wants to hear from you	Web
Monday, May 10th	HB	Sinkholes and shoreline erosion: Snows Cut Park to close permanently	Web
Tuesday, May 4th	HB	New forecast model could predict hurricane seasons up to 18 months in advance	Web
Wednesday, April 28th AM/PM	HB	What could local shorelines look like under rising seas? NC King Tides is working to visualize that	SS
Wednesday, April 21st	RLH	CoastLine: What thousands of necropsies have taught UNCW marine mammal researchers and how they helped discover a new whale species	Feature
Wednesday, April 21st AM/PM	HB	Wilmington City Council approves clean energy goals through 2050	Spot
Thursday, April 15th AM/PM	HB	Another active hurricane season is looming, according to NC State researchers	Spot
Wednesday, April 7th	RLH	CoastLine: Spring planting in a not-quite-post-pandemic season (amid a plant shortage)	Program

Policing/Crime			
Monday, June 14th AM/PM	BS	Wilmington law firms, New Hanover Sheriff address anonymous letters alleging deputies' misconduct	Web
Wednesday, May 26th AM/PM	RBK	WPD Chief Donny Williams on the challenges of modern policing and accountability	Feature
Wednesday, May 26th AM/PM	RBK	Wilmington Police Department talks use-of-force policies	SS
Thursday, May 20th PM/21st AM	RBK	Working like a dog: A day in the life of NHCSO K-9 Bane and his handler	Feature
Friday, May 14th PM	KK	Wilmington Police Departments holds first press conference on deadly Kidder St. shooting	SS
Thursday, May 13th PM/Friday, May 14th PM	RBK, BS	NHCS civil suit: A 'missing' document uncovered, new allegations explained, and plaintiffs share their psychological struggles	2-Way/Feature
Tuesday, May 4th AM/PM	BS	New plaintiffs, new allegations in sexual abuse and neglect lawsuit against NHCS	SS
Wednesday, April 21st AM/PM	BS	Local officials and leaders react to guilty verdict in Derek Chauvin case	SS
Tuesday, April 20th AM/PM	BS	Jury finds Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin guilty on all charges	Web
Friday, April 16th AM/PM	BS	District Attorney ending 15-year office tradition of illegally gambling on NCAA tournament	SS
Thursday, April 15th AM/PM	KK	Former state official killed in care home; lawsuit alleges neglect	SS
Wednesday, April 7th AM/PM	KK	Wilmington councilman addresses deadly shooting, decries 'derogatory comments'	SS
Saturday, April 3rd AM/PM	BS	Update: WPD still investigating shooting that killed three, wounded four	Spot
Friday, April 2nd AM/PM	BS	Update: WPD investigating death of assistant principal who resigned following sexual offense charges	Web

Housing/Transportation/Development			
Wednesday, June 29th AM/PM	KK	Townhomes are are making a comeback in Wilmington. Here's why that could be a good thing	Feature
Monday, June 28th AM/PM	BS	NCDOT to new, 'unsolicited' proposal for replacing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge	Spot
Monday, June 21st AM/PM	KK	There may be a lot less new asphalt in Wilmington's future	Wrap
Thursday, June 17th AM/PM	KK	Wilmington city staff, council argue over "poison pill" that could kill future ADUs	SS
Wednesday, June 16th AM/PM	KK	Wilmington rail realignment's potential paths narrow as environmental review nears completion	Wrap
Thursday, June 3rd AM/PM	KK	Yes, city officials and staff clashed over a car wash -- but also the future of Wilmington	Feature
Tuesday, June 1st AM/PM	KK	Here's why Wilmington will pay a developer \$500,000 for an alley in downtown	Spot
Friday, May 28th AM/PM	KK	Housing Bond: Officials say they're serious, and will soon have a chance to prove it	Feature
Wednesday, May 26th AM/PM	KK	\$50 million housing bond may rebuild Hillcrest	Wrap
Monday, May 24th AM/PM	KK	Deep Dive: Can WAVE transit outrun its toxic past, and turn things around for public transit?	Feature
Thursday, May 19th PM/20th AM	KK/BS	Wilmington and New Hanover officials want to spend \$50 million on affordable housing, but don't quite know how yet	Feature
Tuesday, May 11th AM/PM	BS	Updated: Officials say there's plenty of gas, but Wilmington drivers are still stocking up	Spot
Friday, May 7th PM	BS	After facing an uncertain future, Driftwood Apartments' new owners to maintain services for Wilmington's most vulnerable residents	SS
Wednesday, May 5th AM/PM	KK	County begrudgingly complies with state law, reducing power of planning board	Wrap
Friday, April 30th AM/PM	KK	The comment period for Wilmington's new land use code is open	Wrap
Thursday, April 29th AM/PM	KK	Paradigm Shift: New Hanover area will address all housing needs, not just workforce housing	Feature
Thursday, April 29th AM/PM	KK	WAVE will keep existing service level; officials consider growth with possible transit bond	SS
Wednesday, April 21st AM/PM	KK	Proceeds from sale of Wilmington's Optimist Park slated for homeless housing	SS
Thursday, April 15th AM/PM	KK	Déjà vu: Affordable housing study tells officials what most already know, so now what?	Feature
Friday, April 9th AM/PM	KK	HUD sends \$2.5 million to Wilmington for affordable housing	Spot
Friday, April 9th AM/PM	BS	Wilmington could soon see a housing bond. How has it worked in other NC cities?	Feature
Thursday, April 8th AM/PM	RBK	NHC/ILM housing study is out; 64% of residents worry about housing costs	Feature
Tuesday, April 6th AM/PM	RBK	This year, NHC could gain 150 affordable rental units through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit	Feature
Monday, April 5th AM/PM	RLH	Affordable Housing: living on a teacher's salary and homelessness after a house fire	Feature

Health/Hospital			
Monday, June 28th AM/PM	MH	Wellness and Health Fair creates safe space for LGBTQ+ community	SS
Monday, June 14th AM/PM	KK	Vax and Snax: The light-hearted county effort to get shots in arms	Feature
Friday, May 21st PM	BS	How New Hanover County is prioritizing its health goals for the next decade	Feature
Friday, May 7th AM/PM	RBK	Wrightsville Beach Captain Jeremy Owens: Loved ones honor a legacy and hope to increase mental health awareness	Feature
Thursday, May 6th	HB	Gov. Cooper appoints Coastal Horizons' Treatment Operations Director to state mental health commission	Web
Tuesday, April 20th AM/PM	BS	New Hanover County health department eyes younger 'superspreaders,' waits on federal guidance for J&J vaccine use	Feature
Friday, April 16th AM/PM	RBK	Public health spending in the Cape Fear region has declined for over a decade	Feature
Tuesday, April 13th AM/PM	KF	CDC and FDA recommend pausing J&J vaccine, here's what's affected locally	Spot
Wednesday, April 7th AM/PM	BS	A massive undertaking': With all adults now eligible for vaccines, NHRMC eyes serious challenges	Feature/2-Way

Education			
Friday, June 25th AM/PM	RBK	A second chance': CFCC receives largest-ever grant, helping former prisoners reenter the workforce	Wrap
Tuesday, June 22nd AM/PM	RBK	New school board members trade accusations, 'no-confidence' and 'censure' motions in heated meeting	SS
Monday, June 22nd	BS	New Hanover County Schools gets fourth chief communications officer in two years	Web
Wednesday, June 9th AM/PM	RBK	Community groups clash outside NHC Board of Ed building over Critical Race Theory, transgender athletes	Feature
Wednesday, June 9th AM/PM	RBK	New Hanover County Board of Education passes transgender athlete policy	SS
Friday, May 28th PM	RBK	Student Government President's speech puts CFCC board on the defensive	SS
Wednesday, May 19th PM	RBK	NHCS Board approves long-awaited Title IX student survey	Wrap
Monday, May 17th PM/18th AM	RBK	NHCS Superintendent weighs in on student suspensions, accusations that schools are teaching 'hate'	SS
Wednesday, May 5th PM	RBK	Pay increase for NHCS teachers gets school board approval, heads to county commissioners for vote	SS
Monday, April 26th AM/PM	BS	Why it's hard for New Hanover's Board of Education to talk about alleged victims	Feature
Wednesday, April 14th AM/PM	RBK	NHCS Board votes to pull Rick Holliday's name from stadium	SS
Monday, April 12th AM/PM	BS	Cape Fear Collective addressess concerns over proposed data-sharing agreement with NHCS	Feature/2-Way

Diversity			
Monday, June 14th AM/PM	RBK/MH	Out of the archive, into the world: NHC residents transcribe documents from the Wilmington Freedmen's Bureau Office	SS/2-Way
Wednesday, June 2nd	RLH	CoastLine: Critical Race Theory - what is it and why is it so controversial	Program
Wednesday, May 19th	RLH	CoastLine: Dancing past language and limits - including white supremacy	Program
Wednesday, May 12th	RLH	CoastLine: Queer in the Cape Fear 2 - is "don't ask, don't tell" enough?	Program
Wednesday, April 14th	RLH	CoastLine: Queer in the Cape Fear - what straight people can't see	Program

Public Safety/Emergency			
Sunday, June 20th	HB	Tropical Depression Claudette expected to strengthen into a tropical storm as it approaches Sunday night	Web
Tuesday, May 25th AM/PM	HB	Wilmington, New Hanover County at an "extreme fire risk"	SS
Monday, May 24th	HB	Persisting drought conditions bring burn bans, water conservation alerts to the tri-county region	Web
Tuesday, May 18th	KK	New Hanover County Fire Rescue improves fire response, residents could see lower fire insurance rates	Web
Wednesday, May 12th AM/PM	BS, KM	The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is gearing up for hurricane season (because it's right around the corner)	Feature
Thursday, April 29th AM/PM	RBK	New modeling system could help guard against rip currents, like the one that took the life of a popular NHCS teacher	Feature

Elections			
Wednesday, May 5th	RLH	CoastLine: Ever hear of the Bladen County Improvement Association? New podcast from Serial Productions unpacks the power of alleging election fraud	Program

Economy			
Tuesday, June 15th	RLH	CoastLine: The great American work reassessment is creating a labor shortage, more employers willing to train unqualified job applicants	Program
Tuesday, May 18th	HB	Television docuseries 'Start Up' will put Wilmington entrepreneurs in the spotlight this fall	Web
Friday, May 14th	HB	Unemployment and an escalating climate change crisis: Business leaders say clean energy could provide a solution	Feature/Wrap
Wednesday, May 5th	HB	New study ranks North Carolina among top states in competitive corporate taxes	Web