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Quarterly Issues / Program List

3rd Quarter - July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

The Community Issues listed in this section of the report aired during local Vermont Public segments. This listing is illustrative of the programs aired on Vermont Public and is not meant to be an exhaustive listing of programs responsive to issues of importance to the community. A daily programming and local newscast schedule is provided at the end of this report.

Issue	Vermont Public News - Story Narratives	Air Date(s) & Length
Agriculture	Marilyn Webb Neagley of Ascutney, Vt., helped found Shelburne Farms, and she served as the nonprofit's president in 1976. She has been a Vermont Public Radio commentator and an educator. In her new memoir, Attic of Dreams, Neagley covers themes of home and community, addiction and recovery, and caring for each other and our natural world. Neagley joined Vermont Edition to speak about the book.	9/13/2023, 12:47 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Arts / Culture	The Big Gay Block Party is a new music festival coming to Burlington in late September. It bills itself as an event for 'queer people and those who love us.' All the musical acts will feature members in the LGBTQIA community. Event organizer and local musician Abbie Morin joins Vermont Edition and shares how the festival is coming together, and the need it fills. They're also a member of Hammydown, one of the local bands performing at the festival on Sept. 24 at the Wallflower Collective in Burlington. Plus: Joules Garcia, the co-organizer of Burlington Dyke Night, and Rae Murphy of the local punk band, Burly Girlies.	9/12/2023, 34 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Arts / Culture	Emmy Award-winning actor and Norwich resident Gordon Clapp joins Vermont Edition to share details from his life and his one-man show about poet Robert Frost being produced in Middlebury this weekend.	9/6/2023, 20 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Arts / Culture	Vermont Edition talked with artists and arts advocates across the state who are responding to the flooding. They've adjusted upcoming performances, salvaged materials and work, and have started to recover.	7/25/2023, 47:34 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Business / Economics	The average Vermonter spends 11% of their household income on energy costs, including heating, driving and just keeping the lights on. Some of the towns with the highest energy costs relative to income are in rural parts of the state, especially the Northeast Kingdom, according to a new report from Efficiency Vermont. Part of the reason is that people in those areas have to drive farther, and transportation accounts for 45% of Vermonters' energy costs. Other towns with high burdens include Montgomery, Castleton and Dover. A conversation about the report on Vermont Edition.	8/28/2023, 28:42 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Business / Economics	Vermont Edition is joined by guests Josh Kelly, the solid waste program manager with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and Lee Perry, the maintenance division director for the City of Burlington, talk about waste in Vermont.	8/15/2023, 46:00 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Business / Economics	Many Vermont farmers are urgently seeking support after the catastrophic floods wiped out their fields this summer. Vermont Edition speaks with farmers and organizations supporting farmers on this hour's show.	7/18/2023, 48:00 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Business / Economics	The difficult choice facing some Vermont small businesses following the floods: rebuild, or close for good? On today's Vermont Edition, small business owners in Ludlow and Hardwick share their stories. Plus, we share information on a new fund to support recovery efforts for businesses across Vermont.	7/14/2023, 52:00 min, 12pm and 7pm.

Education and Schools	Vermont kids are heading back to school this week. On today's Vermont Edition, we talk about how education providers and administrators are working on access and equity in schools and how some kids may have been impacted by this summer's flooding.	9/5/2023, 46:00 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Education and Schools	This week marks the beginning of classes at the newly created Vermont State University. It comes after three years of work merging Castleton University, Northern Vermont University and Vermont Technical College. But the transition has not been without turbulence. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	8/12/2023, 7 min, 7:50am and 4:44pm.
Education and Schools	For students who were impacted by July's floods, returning to school may feel extra difficult. To help make the transition easier, some Vermonters have been working together to collect, donate and deliver hundreds of lunchboxes, binders and many other kinds of school supplies to the districts that were hit hardest. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	9/6/2023, 4 min, 7:44am and 5:44pm.
Health Care / Public Health	The Green Mountain Care Board questioned hospital officials on their administrative overhead, and on money the hospital system raised on its investments. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	9/13/2023, 6:42 min, 7:44am and 5:44pm.
Health Care / Public Health	With COVID cases and RSV on the rise, Vermont's Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine shares how to stay healthy this season during Vermont Edition.	9/26/2023, 36 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Politics and Government	Gov. Phil Scott joined Vermont Edition host Mikaela Lefrak to talk through where flood recovery stands from the state's perspective.	8/14/2023, 46 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Politics and Government	Members of Vermont's congressional delegation discuss guidance on applying for federal disaster assistance on Vermont Edition, following July's catastrophic flooding.	7/19/2023, 41 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Politics and Government	Isle La Motte has a new interim town clerk. And that's bigger news than it might otherwise be — because earlier this month, three town officials abruptly resigned from the Lake Champlain community of roughly 500 residents. That effectively halted municipal business, like paying bills. Host Jenn Jarecki sat down with VTDigger reporter Shaun Robinson to learn more. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered	9/29/2023, 7 min, 7:50am and 5:44pm.
Politics and Government	While some buildings have reopened post-flood, several key buildings in the state capital — including the Supreme Court building — will remain closed during recovery. Officials are moving some services to nearby buildings. Bob Kinzel breaks it down during All Things Considered and Morning Edition.	8/18/2023, 7 min, 7:50am and 5:44pm.
Politics and Government	Data analysis shows far fewer Vermonters are entering the workforce compared to those who are retiring, according to Vermont Futures Project Executive Director Kevin Chu. One of their goals is to increase the state's population by more than 150,000 people by 2035. Starting today, the Vermont Futures Project is launching a statewide tour that will "convene community conversations, and make strategic stakeholder visits in all fourteen counties" to gather input for its 2024 Economic Plan for Vermont. Vermont Edition spoke with the group.	8/17/2023, 25:55 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Politics and Government	Rep. Becca Balint said she is frustrated and concerned by the threat of a federal government shutdown that could begin this weekend. The shutdown would lead to a freeze on paychecks for the millions of people who work for the federal government — including those in Vermont — as well as a pause on many government services. Broadcast during Vermont Edition.	9/26/2023, 12:01 min, 12pm and 7pm.