

QUARTERLY STATEMENT
OF
COMMUNITY ISSUES
AND
PROGRAMMING

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NEWS COVERAGE OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

MONDAY – FRIDAY

4:30am to 5:00am – FOX13 News

5:00am to 10:00am - Good Morning Memphis

11:00am to 11:30am - FOX13 News Midday

5:00pm to 6:30pm - FOX13 News

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SATURDAY

7:00am to 9:00am – Good Morning Memphis

9:00pm to 10:00pm - FOX13 News

SUNDAY

6:00am to 8:00am – Good Morning Memphis

9:00pm to 10:30pm - FOX13 News

The following issues were addressed January 1 – March 31, 2024:

Crime

Economy

Education

Health

Safety

This report includes a sample of the station's issue-responsive programming. Please contact station personnel if you have questions about the station's programming.

CRIME

1/1/24 **Child Shot** **2:00** **6p**
A Memphis family is devastated over the shooting of a 3-year-old boy. They say he's brain dead and on life support after he was hit by a stray bullet last night.

1/4/24 **Delivery Truck Robberies** **2:30** **9p**
Three delivery trucks - two belonging to UPS and one to FedEx - were hit back-to-back Tuesday afternoon. Memphis Police say investigators have not yet determined whether these robberies were connected, but video of the robberies seems to show the thieves wearing the same clothing.

1/8/24 **14-Year-Old Carjacking Charges** **2:15** **6p**
A 14-year-old boy is facing nearly 50 charges after police say he played a role in a three-week carjacking and robbery spree across Memphis. The boy is accused of stealing at least eight cars between December 17 and when he was arrested Friday.

1/23/24 **Desoto County Escaped Inmates** **1:50** **5p**
The Desoto County Sheriff's Department says it's looking for two escaped inmates. Investigators say the men walked away from a work detail in Hernando. They were both in jail for non-violent offenses, and the sheriff says although they've already left the county, he's confident they'll be caught.

2/1/24 **Teen Sentenced in Pastor's Murder** **2:10** **6p**
Emotions filled the courtroom as one of the teens charged with shooting and killing Rev. Autura Eason-Williams appeared before a judge. Miguel Andrade fired shots at Eason-Williams, pulled her out of the car and drove away in it. He's been sentenced to 28 years for the crimes.

2/5/24 **Car Shot Into, Crashes** **2:00** **7a**
A killer is on the run tonight after a shooting into a car full of women and children last night on Park Avenue and Pendelton street in Orange Mound. A woman is dead, and a 2-year-old boy is recovering after getting shot.

2/6/24 **Restaurant Deals With Repeated Break-Ins** **2:15** **6p**
Business break-ins continue to be a big problem across Memphis. The owner of Trap Fusion in Whitehaven knows it all too well. He says his restaurant has been broken into seven times in the past four years, and the burglars have caused so much damage, he's thinking about moving out of town.

2/25/24 **Pastor Shot Outside Church** **2:05** **9p**
A Memphis pastor was shot outside his church just before morning services. A family member says he went outside to stop thieves from stealing a church member's car.

3/21/24 **Domestic Violence Uptick** **2:00** **7a**
It's a troubling trend: More women are being killed in Memphis. Data from Memphis Police show the number of women killed in Memphis so far this year, is more than

2/1/24 **Rent Price Law** **1:45** **5p**
A proposed change in the law to help protect renters. FOX13 investigates has shown you how many rental companies use software to set their rents. There have been numerous lawsuits over price increases alleging that they are unjustified. More than half of Memphians rent, so a ban on using the software could impact thousands of families here.

2/15/24 **BlueOval SK Job Fair** **2:00** **5p**
Ford's BlueOval City project in Haywood County needs thousands of workers. Twenty-five hundred of the positions will be at the BlueOval SK battery production plant with salaries ranging from \$21 to \$37 an hour.

2/16/24 **Airport Sets Records** **1:45** **7a**
Nearly five million people flew in and out of Memphis International Airport last year. That set a new passenger record. Now the airport has several projects planned this year to improve your flying experience.

2/29/24 **Insurance Rates Up** **1:50** **5p**
If you feel like you're suddenly paying more for auto insurance, you probably are. Rates are up 20 percent over the last year, according to the Consumer Price Index. But there are some things you can do to save some money while maintaining coverage.

3/1/24 **Women Stressed About Money** **2:15** **5p**
Ninety-three percent of women say they worry about money. There's a lot out of our control. Women make only 78 cents for every dollar men makes. But they can slowly work to close the wage gap by advocating for higher salaries in the workplace.

3/4/24 **11% of Disposable Income on Groceries** **2:00** **5p**
Families are spending 11% of their paychecks on food. That is the highest percentage since 1991. Food is only about 3% more expensive than it was a year ago, according to federal data. However, food prices skyrocketed after the pandemic.

3/27/24 **Memphis Real Estate Market Bucks Trend** **2:10** **5p**
Home prices are up six percent across the country. We're not seeing that in Memphis. Home prices here are actually down a third of a percent over the past year. That's according to the Memphis Area Association of Realtors.

3/28/24 **Affordable Housing Shortage** **2:00** **5p**
Memphis and the Mid-South has a serious deficit of quality affordable housing. According to the national low income housing coalition, we need about 35,000 more units. Advocates met in Frayser to discuss how to fill this critical need.

EDUCATION

- 1/5/24** **MSCS Optional School Fair** **2:00** **7a**
Whether your child likes arts, theatre, maybe they like fidgeting with gadgets, into technology; this weekend is your opportunity to learn everything you need to know to ensure they get into an optional school if they're interested in Memphis Shelby County Schools.
- 1/5/24** **No Heat In School** **2:10** **9p**
No heat means no school for some Mid-South students. With school back in session, one school was forced to close its doors Friday. Just before 7 a.m. parents received notification that MLK College Prep High School was closed because the heat wasn't working.
- 1/11/24** **MSCS Violence Youth Impact** **2:00** **6p**
Memphis-Shelby County Schools officials are looking for ways to combat violent crime in the area. Officials propose financial support to help create a better student environment by updating infrastructure as pandemic-era funding expires. MSCS also wants businesses to adopt and volunteer in schools, establish necessities pantries, offer incentives for good attendance, take on internship sponsors and mentor students.
- 1/11/24** **Child Disciplined For Saying "Jesus Christ"** **2:15** **9p**
It's a type of disciplinary notice not many parents expect to receive. A Mid-South mom says her 7-year-old son said "Jesus Christ" after dropping Legos at school, and he was written up for it.
- 2/2/24** **MSCS Superintendent Interviews** **2:30** **6p**
Who will be the next leader of Tennessee's largest school district? Today the three finalists for MSCS superintendent faced the school board in public interviews. It marked what should be the beginning of the end for a search that has so far taken 17 months ever since the former superintendent quit in scandal.
- 2/5/24** **Early Education Readiness** **2:20** **9p**
Is your preschooler ready to enter the classroom? During Friday's superintendent interviews, the Memphis-Shelby County Schools board said literacy and children entering the school system ready at the pre-kindergarten level is a major concern.
- 2/5/24** **Adulting 101** **2:00** **7a**
Adulting can be scary, but hundreds of Memphis students are facing their fears by taking Adulting 101. The Shelby County Trustee's Office hosted it. On the syllabus: An open forum with banking experts to talk about budgeting and managing money wisely.
- 2/9/24** **MSCS Picks New Superintendent** **6:00** **6p**
After nearly a year and a half since the former superintendent stepped down amid scandal, the Memphis-Shelby County School Board has chosen a new superintendent. The board voted to offer the job to Dr. Marie Feagins, who is currently a top administrator for Detroit Public Schools.
- 3/14/24** **Shannon Elementary Future** **2:10** **9p**
The old Shannon Elementary School, now known as the KIPP Memphis Academy Elementary, has been closed for over two years. Leaving the building unsecured and open to illegal activity.

However, some community members have another vision for the building. They propose to open a trade school there.

3/13/24 CBU Accreditation Probation 2:00 9p
Students are demanding answers after Christian Brothers University announced the whole school is on accreditation probation. Students are worried how this could affect their future.

3/21/24 Havenview No Backpacks 2:15 9p
No more backpacks. That order is causing confusion at one Havenview Middle School after five people were detained after a fight. Shortly after parents received a text message from the principal saying students should not wear backpacks for the remainder of the school year.

3/26/24 MSCS Superintendent Contract 2:00 10p
Four years and a \$325,000 salary are just some of the terms in the new Memphis-Shelby County Schools superintendent's contract. School board members made a unanimous decision to move forward with Dr. Marie Feagins's contract.

HEALTH

1/4/23 Everybody's Sick 2:10 5p
Feeling sick or a snuffle coming on? You're not alone. Mid-South doctors say we are in the thick of respiratory virus season. And with the holidays behind us your chance of getting sick is increasing.

1/5/24 Emergency Room Wait Times 2:10 5p
As respiratory virus season ramps up emergency rooms across the Mid-South are feeling the effects. FOX13 checked in with the ERs at Baptist and Methodist hospitals. Some estimated minutes and others estimated more than a two-hour wait depending on a person's condition.

1/9/23 Arkansas Post-Partum Depression Law 2:05 5p
Although post-partum depression is common few mothers actually get the help they need. That's why a new law in Arkansas aims to help new mothers get access to screening. It requires healthcare providers to ask mothers if they want to be screened for depression for up to six weeks after giving birth. It also mandates insurance programs to cover the cost associated with screening.

1/22/24 Hospitals Deal With Boil Water Advisory 2:25 5p
With a boil water advisory in effect for MLGW water customers, hospitals have enlisted the help of water tankers. Each truck holds thousands of gallons of water. This way, hospitals are guaranteed the fresh water they need to take care of their patients.

2/1/24 What's In Your Food? 3:20 9p
Social media is littered with videos telling about chemicals in some of your favorite foods. Popular American products like Skittles, Ritz crackers, and Pop-Tarts contain additives and dyes that are banned in many countries overseas. FOX13 Health Reporter Mandy Grach investigates chemicals used to make our food and tells us how concerned we all should be about the health risks.

2/2/24 **Mid-South Dental Health** **2:25** **5p**
How are your teeth? A new study shows Arkansas and Mississippi are the two worst states when it comes to dental care. Tennessee isn't far behind ranking 39th.

2/7/24 **Black HIV Awareness** **2:15** **5p**
If you live in Shelby County, you're more likely to contract HIV than nearly anywhere else in the country. The Memphis region ranks second for new HIV infections in the US, according to the Shelby County Health Department. And African Americans are getting the disease at a higher rate than anyone else.

2/28/24 **Lead Poisoning** **4:15** **5p**
A silent killer is lurking in our homes. It's poisoning our children and affecting their ability to focus, learn and grow. We're talking about the lead in our soil, our paint and our water.

3/4/24 **Pediatric Asthma Program** **2:05** **5p**
Children are suffering from more severe and life-threatening asthma attacks in Memphis than in most other cities. In fact, Shelby County has the highest rates of pediatric hospitalizations for asthma in Tennessee. Le Bonheur Children's Hospital is working to bring those number down through the Changing High-Risk Asthma in Memphis Partnership, or CHAMP.

3/13/24 **What's in the Air?** **5:00** **9:30p**
Have you ever noticed after it rains, your car appears dirtier? It got us asking what's in the air in Memphis? We took the question to a local expert, who discussed the pollutants we deal with and why overall air quality here may not be as bad as you think.

3/13/24 **Allergy Treatment Dos and Don'ts** **2:20** **5p**
When allergy symptoms get bad many of us reach for antihistamines. But did you know the time of day you take them can actually make a difference? Some of the advice our experts gave today may surprise you.

3/27/24 **Orange Alerts** **4:25** **9:30p**
A series of FOX13 investigations found smog and chemicals plague one Memphis community. Now, Severe Weather Center 13 found a weather pattern that could make it even worse. Just two weeks ago, our investigative team uncovered an increase in ozone pollution in Memphis's air.

SAFETY

1/2/24 **Street Racers** **2:15** **9p**
Several stunt driving meetups over the holiday weekend led to dozens of cars parked on the sides or roads, watching people do donuts and burnouts. Memphis Police say the department got 48 vehicle disturbance calls over the weekend. Much of the illegal

street driving was caught on camera. At one point the video shows a man being hit by one of those stunt drivers and police breaking up the event.

1/3/24 Street Lights Not Working 2:20 6p

FOX13 continues to investigate the hundreds of malfunctioning street lights across Memphis. MLGW is nearly done converting old lights to new LED ones across the city, but even after the change, FOX13 noticed multiple neighborhoods are still in the dark.

1/5/24 Connect Shelby 2:15 6p

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office is introducing new public safety program that gives the people who live in Shelby County a way to help keep their neighborhoods safe. All it takes is the same security cameras a lot of you have on your homes, right now.

1/25/24 Reporting Potholes 2:15 7a

Mid-South roads are chewed up after days of snow, ice and sub-freezing temperatures. It's a pain for drivers, as well as a safety concern. But there are ways you can help report these potholes and help yourself and other drivers.

2/1/24 Dollar General Rats 2:30 5p

A fired Dollars General workers is calling on the state to inspect her former workplace. She told FOX13 there is a bad rat infestation at the store. Brianna Johnson provided photos and videos of rats running up the walls and rodents dead in traps.

2/2/24 Gun Lobby Targets Republican Rep 2:10 6p

Curbing gun violence in Memphis is a top priority of just about every elected leader from our area. But you could say one Republican from Memphis is drawing fire from gun rights groups for his actions. Rep. John Gillespie is one of only two Republicans in the Tennessee legislature sponsoring a red flag bill in Nashville. The gun lobby is now asking him to take his name off it.

2/7/24 More Extreme Winter Weather 4:10 9p

It seems a sentiment in the Mid-South. Not only are we dealing with more extreme winter weather. It also seems to be causing more problems than it used to. So we asked meteorologist Matt Yarosewick to dig into 30 years of weather and climate data. He analyzed snowfall, days below freezing, and average temperatures. What he uncovered confirmed your suspicions about our weather and raises more concerns about our future.

2/28/24 Ski Mask Ban Proposal 2:15 9p

High crime across Memphis has some across the city living in fear. Fear of even stepping outside. But now one local community wants to do something about it: Ban ski masks. But will that work?

3/5/24 DA Second Opinion Act 2:10 7a

Sen. Brent Taylor, a Republican from Memphis, filed a bill Monday that would let law enforcement agencies request a neighboring district attorney prosecute a case the Shelby County DA chooses not to prosecute. But there is a catch: Some element of the crime must connect the two counties together.

January 21

- 'Fox News Sunday' anchor Shannon Bream speaks with key surrogates from the 2024 GOP presidential primary campaigns.
- This week on 'Fox News Sunday,' Shannon Bream welcomed Sen. Joe Manchin, presidential candidate Nikki Haley, and more to discuss the week's top political news.
- Council of Economic Advisers Chair Jared Bernstein breaks down the disconnect between Wall Street and Main Street.
- Shannon Bream breaks down Democrats' latest political push for write-in ballots in New Hampshire as a troubling report shows Biden may not win the New Hampshire primary.
- Fox News anchor Bret Baier interviews former President Donald Trump on his possible running mate.
- Sen. JD Vance joins 'Fox News Sunday' to weigh in on the new poll revealing that Trump is leading Haley by 19% in New Hampshire.
- Haley campaign surrogate Rep. Ralph Norman tells 'Fox News Sunday' that former President Donald Trump knows she is a 'serious threat.'

January 28

- NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg joins 'Fox News Sunday' to provide the latest updates from the Russia-Ukraine war as he prepares to meet with leaders in Congress this week.
- Sen. James Lankford joins 'Fox News Sunday' to break down the GOP's ongoing efforts to pass a border security package.
- Sen. Rick Scott weighs in on the Senate border deal, Trump's slam on the deal and the sentencing of an IRS employee that leaked the former President's tax returns.
- Rep. Michael McCaul joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the House of Representatives' plan to vote on DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas' articles of impeachment over the border.

February 4

- Bloomberg White House and politics editor Mario Parker, Politico congressional reporter Olivia Beavers, National Review editor-in-chief Rich Lowry and former State Dept. spokesperson Marie Harf discuss Biden skipping the Super Bowl interview again.
- White House national security spokesman John Kirby joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the U.S.'s decision to strike back against Iran proxies in the Middle East.

February 11

- 'MediaBuzz' host Howard Kurtz reports on the rare moment when sports and politics collide ahead of Super Bowl LVIII.
- Reuters White House correspondent Jeff Mason, OutKick columnist Mary Katharine Ham, Fox News senior political analyst Juan Williams and American Enterprise Institute fellow Matthew Continetti join to discuss President Biden's age issue.
- Fox News chief political analyst Brit Hume and senior congressional correspondent Chad Pergram join 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the special counsel report saying President Biden has a 'poor memory.'
- Rep. Adam Smith discusses the Biden administration's approach to the Israel-Hamas war along with the Biden document case decision on 'Fox News Sunday.'
- Sen. Tom Cotton discusses the Senate's foreign aid and failed border bills, Donald Trump's influence on the GOP, and the special counsel's report on President Biden.

February 18

- New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu weighs in on the GOP primary race between Nikki Haley and Donald Trump and the former ambassador's rhetoric toward the former president.
- 'Fox News Sunday' panelists Katie Pavlich, Richard Fowler, Josh Kraushaar and Daniel Lippman discuss President Biden's performance as Fox News polling finds he's falling behind former President Trump.
- Sen. Michael Bennet sits down with 'Fox News Sunday' anchor Shannon Bream to discuss the Senate foreign aid package, the calls for a two-state solution in Israel, and the handling of conflict in the Middle East.
- Sen. Tim Scott breaks down the key differences between Trump and Biden's approach to foreign policy, arguing that world peace was 'better' under the former president.

February 25

- Governors Kevin Stitt, R-Okla., and Jared Polis, D-Co., discuss the need to secure the border, the President meeting with governors at the White House, and advice to Congress about the budget.
- Lazarex Cancer Foundation founder Dana Dornsife joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss how her new children's book aims to inspire African American children to become doctors.
- White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan discusses the White House's decision to impose over 500 new sanctions on Russia as the war surpasses the two-year mark.

- Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C., discusses aid to Ukraine and responds to criticism towards the House for going on recess on 'Fox News Sunday.'

March 3

- Sen. Chris Coons discusses polls on a potential match-up between Joe Biden and Donald Trump, the president's performance on different issues, and the bipartisan border deal.
- Rep. Byron Donalds joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss Super Tuesday and House GOP criticism for blocking border bills.
- Sen. Ben Cardin joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss President Biden's performance on the Israel-Hamas war and negotiations for a fighting pause.
- Sen. Marco Rubio joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the Biden administration's approach to border policy and the latest news from the Russia-Ukraine war.

March 10

- Former NFL Player and Tim Tebow Foundation founder and chairman Tim Tebow on his testimony before lawmakers on child exploitation, his foundation's mission to fight human trafficking and its 'Night to Shine' event for those with special needs.
- A 'Fox News Sunday' panel reacts to President Biden's State of the Union address and his appeal to Nikki Haley supporters following her withdrawal from the race.
- Sen. Katie Britt, joins 'Fox News Sunday,' to discuss foreign aid appropriations, criticism linking a human trafficking case to President Biden, and IFV access in her state.
- U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the border crisis, the U.S. economy, and the domestic airline industry.

March 17

- Former 2020 Biden campaign surrogate Kevin Walling, former State Department spokesperson Morgan Ortagus, 'Outnumbered' co-host Emily Compagno and The Hill editor-in-chief Bob Cusack join 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the latest 2024 polling.
- Fox News' Shannon Bream sits down with National Security Spokesman John Kirby, House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Rep. Michael McCaul, and more.

- John Kirby brushed off a "Fox News Sunday" question if Biden believes Israeli PM Netanyahu is preventing peace, instead highlighting the two leaders have long known each other.
- Have Faith Haiti founder Mitch Albom joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the violence in Haiti and how it affects the children at his orphanage.
- White House National Security Communications Adviser John Kirby discusses the Israel-Hamas conflict, possible sanctions against the Iranian regime and the importance of sending aid to Ukraine.
- Rep. Michael McCaul discusses Biden's foreign aid package, the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Haiti, and the U.S.' highly criticized withdrawal from Afghanistan.

March 24

- Sen. Tom Cotton reacts to the deadly Moscow concert hall attack, the U.S. border crisis, and Congress' government funding bill on 'Fox News Sunday.'
- Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich became the first American accused of being a spy by Russia since the Cold War.
- Sen. Tim Kaine joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the Moscow terrorist attack, his stance on the 'immigration crisis' and the government funding bill.

March 31

- A 'Fox News Sunday' panels weighs in on the border crisis amid record crossings numbers and President Biden's proclamation on Transgender Day of Visibility.
- Howard Kurtz, Marc Theissen, Philippe Reines and Julia Manchester break down the Biden-Harris campaign's swing state advertising push and their steer away from 'Bidenomics' messaging.
- Rep. Ro Khanna discusses voter approval on foreign policy and the economy, the president's NYC fundraiser and on Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene's motion to vacate the House speaker.
- 'Someone Like You' filmmaker Karen Kingsbury joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the movie's message and what inspired her to create it.
- Democratic Maryland Gov. Wes Moore joins 'Fox News Sunday' to discuss the cleanup and rebuilding efforts for the collapsed Baltimore bridge.

Church Programming:

Bellevue Baptist Church, Sundays @ 9am

Our mission is to love God, love people, share Jesus and make disciples. Bellevue wants to be a catalyst for spiritual awakening in Memphis and beyond.

Mississippi Blvd Christian Church, Sundays @ 10am (started 2/9/20). Lovingly known as “The BLVD”, our doctrine and namesake, Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), provides the foundation for our vision. We are a church leading, learning, living and loving without limits, just as Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 3:20 ESV)

Events and Appearances:

January 27

Reporter was a panelist for Manhood Speaks symposium. The event was designed to gain helpful tools to build a healthy man, exploring the fundamental character traits that define a man.

February 5

Meteorologist spoke to students at Campus Elementary School about weather and being a meteorologist.

February 9

Reporter served as a panelist at Campus Middle School for their Black History month program.

February 23

Meteorologist served as panelist at Campus Middle School for their Black History month program

March 1

Meteorologist did a weather presentation to students at Bruce Elementary School

March 4 – March 6

Several staff members read to students at Porter Leath Preschool.

March 6

Several staff members volunteered at the Mid-South Food Bank.

March 9

Meteorologist was an emcee for the My Sister’s Keeper fundraiser which supports the health of Black women.

March 21

Reporter read to students at Porter Leath School.

March 22

Anchor read to students at Campus Elementary School.