



# WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730  
CapeFearRotary.com

## Club Meeting

Wilmington Cape Fear  
Meets at Jungle Rapids  
5320 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

## This Week at Rotary, Transportation Referendum

By Robin Summerlin on Thursday, July 21, 2022

## Club Leaders



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Chair

## Brianna D'Itri - WAVE Transit

### Topic:

Transportation and Improvements Referendum

Based on an initial framework, money from the sales tax would be divided between three components over the first 10 years: 45 percent or \$65 million to public transportation, 39 percent or \$56 million to improvements for bicycle and pedestrian pathways, and 16 percent or \$23 million to rail realignment. Public transportation funding would focus primarily on creating a more robust and better-connected Wave Transit system that would allow riders to reach their destinations more efficiently, with greater reliability and improved usability. This includes standard bus service as well as the on-demand microtransit service. Additional projects could include on-board wi-fi, zero-emission and greener technology, and more innovative student transportation programs.

### Description:

Connected to public transportation would be improvements to bicycle and pedestrian pathways, which would allow streamlined access for individuals to utilize public transportation. Additionally, the dedicated funding could create new bike lanes, trails, crosswalks, greenways, multi-use trails and sidewalks that would make it easier for individuals to traverse the county without using a personal vehicle.

The final piece of the tax would focus on rail realignment, meaning the relocation of freight rail lines that currently sit in densely populated areas of the county. This would help minimize congestion caused by trains moving through the community with the possibility of turning these rail lines into a public transportation system, such as a trolley system. Local funds could also be leveraged for additional state and federal funding.



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Assistant Governor



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## Rotary Build Kickoff for Habitat

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Kitty Yerkes reports that last night's kickoff for the area Rotary build for Habitat for Humanity was a big success. Several of our members were among the 50 or so in attendance. "Everything was positive last night," said Kitty "and we expect a first of the year groundbreaking with many Rotary Clubs participating."

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## Health and Happiness

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Patrick and Nicole Bradford are happy to announce their plans for an addition to their family after the first of the year. You may remember their son was a big hit during the zoom meetings of Patrick's '20-'21 year as President. We watched him grow up on video that year.

Sounia Chaney and her family are enjoying having a 15 year old young man visit from France for a few weeeeks. She is showing him our area. Hopefully, she can bring him to visit The Greatest Rotary Club in the Universe before he leaves. "He's very mature for his age," she adds.

Do you know how to stop a bull from charging? Cancel its credit card!!!  
Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one.  
Why do seagulls fly over the sea? If they flew over the bay, they would be bagels. and the last one...  
What did the baby corn say to the mama corn? Where's popcorn?

Hope everyone can come to our meeting tomorrow morning...that includes you Ed L. and Kirby H.

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## Events

July 22nd

### [Transportation Referendum - Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Brianna D'Itri - WAVE Transit

**Subject:** Transportation and Improvements Referendum

July 29th

### [Wilmington Planning Commission - Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** J C Lyle, Chair, Wilmington Planning Commission

**Subject:** J C Lyle, chair of the City of Wilmington Planning Commission will speak about the issues that come before the commission including land use and affordable housing.

August 5th

### [J.R. Rodriguez "Prophets" The Film - Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** J.R. Rodriguez

**Subject:** "Prophets" is a film project to raise awareness of human trafficking. New Hanover County, although the smallest county in NC, we rank 3rd in the state for human trafficking and NC ranks 9th in the country.

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## Birthdays

James E. Marable III

July 27th

J E Graham

August 1st

Jean M. Hall

August 4th

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## Wedding Anniversaries

Chris M. Nagle

August 10th

Steve Curtis Hall

August 10th

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