# KSTW-TV Tacoma, Washington

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023:

#### **Quarterly Issues and Programs Report**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2023.

#### **Regularly Scheduled Programs**

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled program that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

- SEATTLE NOW NEWS Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events. Airs Monday-Sunday 10:00-11:00PM.
- The Impact Hosted by Mike McClanahan, this show explores the issues, people, and events impacting the citizens of Washington State by highlighting the goings-on at the State's capital in Olympia, WA. Airs Sundays at 11:00-11:30AM

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as cancer, mental health, bullying prevention, Covid Vaccinations, STEM, substance abuse, fire prevention, gun safety, child welfare, animal welfare, dementia, high blood pressure, and autism.

### **Quarterly Issues and Programs List**

Community of License: TACOMA, WA

Issue: MENTAL HEALTH- Examining issues related to mental health, and well-being of

importance to local viewers.

| Program             | Date of<br>Broadcast  | Time of<br>Program | Duration of Story | Episode/Segment Description  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Seattle<br>NOW News | 4/15/23               | 22:00-23:00        | 00:00:52          | A behavioral health center meant to bridge the gap for mental health emergencies is set to open in Kirkland's Totem Lake Neighborhood next year.   |
| The Impact          | 5/28/23               | 11:00-11:30        | 00:30:00          | An update on legislative efforts to overhaul the state's crisis response framework and implement the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Guests: Rep. Tina Orwall (D-Des Moines) and Rep. Michelle Caldier (R-Gig Harbor) |
| PSAs                | 01/1/23 -<br>03/31/23 | Various            | 00:00:30          | Mental health awareness.   |

**Issue**: **FOOD INSECURITY & THE UNHOUSED** - Examining issues related to poverty, including hunger and homelessness, including community programs to help those in need.

| Program             | Date of Broadcast     | Time of<br>Program | Duration of Story | Episode/Segment Description   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/5/23                | 22:00-23:00        |                   | A new housing community for the recently homeless is expected to be ready for move in in about a month. |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/6/23                | 22:00-23:00        |                   | A homeless encampment in Burien has moved several times over the last few months with nowhere to land.  |
| PSAs                | 01/1/23 -<br>03/31/23 | Various            | 00:00:30          | Community support in ending hunger.   |

**Issue**: **ECONOMY-** Examining issues related to the economy, including inflation, supply chain issues and the local impact.

| Program             | Date of Broadcast | Time of Program | Duration of Story | Episode/Segment<br>Description   |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/10/23           | 22:00-23:00     | 00:01:31          | Consumers respond to inflation estimate amidst current high prices of food, gas and more.                        |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/2/23            | 22:00-23:00     | 00:01:53          | SEA Airport is raising fees for the airport parking garage starting June 1st.                                    |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/4/23            | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:01          | Hockey bandwagoners bringing in the business   |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/10/23           | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:03          | The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County is waiving adoption fees through the end of the weekend.         |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/12/23           | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:21          | Chinatown International District named on Most Endangered Historic Places list                                   |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/23/23           | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:13          | After staffing issues during the pandemic, Sound Transit is working to be fully staffed by Memorial Day Weekend. |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/31/23           | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:12          | Amazon tech workers<br>walked out of their jobs<br>on Wednesday to protest<br>recent layoffs and more            |

| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/1/23  | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:47 | There is a global<br>shortage of qualified<br>merchant mariners and<br>Washington State Ferries<br>is in that same boat. |
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| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/15/23 | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:10 | Maritime High School is working to close the gap of the nationwide shortage of maritime workers.                         |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/22/23 | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:03 | Washington has passed<br>California as the most<br>expensive state for gas.  |

**Issue**: **ENVIRONMENT-** Examining issues related to the environment, including recycling.

| Program             | Date of   | Time of     | Duration | Episode/Segment  |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|--|
|                     | Broadcast | Program     | of Story | Description  |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/11/23   | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:27 | As part of the Port's goal to be carbon neutral by 2050, they are pushing for all cruise ships to plug in to shore power by 2030   |
| The Impact          | 5/14/23   | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | Part two in a series focused on Washington's future electricity demands, the complexity of integrating more wind and solar energy, and the infrastructure needed to modernize the electric grid. Guests: KC Golden, Vice Chair of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and George Caan, Executive Director of the Washington Public Utility District Association |

| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/19/23               | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:19 | The WDOH launched a new online tool to provide the public with access to data collected by public water systems.   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--|
| The Impact          | 5/21/23               | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | A look at two different approaches to address flooding in the Chehalis River Basin, one centering on the construction of a dam, and one focused on a series of local projects. Guests: Andrea McNamara Doyle, Director of the Office of Chehalis Basin, Glen Connelly, Natural Resources Director for the Chehalis Tribe, and Erik Martin, Administrator for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District. |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/20/23               | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:28 | Water supply<br>contaminated in Des<br>Moines, leaving<br>businesses closed  |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/24/23               | 22:00-23:00 | 00:01:46 | SPR has taken extraordinary measures to protect and support ospreys that migrate to Washington each summer.  |
| PSAs                | 01/1/23 -<br>03/31/23 | Various     | 00:00:30 | Keep America Beautiful,<br>anti-littering, various<br>nature PSAs.   |

Issue: EDUCATION & ARTS- Examining issues related to education, arts & local culture.

| Program | Date of   | Time of | Duration | Episode/Segment |
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|         | Broadcast | Program | of Story | Description     |

| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/19/23               | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:50 | King County Metro Transit partnered with 4Culture to design limited-edition ORCA cards.  |
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| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/26/23               | 22:00-23:00 | 00:01:31 | The Kraken Youth Hockey<br>Association has more than<br>tripled in size following the<br>successful season of the<br>Seattle Kraken.   |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/3/23                | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:31 | Seattle Public Library is<br>the second library to join<br>Books Unbanned as a way<br>to counter censorship.   |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/21/23               | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:01 | Make Music Day was first launched out of France in 1982 to celebrate music. It has since grown into a global movement to celebrate and promote music in all forms and skill levels in 120 countries. |
| PSAs                | 01/1/23 -<br>03/31/23 | Various     | 00:00:30 | Financial education.   |

**Issue**: **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**- Examining issues related to the diversity & inclusion such as pride, heritage, and anti-bullying.

| Program             | Date of Broadcast     | Time of Program | Duration of Story | Episode/Segment<br>Description   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/1/23                | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:30          | The LGBTQ+ focused hoedown has become more about friendships and a sense of belonging.       |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/2/23                | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:49          | A woman in Woodinville is keeping the Ukrainian Easter egg tradition known as Pysanky alive. |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/3/23                | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:13          | Seattle Men's Chorus will<br>be one of the first to<br>perform Disney's PRIDE in<br>concert. |
| PSAs                | 01/1/23 -<br>03/31/23 | Various         | 00:00:30          | Various anti-bullying<br>PSAs.   |

**Issue**: **HEALTH** - Examining issues related to the healthcare such as mental health, cancer awareness, COVID-19, and long-term healthcare plans.

| Program             | Date of   | Time of     | Duration | Episode/Segment  |
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| 0 (() 110)11        | Broadcast | Program     | of Story | Description  |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/6/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:01:51 | The senior center is rallying to raise an extra \$50,000, support that would go a long way toward keeping it open.   |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/13/23   | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:33 | A local mom is taking matters into her own hands to get new equipment for her son's high school football team after he experienced two concussions.  |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/16/23   | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:36 | HearUSA Audiologist Suzanne Jackson says the best way to combat hearing loss is by using hearing aids.   |
| The Impact          | 4/23/23   | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | An inside look at the legislative compromise on staffing levels and background on the challenges facing nurses and hospitals in Washington. Guests: Katharine Weiss, Director of Government Affairs for the Washington State Nurses Association and Chelene Whiteaker, Senior Vice-President of Government Affairs for the Washington State Hospital Association |
| The Impact          | 6/4/23    | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | A review of new legislation intended to bolster the dental workforce and increase access to care. Guests: Bracken Killpack, Executive Director of the Washington   |

|      |                       |         |          | State Dental Association<br>and Marcy Bowers,<br>Executive Director of the<br>Statewide Poverty Action<br>Network.                             |
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| PSAs | 01/1/23 -<br>03/31/23 | Various | 00:00:30 | Various PSAs on healthcare research, mental health, Alzheimer's, obesity, cancer, addiction, muscular dystrophy, blood pressure, and COVID-19. |

**Issue**: **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS** - Examining issues related to local, state, and national government bodies and elections that are of importance to local viewers.

| Program    | Date of<br>Broadcast  | Time of<br>Program | Duration of Story | Episode/Segment Description  |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| PSAs       | 01/1/23 -<br>03/31/23 | Various            | 00:00:30          | Various PSAs on military service and gun safety.   |
| The Impact | 4/2/23                | 11:00-11:30        | 00:30:00          | Discussing the implications of the state supreme court ruling that upheld the 2021 state capital gains tax. Interview guests: Andy Nicholas, Washington State Budget and Policy Center and Mike Gallagher, Washington Policy Center. |
| The Impact | 4/9/23                | 11:00-11:30        | 00:30:00          | An update on the legislative push to institute a new pay-by-mile road usage charge to fund transportation infrastructure. Guest: Reema Griffith, Washington State Transportation Commission  |
| The Impact | 4/30/23               | 11:00-11:30        | 00:30:00          | A panel of state<br>government reporters<br>review the 2023<br>Washington State  |

|            |        |             |          | Legislative Session. Guests: Claire Withycombe of The Seattle Times and Shauna Sowersby of McClatchy Newspapers (The Olympian, Tacoma News Tribune, and Tri-City Herald).   |
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| The Impact | 5/7/23 | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | Is the power grid ready for<br>the demands of increased<br>electrification? A look at<br>legislation to amp up long-<br>term planning for the<br>electrical transmission<br>system. Guests: Sen. Joe<br>Nguyen, D-White Center<br>and Sen. Matt Boehnke,<br>R-Kennewick |

**Issue**: **CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY** - Examining issues related to local and state public safety, policing, and homelessness that are of importance to local viewers.

| Program             | Date of Broadcast | Time of Program | Duration of Story | Episode/Segment Description  |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 4/5/23            | 22:00-23:00     | 00:02:17          | WeHeartSeattle is a grassroots nonprofit organization aimed toward cleaning up Seattle.  |
| The Impact          | 4/16/23           | 11:00-11:30     | 00:30:00          | From residential zoning to police pursuit policies and behavioral health capacity - a look at legislative priorities for local governments around Washington. Guests: Candice Bock, Director of Government Relations at the Association of Washington Cities and Eric Johnson, Executive Director of the Washington State Association of Counties. |

| Seattle NOW         | 4/18/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:26 | King County Public Health                         |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|----------|---|
| News                |            |             |          | partnered with Peer                               |
|                     |            |             |          | Seattle and Peer Kent to install vending machines |
|                     |            |             |          | that dispense free fentanyl                       |
|                     |            |             |          | test strips and Narcan kits.                      |
| Seattle NOW         | 4/20/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:16 | Seattle has seen a 73%                            |
| News                | .,_0,_0    |             | 0010=110 | increase in auto thefts                           |
|                     |            |             |          | since 2019 and a 9%                               |
|                     |            |             |          | increase just since last                          |
|                     |            |             |          | year.   |
| Seattle NOW         | 4/21/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:19 | House Bill 1240 has                               |
| News                |            |             |          | passed through                                    |
|                     |            |             |          | Legislature in Washington                         |
|                     |            |             |          | State and is now on the                           |
|                     |            |             |          | desk of Governor Jay                              |
|                     |            |             |          | Inslee who is expected to                         |
| Seattle NOW         | 4/28/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:25 | sign it into law.  Proposed legislation would     |
| News                | 4/20/23    | 22.00-23.00 | 00.02.23 | make illicit drug use in                          |
| INCWS               |            |             |          | public places like bus                            |
|                     |            |             |          | stops and parks a                                 |
|                     |            |             |          | misdemeanor.                                      |
| Seattle NOW         | 5/11/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:54 | Family finds used needle                          |
| News                |            |             |          | in Little Free Library book.                      |
|                     |            |             |          | SPU is encouraging                                |
|                     |            |             |          | community members to                              |
|                     |            |             |          | report needles on the Find                        |
|                     |            |             |          | It, Fix It app.                                   |
| Seattle NOW         | 5/18/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:03:02 | Seattle Parks and                                 |
| News                |            |             |          | Recreation will enact                             |
|                     |            |             |          | shorter beach hours and                           |
|                     |            |             |          | ramp up police presence                           |
|                     | E/20/22    | 22.00 22.00 | 00.00.40 | to enhance public safety.                         |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 5/30/23    | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:43 | Feminist icon mural, family home vandalized       |
| ivews               |            |             |          | nome vandalized                                   |
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| The Impact          | 6/11/23    | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | Debating the impact of the                        |
| in a mpass          | 5, 1 1, 25 |             |          | "Blake fix" replacement                           |
|                     |            |             |          | drug possession statute                           |
|                     |            |             |          | and the tumultuous recent                         |
|                     |            |             |          | history of drug law in                            |
|                     |            |             |          | Washington. Guests:                               |
|                     |            |             |          | Alison Holcomb, Political                         |
|                     |            |             |          | Director for ACLU of                              |

|                     |         |             |          | Washington and Steve<br>Strachan, Exec. Director of<br>the Washington<br>Association of Sheriffs and<br>Police Chiefs.  |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|----------|---|
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/13/23 | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:31 | City Hall Park reopens<br>nearly two years after<br>public safety issues  |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/14/23 | 22:00-23:00 | 00:01:17 | Seattle city leaders reconvening after City Council rejected a drug ordinance that would make drug possession and open-air drug use a gross misdemeanor.  |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/17/23 | 22:00-23:00 | 00:02:09 | Community members took to the streets Saturday to mourn the loss of Eina Kwon, a pregnant mother who was shot and killed in Belltown last week.   |
| The Impact          | 6/18/23 | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | A look at new highway safety legislation, including a bill that will authorize speed limit cameras in work zones. Guest: Mike Gribner, Principal Engineer for the Washington State Department of Transportation.                                      |
| The Impact          | 6/25/23 | 11:00-11:30 | 00:30:00 | Inside the state's plan to refund court fees and fines to hundreds of thousands of people with invalidated drug convictions, through a portal which launches in July. Guest: Chris Stanley, Blake Refund Bureau, Administrative Office of the Courts. |
| Seattle NOW<br>News | 6/28/23 | 22:00-23:00 | 00:01:56 | Westlake Park downtown has been a harsh reminder of the city's biggest issues these last few years with   |

|  |  | crime. |
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