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Quarterly Issues / Program List

1st Quarter - Jan 1, 2023 to March 31, 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	For the first time in more than 30 years, Vermont is updating its regulations on pesticide use in the state. After working on the update for years, regulators at the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets have prepared a set of draft rules. But a coalition of environmental advocates say the proposed regulations don't go far enough to protect Vermont's environment in light of climate change. Vermont Public's Jenn Jarecki caught up with climate and environment reporter Abagael Giles to learn more. Broadcast during All Things Considered and Morning Edition.	1/4/23, 7min 51 sec, 5:45pm and 7:44am
Agriculture	Vermont's dairy industry is at a critical juncture, with many organic dairy farms saying they are struggling. Last year, 18 organic dairies in the state shuttered, according to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, and the organization is worried that without some type of relief, another 30 could stop operating by this summer. An hour of discussion, on Vermont Edition.	1/26/23, 46:02, at noon and 7pm
Arts / Culture	Curators at Vermont and New Hampshire art museums give us a peek into their current and upcoming exhibitions during this hour of Vermont Edition. We learn about some local talent and also world-renowned artists. And a rare collection of Keith Haring work that will open at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center in February.	1/19/23, 35:34, at noon and 7pm
Arts / Culture	Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier awards graduate degrees in writing, visual art and other creative pursuits. They announced last year that their residencies would move to a different campus out of state. Now, three of their buildings have sales pending, and a health and wellness center might be moving in. Vermont Edition explores what these changes mean for our capital city and what might be coming next to Montpelier.	3/22/23, 32:37, at noon and 7pm
Arts / Culture	In the summer of 2020, the Fleming Museum at the University of Vermont set an ambitious goal: to decolonize its collection and address the legacies of imperialism that stain museum culture. Since then, the almost hundred-year-old museum's staff has faced lots of turnover. New Executive Director Sonja Lunde spoke with Vermont Public's Marlon Hyde. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	2/19/23, 5:24, at 7:44am and 5:44pm
Arts / Culture	At the Upper Valley Food Coop in White River Junction, you'll often find Denver Ferguson drawing. He creates bizarre, colorful creatures on the back of scrap paper. Next month, much of his work will be for sale at the Outsider Art Fair in New York City. Hear reporting from Lexi Krupp on Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	2/7/23, 4:05, at 7:44am and 5:44pm

Business / Economics	Vermont Edition's Host Mikaela Lefrak talks with public transportation leaders about changes coming to Vermont's bus services and routes. we'll get an update on mass transit across the state. We talk with a Green Mountain Transit official about the likely plan to reinstate fares in Chittenden County starting this summer, as pandemic era funding winds down. We hear about plans to pilot on-demand microtransit programs to Windsor, Morrisville and other communities. And we get an update on the state's efforts to transition to electric buses.	1/17/23, 46:48, at noon and 7pm
Business / Economics	Property values in Vermont are soaring, and that means homes in two-thirds of Vermont towns and cities will need mandatory reappraisals this year, according to a new assessment from state tax officials. This hour of Vermont Edition we hear from the Tax Department about what these reappraisals mean for homeowners and potential buyers.	1/24/23, 33:00, at noon and 7pm
Business / Economics	Vermont's child labor laws were written with family farms in mind, before the state had hundreds of migrant workers, including some below the age of 18. Vermont's labor commissioner will explain what types of jobs are and are not legal for Vermont minors. A recent New York Times article about illegal child labor raised questions about working conditions at Vermont dairies. On Vermont Edition, we look at how the state and local activists are responding.	3/23/23 46:57, at noon and 7pm
Education and Schools	Administration officials at Vermont State University are standing by their plan to make libraries at their five campuses all digital and to downgrade some of their athletic teams into different conferences. Since the initial announcement last week, students, staff and faculty have been organizing protests and sit-ins at some of the university's five campuses. Administration officials have also been attending campus forums, with more ahead. All the changes come against the backdrop of a massive consolidation process. Three schools — Castleton University, Vermont Technical College, and Northern Vermont University — will officially come together as Vermont State University by July 1 of this year. Parwinder Grewal, Vermont State University's new president, and Maurice Ouiment, the vice president of admissions, joined Vermont Edition to discuss and defend the changes. They were joined by Elizabeth Bergman, a librarian at NVU Lyndon, and Lily Mulin, an NVU Johnson senior and the captain of the women's soccer team.	2/13/23, 47:17, at noon and 7pm
Education and Schools	Should Vermont's private schools get public education dollars? In this hour of Vermont Edition, Host Mikaela Lefrak discusses how Vermont's legislature is considering changes to the ways private and religious schools receive public funding.	3/1/23, 45:15, at noon and 7pm
Education and Schools	Despite the efforts of Vermont scholastic officials to prevent it, allegations of racist behavior connected to high school sports continue to emerge. Vermont Public's Mitch Wertlieb spoke with the head of the Vermont Principal's Association Jay Nichols about what steps have been taken, and what more needs to be done. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	1/25/23, 6:48, at 7:50am and 4:50pm
Health Care / Public Health	Supplemental SNAP payments have helped thousands of Vermonters close the hunger gap over the last several years, but those additional benefits will expire in March. This hour of Vermont Edition, we talk to food security advocates about what's changing, and how Vermonters can help people get the assistance they need.	1/18/23, 34:35, at noon and 7pm
Health Care / Public Health	Vermont Edition's Mikaela Lefrak speaks with a Vermont doctor who specializes in menopause about its symptoms and treatment options.	2/15/23, 48:00, at noon and 7pm
Health Care / Public Health	An innovative cancer treatment that uses a patient's own immune system to attack the disease is now available for patients in Vermont and northern New York for the first time. Vermont Public's Mary Engisch brings us the story on Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	2/27/23, 6:38, 5:44pm and 7:44am
Health Care / Public Health	The number of Vermonters 65 and older who have Alzheimer's disease is expected to increase more than 30% by 2025. It's a fatal condition that slowly destroys memory and thinking, and one Colchester couple explains how it's reshaped their life. Broadcast during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.	2/27/23m 7:02, at 7:50am and 4:50pm
Politics and Government	Vermont Edition looks back at Sen. Patrick Leahy's 48 years in Washington as a representative of the Green Mountain State.	1/3/23, 48:04, at noon and 7pm

Politics and Government	Vermont Edition broadcasts live from the statehouse in Montpelier on the first day of the new legislative session, joined by leaders in Vermont's House and Senate to learn about their priorities for the next few months—from building affordable housing to funding childcare to building tripartisan coalitions.	1/4/23, 48:04, at noon and 7pm
Politics and Government	Town Meeting Day in depth: Vermonters vote on issues from school budgets to snow plow names. Hosts Mikaela Lefrak and Connor Cyrus talk with town clerks and meeting moderators about the big questions Vermont voters will decide during their local town meetings this year.	3/7/23, 45:58, at noon and 7pm