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BUILD A POOL- WILMINGTON COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PETITION DRIVE

Local Group Looks to Build Support for New Aquatic Facility
in New Hanover County

[WILMINGTON, NC, June 15, 2022]- A newly formed group of local citizens, today, will launch the Build a Pool Wilmington petition campaign. The Build a Pool-ILM Committee plans to garner support from the community to develop and build a Class A aquatic facility which will be used by residents and visitors to the Wilmington area.

“Demand for pool space and time in Wilmington far exceeds the current availability to support New Hanover County needs,” said Richard Bober, Chairman of Build a Pool-ILM. Distressing examples include;

- inadequate opportunities to provide much needed swimming instruction for children and adults
- extremely limited access to the three, aging indoor pools
- lack of a deep water pool (min 7-12’) for lifeguard and scuba training as well as kayak/canoe/stand-up paddleboard classes
- limited space for lap swimming, water aerobics
- limited hydrotherapy space

According to North Carolina State statutes, for a petition to be considered by a municipality, 10% of the signatures on the petition must come from registered voters. The goal of the Build a Pool-ILM Committee is to acquire 20,000 signatures in New Hanover County to present to the local government and show overwhelming support by the residents for this facility to be built.

Petitions can be signed at the following business locations;

Toad Hollow Swim and Athletics, 260 Racine Drive Suite #6 Wilmington, NC
YWCA, 2815 College Rd, Wilmington, NC ***during summer swim league meets**
Rise Fitness Studio, 1932 Oleander Dr Unit C, Wilmington, NC

If you would like to help collect signatures at your business or in your neighborhood, please contact the Build a Pool-ILM Committee at 910-447-2468 or buildapoolILM@gmail.com.

SWIMMING FACTS:

According to the American Red Cross, “Drowning Is a Leading Cause of Death for Children in the United States”

- Ten people die each day from unintentional drowning, and on average 2 of them are under age 14.
- Drowning is responsible for more deaths among children ages one to four than any other cause except birth defects
- Drowning is the leading cause of death in autism for children and adults.
 - Children with autism spectrum disorder are 160 times more likely to experience nonfatal and fatal drowning than their typically developing peers.
- Among those 1-14, drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death behind motor vehicle crashes.
- For every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

[Click here to get involved: Build a Pool-ILM Petition](#)

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