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Quarterly Issues / Program List 2nd Quarter - April 1, 2023 to June 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	As part of an ongoing winter and spring series, the Vermont Public newsroom has been exploring the different types of “heat” in our communities. On a 25 degree day in Shelburne, it might get up to 80 degrees inside a hoop house at Bread & Butter Farm. Vermont Public's Joia Putnoi visited the farm to learn about the nuts and bolts of winter greens production. Broadcast Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	4/4/2023, 5:23 min, 7:42am and 4:44pm
Arts / Culture	The Stone Church music venue in Brattleboro just wrapped up a special month of concerts and music production workshops focused on women and nonbinary Vermonters. It's part of an effort to increase diversity in the local music scene... which, like the nation as a whole, is dominated by men. Vermont Public's Mary Engisch has that story. Broadcast during All Things Considered.	4/4/2023, 5:09 min 4:44pm
Arts / Culture	The Vermont Book Awards are upon us – with a fourth category for Children's Literature added this year. Vermont Public's Mitch Wertlieb spoke with Miciah Bay Gault of the Vermont College of Fine Arts about this year's finalists. Broadcast during Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	4/7/2023, 7:13 min, 7:50am
Arts / Culture	The Vermont Arts Council was a major source of funding and support for artists after COVID struck. Now, as the pandemic continues to wind down... the nonprofit has a new executive director. Vermont Public's Jenn Jarecki sat down with her to learn where things stand with the Vermont arts world, and the direction of the Arts Council moving forward. That conversation during All Things Considered.	5/11/2023, 9:46 min, 4:50pm
Arts / Culture	For the past half century musicians Steven and Kathy Light have lived in Central Vermont, leading several well-known local ensembles and teaching hundreds of students. On Saturday, they'll perform their final show in the state. Vermont Public's Liam Elder-Connors caught up with the Lights ahead of the performance. On Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	6/2/2023, 4:28 min, 7:44am and 5:44pm
Arts / Culture	Rebecca Makkai is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated author who lives part of the year in Vermont. Her latest novel, I Have Some Questions For You, follows the story of a murder at a fictional New Hampshire boarding school. Vermont Public's Mikaela Lefrak spoke with Makkai about her inspiration for the book, and her connections to Vermont. Heard during Vermont Edition.	4/10/2023, 15:28 min, 12pm and 7pm.
Business / Economics	Wendy Mackenzie is an herbalist who makes all natural deodorant from her farm in Peacham, Vermont. And she recently won some major international awards for her cream-based Meadow Bee variety. On Morning Edition, we speak with Mackenzie about the origins of the product, and how helping out a friend who was ill led her to come up with the winning formula.	4/5/2023, 6:06 min, 7:42am and 4:44pm
Business / Economics	State officials estimate that up to 100-thousand Vermonters work jobs that don't offer employee retirement plans. That means most of them don't end up saving for retirement at all. But lawmakers are trying to set up a state-run retirement program for businesses that don't offer one. Vermont Public's Nina Keck shares the details during Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	5/12/2023, 6:39, 7:44am and 4:50pm

Business / Economics	Jen Ellis went from second-grade teacher to internet sensation overnight. That's after Senator Bernie Sanders was spotted wearing a pair of her handmade mittens. Ellis recently sat down with Vermont Public's Connor Cyrus to talk about her new memoir: <i>Bernie Mittens Maker</i> . During Vermont Edition.	5/31/2023, 14:15 min, 12pm and 7pm
Business / Economics	Mail carriers in rural Vermont are facing pay cuts and longer routes – all while Vermonters report not getting mail delivered on a timely basis. That's according to Seven Days reporter Rachel Hellman, who recently dove into how policy changes with the U.S. Postal Service are impacting mail delivery in Vermont. She sat down with Vermont Public's Mary Engisch to share her reporting. During All Things Considered.	6/1/2023, 6:41 min, 4:50pm
Education and Schools	Vermont Edition: Unpacking the debate over efforts to extend Vermont's universal school meals program. This hour, we'll look at universal free meal legislation that is working its way through the state government. It passed in the House, and is now being considered in the Senate.	4/4/2023, 38min, 12pm and 7pm
Education and Schools	More public education money than ever is going to religious schools that discriminate against LGBTQ students, following a recent U-S Supreme Court decision. That's created big implications for Vermont's school choice system, which lets families send kids to private schools using public tuition dollars. State lawmakers have been considering policies intended to preserve the system while protecting LGBTQ students. Vermont Public's Howard Weiss-Tisman breaks those efforts down during Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	4/6/2023, 5 min, 7:44am and 5:44pm
Education and Schools	Vermont Edition: how parents with autistic children are embracing their neurodivergence. They are seeking inclusion in the classroom and affirmation from doctors.	5/2/2023, 48 min, 12pm and 7pm
Education and Schools	Back in March, Vermont Public reporter Erica Heilman covered a mock town meeting at Woodbury Elementary School. Students were allowed to vote on whether to spend a donated 500 dollars on buying new playground equipment, or going on a field trip. After much debate, students voted for the field trip. And recently, Erica tagged along as the kids took their long awaited trip. On Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	5/17/2023, 2:25min, 7:50am and 4:44pm
Education and Schools	Vermont Edition: Today's show is about book challenges/bans. In some states, books are flying off the shelves — and not because they're selling out. A Vermont librarian will share how some book challenges have played out in our state and what protections are in place to protect readers' privacy. We'll also hear from a local author whose books have been banned in other states.	5/23/2023, 48 min, 12pm and 7pm
Health Care / Public Health	A recent study from the University of Vermont Cancer Center finds that at-risk women across America are getting far fewer mammograms than they did 15 years ago, and Vermont has seen one of the biggest drops of all. One of the lead researchers will shed some more light on those results, during All Things Considered.	4/5/2023, 7:13 min, 4:50pm
Health Care / Public Health	There's only one pharmacist in Vermont who fills prescriptions under the state's medical aid in dying law. Steve Hochberg has logged thousands of miles hand delivering the medications to terminally ill patients. Vermont Public's Mikaela Lefrak recently spent some time with him. Broadcast during Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	4/14/2023, 5:36 min, 7:44am and 5:44pm
Health Care / Public Health	Hospitals across Vermont loosened their masking requirements in recent weeks. Now, it's largely up to individuals whether to mask up. But that's worried some Vermonters who are more vulnerable to COVID... and still rely on prevention measures to navigate health care settings. That's according to the Vermont Center for Independent Living. Hear a conversation with their pandemic equity coordinator, broadcast during All Things Considered.	4/19/2023, 7:54 min, 4:50pm
Health Care / Public Health	New research from the American Psychological Association on cannabis use shows impairment may last longer than many users realize. A researcher at St. Michael's College contributed to the report and shares the main takeaways during Morning Edition.	5/3/2023, 6:25 min, 7:44am
Health Care / Public Health	The traditional spring tick season is here. Vermont Public caught up with an expert at the state Health Department to learn how climate change is impacting tick populations, and how Vermonters can protect themselves from the illnesses they carry. During All Things Considered.	5/3/2023, 6:25min, 4:50pm

Health Care / Public Health	Vermont Edition: Today's show is about the state of health care in Vermont prisons, featuring health and corrections commissioners Mark Levine and Nicholas Deml. Though the current prison population in Vermont has dropped by nearly a third from 2015 levels, rates of chronic illness among the incarcerated increased by nearly 50% over the same period. Today, 1,000 of Vermont's 1,300 incarcerated people are living with at least one chronic illness, and many suffer from multiple illnesses simultaneously.	5/10/2023, 48:19 min, 12pm and 7pm
Health Care / Public Health	Vermont Edition: Today's show: How Vermont health care providers are working to remove barriers for LGBTQ+ patients. Around the country, at least 17 states have banned or limited gender-affirming care. In Vermont, the health care for transgender adults and children is protected.	6/8/2023, 31:49 min, 12pm and 7pm
Health Care / Public Health	A growing number of Vermonters have severe vision problems... between 20-thousand and 30-thousand older residents are expected to fall into that category by 2030. Losing vision can lead to isolation and depression. But new technology and community supports are available to help curb that trend. Vermont Public's Nina Keck has that story during Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	6/13/2023, 5:46 min, 7:44am and 5:44pm
Politics and Government	The state Senate has approved legislation that could have major implications for the future of both local and statewide elections in Vermont. It's a bill that address ranked choice voting. Vermont Public's Bob Kinzel breaks it down for us on All Things Considered.	4/7/2023, 5:59 min, 5:50pm
Politics and Government	Vermont's Act 250 statute has governed development in the state for more than 50 years. And now, there's intensifying debate at the Statehouse over the extent to which the landmark statute has blocked the construction of affordable housing in the Green Mountain state. Vermont Public's Peter Hirschfeld breaks down the disagreement during All Things Considered.	4/14/2023, 6 min, 4:50pm
Politics and Government	Vermont lawmakers are in a frenzy as they wrap up the second-to-last week of the 2023 legislative session. Today alone, they've passed a handful of high-profile bills. But several big questions remain unanswered as lawmakers finish their work for the year. Vermont Public's Peter Hirschfeld join us from the Statehouse for a real-time update, during All Things Considered.	5/5/2023, 8min, 5:50pm
Politics and Government	It's been almost 50 years since an elected official was impeached in Vermont. But last week state lawmakers started the lengthy process to potentially remove two Franklin County law enforcement officials who are accused of misconduct. Vermont Public's Liam Elder-Connors has been following how the impeachment process could unfold. Broadcast during Morning Edition/All Things Considered.	5/9/2023, 5 min, 7:44a and 4:45pm
Politics and Government	Vermont lawmakers will return to the Statehouse on Tuesday for their veto session. They'll try to override seven bills Gov. Phil Scott has vetoed. Leaders in the House and Senate are also trying to secure more funding to extend the emergency motel housing program. Reporter Peter Hirschfeld takes us inside the legislative deliberations, on All Things Considered.	6/16/2023, 7:15 min, 5:50 pm
Politics and Government	Vermont Edition: A discussion with Rep. Balint about legislation she introduced that would create a grant for mental health first aid training in schools.	4/18/2023, 18 min, 12pm and 7pm