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Issues and Program Report

4th Quarter 2022

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by NHPR along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period listed above. The listing is by no means exhaustive.

| Topic: Crime | | | | |
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| Date: | Time: | Duration (mm:ss): | Program Title | Description |
| 11/28/22 | 7:04 am | :32 | Morning Edition | <p>Manchester residents can now make online reports of non-violent crimes to the city's police department. The initiative is intended to alleviate the volume of calls to emergency lines.</p> <p>This year the city has received around three thousand emergency reports.</p> <p>Lieutenant Mathew Barter says the police struggle to keep track of those reports and says the community will also benefit from the data collected.</p> |
| 11/4/22 | 4:32 pm | :29 | All Things Considered | <p>An 8-year-old from Salem was killed after being struck by a car last weekend...</p> <p>WMUR reports police are still investigating the incident, but they said charges appear unlikely. Police have not yet released any details about the driver of the vehicle that hit the boy. They told WMUR that ... when the crash happened... another car was passing the driver on a two-lane road.</p> <p>The boy who died was in third grade at Fisk Elementary School. The school district is making counselors available for students and staff.</p> |
| 11/3/22 | 5:04 pm | :54 | All Things Considered | <p>Federal investigators have released their initial findings into what led a small plane to crash into a building in Keene last month. As NHPR's Paul Cuno-Booth reports, witnesses say they heard abnormal sounds coming from the plane's engine before the crash.</p> |

| Topic: Education | | | | |
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| Date: | Time: | Duration (mm:ss): | Program Title | Description |
| 11/2/22 | 4:24 pm | :44 | All Things Considered | <p>The Executive Council continued to hold up funding today [WEDNESDAY] for after-school sex ed programs in Manchester and Claremont. For the fourth time in the past few months, the Republican majority declined to take action on those contracts.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>The programs target parts of the state with high teen birth rates and have been funded by the council in the past.</p> <p>State public health director Patricia Tilley told councilors the classes aren't being offered this fall because of the lapse in funding. She noted the programs require parental consent.</p> |
| 11/10/22 | 4:32 pm | :35 | All Things Considered | <p>The state Board of Education approved a list of schools prioritized for state building aid at its meeting today [thursday]. Among the funding priorities is a new school in Concord to replace Rundlett Middle School, estimated to cost around 170 million dollars. Also high on the priority list are new elementary schools in Rochester and Litchfield. State aid for these projects won't be finalized until its included in the state budget next year. Education officials say it's possible that only the top three projects...will be funded.</p> |
| 11/16/22 | 5:04 pm | :52 | All Things Considered | <p>As of this year, there are around 162 thousand kids enrolled in New Hampshire public schools. But new numbers from the state department of education show a continued drop in public school enrollment. As NHPR's Sarah Gibson reports, the decline is part of a long term demographic trend.</p> |

| Topic: Politics | | | | |
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| Date: | Time: | Duration (mm:ss): | Program Title | Description |
| 10/31/22 | 7:30 am | 1:04 | Morning Edition | <p>Republican Senate candidate Don Bolduc campaigned in vote rich Hillsborough and Rockingham counties this weekend. NHPR's Josh Rogers reports Bolduc stressed his independence, but also campaigned alongside the leader of the political action committee dedicated to electing Republican senators.</p> |
| 10/31/22 | 9:30 am | :57 | Morning Edition | <p>First Lady Jill Biden made a string of appearances in New Hampshire this weekend, urging Democrats to vote in the upcoming midterm elections. NHPR's Todd Bookman reports.</p> |
| 11/2/22 | 9:04 am | :51 | Morning Edition | <p>Governor Chris Sununu and his Democratic challenger, state Senator Tom Sherman, met in their final debate last night [TUES] on WMUR TV.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>The two clashed over education policy and the law that Sununu signed last year limiting almost all abortions in New Hampshire after 24 weeks.</p> <p>They also offered competing views of how the state is faring -- with Sununu arguing that New Hampshire has never been better.</p> |
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| Topic: Health | | | | |
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| Date: | Time: | Duration (mm:ss): | Program Title | Description |
| 10/31/22 | 6:04 am | :58 | Morning Edition | New Hampshire hospitals are reporting an early increase of the respiratory infection RSV this year. NHPR's Paul Cuno-Booth has more. |
| 11/15/22 | 5:32 pm | :33 | All Things Considered | <p>There were NO pediatric intensive care beds available in New Hampshire through the weekend and into Monday... according to the New Hampshire Hospital Association.</p> <p>Dartmouth Medical Center has the only pediatric intensive care unit in the state. Hospital leaders told WMUR-TV they've sent children in need of intensive care to hospitals across New England ... amid an ongoing surge in respiratory illnesses.</p> <p>Earlier this month, other health officials told NHPR they were seeing a spike in a cold-like infection known as RSV ... which can cause more severe illnesses in infants and young children.</p> |
| 11/17/22 | 5:04 pm | :26 | All Things Considered | <p>The state is monitoring active COVID outbreaks at about 30 nursing homes and other institutions. More than a thousand cases are linked to those outbreaks. The state reports another 13 COVID-related deaths in its latest weekly update. Almost 2,800 [twenty-eight hundred] Granite Staters have died since the pandemic started.</p> <p>About 150 patients in New Hampshire hospitals had COVID or were recovering as of Wednesday. That's down from where it was a month ago.</p> |

| Topic: Environment | | | | |
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| 11/15/22 | 4:04 pm | :44 | All Things Considered | <p>The New Hampshire Supreme Court heard arguments Tuesday in a long-running case addressing PFAS [p-fass] chemical contamination from the Saint Gobain manufacturing facility in Merrimack.</p> <p>The court is being asked to decide whether the company can be required to pay for medical monitoring for illnesses related to PFAS exposure. Courts across the country have been split on that issue.</p> <p>Bruce Felmly...a lawyer for Saint Gobain... said allowing claims for medical monitoring would DEVIATE from common law. Historically, he argued, that has required a present physical injury.</p> |
| 11/21/22 | 9:30 am | :28 | Morning Edition | <p>New Hampshire's conservation districts have announced 50 thousand dollars in grant funding going to 12 local farms to help build up their resilience to climate change.</p> <p>The conservation districts say climate impacts like extreme weather, drought...and increasing threats from pests are creating problems for New Hampshire farms.</p> <p>Projects funded by the grants include supporting a community composting system...improving irrigation...updating drainage...and reducing tillage, which can help keep more carbon in the soil.</p> |
| 11/23/22 | 9 am | :33 | Morning Edition | <p>New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services is planning to host a listening session to collect input on the development of standards for PFAS [p-fass] chemicals in soil.</p> <p>PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals that can be harmful to human health and have contaminated some water sources across the state.</p> <p>The virtual listening session... scheduled for December 8 ... will include a presentation on the challenges of developing soil standards ... and participants will have a chance to comment on the process. Those interested in learning more can call 603-271-6542.</p> |