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Community Issues List
4th Quarter 2022

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II. Responsive Programing

Energy/Environment

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
10/6/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:05
Public utility commission declines to strengthen energy efficiency standards but will hold meeting to explore ways to increase energy efficiency			
10/14/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:12
Lady Bird Lake in downtown Austin is looking muckier than usual, with more debris and vegetation having been washed into the lake after building up in nearby creek beds			
10/21/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has released assessment of how well prepared the nation's grids are to handle extreme winter weather; the outlook is not great for Texas			
11/11/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:11
The EPA has released a new proposal to reduce methane emissions but it doesn't put an end to the practice of flaring			
11/22/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:01
A group of UT researchers and Austin nonprofits has been awarded a grant that will be used to help underserved communities prepare for the impacts of climate change			

Health/Healthcare

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
10/5/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:55

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Health officials recommend limiting sexual and skin to skin contact ahead of the opening weekend of ACL to limit the spread of monkey pox			
10/17/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:11
October is breast cancer awareness month. 1 in 8 women will get breast cancer and doctors recommend screenings to catch cancer early. Early detection allows more and better treatment options			
11/28/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:48
Austin Public Health is seeing an earlier than usual spike in flu cases this year			
12/14/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:57
In addition to covid, flu, and other viruses, Austin Public Health is warning about the presence of West Nile			
12/21/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:33
Travis County will stop operating its drive through and mobile covid 19 vaccine clinics after December 31 st .			

Voting/Elections

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
10/10/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:32
Tomorrow is the deadline to register to vote in the November election but it is too late to mail in an application since today is a postal holiday and applications may not be postmarked by the October 11 th deadline.			
10/19/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:19
Candidates for Austin City Council District 5 answered questions at a forum, including questions about the plan to expand I-35 through downtown Austin.			
11/01/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:59
Friday is the last day of early voting in the November 8th election. Five mega-center polling locations in Travis County will be open late until 9pm Friday night to ensure people can vote.			
11/8/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:54
It's election day and thousands of people in Austin are turning out to vote. Some polling locations are experiencing wait times of an hour or more; KUT has helpful things to remember when going to vote			
12/6/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:07
Early voting turnout in the upcoming run-off election has been very low in Travis, Williamson, and Hays counties, at around 3% or registered voters			
12/13/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:14
It is election day in Austin. Voters will choose a new mayor and council members in three districts in this run-off election.			

Education

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
10/20/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:59
AISD continues to do outreach on the district's bond ahead of this fall's election that would help build new schools, provide funding for technology like student and teacher devices, and improve facilities.			
10/26/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:52

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Raise Your Hand Texas released a report Tuesday for lawmakers to consider reducing the number of STAAR tests students are required to take and encourage assessing students holistically

11/9/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:06
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AISD's \$2.4 million bond package has passed allowing for construction of new schools and modernization of existing campuses

11/17/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:14
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Although the Austin population continues to grow, enrollment in Austin public schools is declining and as enrollment declines, the percentage of money AISD has to pay into the state's recapture program increases

12/1/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:01
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Four new trustees on Austin ISD board is being sworn in tonight; a top priority for the new board is appointing another interim superintendent by December 15th.

12/16/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:09
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Austin ISD is getting a new interim superintendent. Mathias Seguro is an AISD graduate and son of a former Austin ISD teacher.

Housing and Development

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
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10/4/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:51
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The average price of rent in Austin is now around \$1700 per month and still rising but not as fast as over past year, due in part to more rental units being built.

11/7/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:50
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The average price of rent in Austin has dipped a bit since the summer but is still up since this time last year.

12/19/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:19
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The median home price in Austin has fallen by about 2% compared to the same time last year and the number of homes sold in Austin in the last month was half of what sold the year before

Labor/Business/Economy

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10/27/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:07
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Higher interest rates are making people think twice about buying a new car. Nathan Bernier reports on what that looks like in the Austin area

11/25/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:03
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Tomorrow is Small Business Saturday which encourages shoppers to buy locally at small businesses which keeps \$45 out of every \$100 spent in the local economy

Criminal Justice/Emergency Services/Public Safety

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10/3/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:28
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Funeral being held for police officer killed in crash.			
10/11/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:02
Williamson County has approved a veterans' treatment court to help rehabilitate veterans accused or convicted of select misdemeanor and felony offences related to their service.			
10/13/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:50
Williamson County Sheriff's office is investigating human skeletal remains found in a field near toll road 45 and Mopac.			
10/31/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:55
UT published its annual report regarding incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking on campus during the last academic year. The Title IX office received a total of 1,193 reports, a 16% decrease compared to the previous year.			
11/4/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:05
Travis County Commissioners are working to reduce gun violence rates. One of the three program implemented works with a federal system to collect data on guns.			
12/2/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:48
A body found yesterday in Williamson County could be that of an Austin man missing since November 1 st and last seen near his apartment in The Domain.			
12/7/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:54
The Texas system of regulating law enforcement training and certification is toothless according to the Sunset Commission			

Transportation and Infrastructure

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
10/7/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:54
ACL begins today and bring with it a host of traffic problems. Andrew Webber has a rundown of ways to avoid the gridlock as well as options for attending the festival including using public transit.			
10/24/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:38
ABIA is expecting record breaking volume of passengers after the Formula 1 Grand Prix			
11/16/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:04
A double stacked I-35 highway is coming to south Austin. Construction begins next year and is scheduled to be completed in 2028			
11/29/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:54
Ridership on Austin public transit continues to increase although it still falls short of peak pre-pandemic levels and Capital Metro still struggles with staff shortages and supply chain issues			
12/8/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:30
The Trail of Lights opens tonight so access to and around Zilker Park will be limited. Some roads around the park will be closed			
12/28/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:10
Austin Bergstrom International Airport, like airports across the country, has experienced significant delayed and cancelled flights. Crowds have mostly dissipated but bags have been piling up around carousels.			

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Diversity, Race, and Gender Issues

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11/3/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:30
There is a half million dollar disparity in property values between white neighborhoods and neighborhoods of color			

Abortion Rights

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
11/30/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:27
Newly elected Texas House member James Talarico is filing a measure to put abortion access on the ballot			

Community Interest and Local Issues

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
10/12/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:25
Monarch butterfly migration is hitting its peak			
11/21/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:42
The UT Longhorns play their final game of the season Friday			
12/12/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:57
UT Longhorns Men's Basketball coach Beard was arrested early this morning on domestic violence charges			
12/15/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:26
Texas Monthly has given its annual Bum Steer Award to the City of Austin, calling it out for its unaffordable housing, unbearable traffic, insufferable tech bros, and expensive barbecue.			
12/27/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:52
Austin Resource Recovery has options for recycling live Christmas trees, either with curbside pick-up on customers' regular pick up day or drop-off at Zilker Park the next three weekends. Trees will be turned into mulch which will be free for the taking.			

Local Government, Management, and Utilities

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
10/18/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:23
The city of Austin is planning an underground water storage facility to save water for use during future droughts			
11/14/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	1:04
The Austin City Council is holding hearings on increasing energy rates due to the utility operating at a loss although opponents say it would unfairly affect lower income residents			
11/14/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:27

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Many City of Austin offices, including the city's libraries, museums, and cultural centers, will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and some city services such as trash and compost collection will slide forward one day later than usual.

12/5/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:20
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The Travis Central Appraisal District says a ransomware attack is affecting its ability to serve property owners; phone lines and online chat functions are down but website and property search service are functioning

12/9/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:09
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The City Council has approved a pay raise for city manager Spencer Kronk, but some council members took issue with the increase.

Poverty and Homelessness

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11/2/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:15
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Find Homes ATX is committing to housing 3,000 low income Austinites in the next three years.

11/15/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:02
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Food insecurity is a serious issue for many Travis County so the commissioners court is working to develop food access programs

12/22/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:44
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Austin will have shelters for people experiencing homelessness through the weekend although the city's rollout has been a bumpy one

Weather and Emergencies

Date	Program Name	Air Time	Duration
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10/25/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	1:07
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NWS confirms a tornado touched down in Jarrell last night which has a long history of tornado outbreaks prompting some to ask, is there something about Jarrell that makes it more susceptible to severe weather than other cities in central Texas.

10/28/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:23
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NWS has issued a severe thunderstorm warning for west central Williamson County, north western Travis County, and Burnet County until 7:15 this morning. Liberty Hill busses and classes are on a two hour delay.

1/10/2022	Morning Edition	5am-9am	:24
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A cold front is on its way bringing an end to the unseasonably warm and humid weather. 90% chance of thunderstorms and temperatures dropping into the 50s by Friday night.

12/20/2022	All Things Considered	3pm-6:30pm	:27
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The National Weather Service has announced a hard freeze watch for Austin from noon Thursday through noon Saturday with temperatures in the teens Thursday and Friday night and staying at or below freezing all day on Friday
