

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations:

KDXU, KCIN/KIYK, KHKR, KREC, KXBN, KXFF

Oct. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Mental Health:** With the advent of the suicide and mental health hotline (now a shorter "988") a focus has been placed on acquiring help for those experiencing mental health crises, such as extreme stress, anxiety, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and other common mental ailments.
- **Environment:** The main focus here is the extreme drought experienced in the mountain west and the high desert and what challenges we will face in the near future, including the status of several new reservoirs, the potential of the Lake Powell Pipeline and the public relations movement to urge citizens to conserve water.
- **Economy:** We went from high unemployment to very low unemployment, but it came at a cost as a lot of young workers are electing to remain out of the workforce with the federal government subsidizing their current lifestyles and the need to gain income taking a backburner.
- **Laws and Legislation:** We highlighted the extreme efforts put forth by our first responders, including police, fire and emergency medical personnel. A big issue in Southern Utah was the Safe St. George initiative, which attempted to tax the populace to give raises to the first responders. The Truth in Taxation hearings resulted in this tax being shot down by public sentiment.
- **Community Involvement:** St. George area is known for its willingness to volunteer and aid in the huge events that have chosen to make the area home, including the Huntsman World Senior games, the Ironman Triathlon and the St. George Marathon. More than 10,000 volunteers are needed to put on these events.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The Andy Griffin Show is broadcast on all our St. George area stations and addresses these issues and many more throughout the year.

The program airs every Sunday at 6:00 AM on KCIN/KIYK, KHKR, KREC, KXBN and KXFF and every Sunday on KDXU at 9 a.m.

Date(s) Aired	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration
10/02/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy, Housing, Water Crisis: Andy Griffin with St. George Mayor Michele Randall discusses the need for pay raises for local first responders, plus the housing crunch, the need for alternate water sources and also conservation.	43:10
10/09/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed military preparedness, locals serving our country and the need for service: Andy Griffin with Colby Jenkins, former Army special ranger, discuss the service academies, the proud representation in the armed services from our area and the amazing stories from Jenkins' career.	43:46
10/16/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Local and State Legislation: With senators Mike Lee and ted Cruz, we discuss the upcoming elections and the laws that may or may not pass based on who wins the said elections. Lee also outlines his visit to the area.	43:05
10/23/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Environmental Awareness, Water Crisis: Washington County commissioner Adam Snow joins Andy Griffin to discuss the extreme water needs in the state of Utah and Washington County and to discuss the water pact signed by all the states nearly 100 years ago.	43:14
10/30/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy, Infrastructure: Andy Griffin hosts the show and is joined by Washington City mayor Kress Staheli as we discuss the tremendous growth in the area and the need to expand infrastructure along with the outward view of growth.	43:08
11/06/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Taxes, Extreme Weather, Emergency Services: Hurricane mayor Nannette Billings joins Andy Griffin as we discuss issues in Hurricane City, specifically tax issues and the desire to keep taxes where they are, rather than raise them again and again. Hurricane Valley Fire District is discussed as we banter about the future of emergency preparedness in the Hurricane valley.	44:13

11/13/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Community Awareness, Local Economy: Andy Griffin interviews and speaks with Macrae Heppler, who produces a public information video every two weeks discussing local growth and expansion by area businesses and the addition of new businesses to the area.	42:43
11/20/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Local Economy, Housing, Water Crisis: Andy Griffin with St. George Mayor Michele Randall discusses the water resources saved with the new Flip Blitz campaign as well as the public relations radio and newspaper campaign for water conservation and the new rebate program to give to those who remove grass.	42:10
11/27/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Environmental Awareness, Traffic, Infrastructure, Drug Crisis: Andy Griffin welcomes the St. George police department to the air and discusses some of the problem areas in traffic as well as the incredible work done by the St. George bike patrol as well as the county drug task force.	42:43
12/04/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Local energy needs: Andy Griffin discusses with energy expert Jack Lancaster different sources of energy and the need to find a future energy source other than the unreliable and short-sighted wind and solar industry. Nuclear and clean burning natural gas are the two leading candidates in the discussion.	45:55
12/11/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Public Health, Sleep: Andy Griffin and public health director Dr. David Blodgett discuss the underrated and under-discussed need for a full night's sleep for the general population. Most adults get an hour or two less sleep than is required for a healthy lifestyle.	42:29
12/18/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed public decency and book banning, Education: Andy Griffin discusses decency in public libraries, in particular in school libraries with Washington County School district officials Steve Dunham and LaRene Cox. Certain books have been banned from the schools as they were deemed indecent for the potential juvenile audience.	42:59
12/25/2022	Our locally-produced public affairs program discussed Local values, Diversity: Andy Griffin with St. George Mayor Michele Randall discusses the need for local events to match the values of the community. Drag Shows and other alternate	43:10

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