

# WQDR-FM 94.7 & HD1 Raleigh, NC

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WQDR

3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2022  
(July 1, 2022 –  
September 30, 2022)

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Radio station WQDR-FM has compiled a list of issues of concern for listeners and residents in the Raleigh-Durham Metropolitan (MSA). WQDR-FM conducts regular ascertainment of community leaders, businesspersons, and residents of our coverage area to determine the issues of importance to our listeners.

The current issues as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 include:

AO-Animal Overpopulation

EC-Economy

GR-Growth/Transportation/Roads

GA-Government Affairs

EG-Ethics in Government

ED-Education

EH-Environment and Health

POL-Political Affairs

MC-Minority Concerns

FY-Family and Youth

UE-Unemployment/Joblessness

NS-National Security

S-Safety

MORNING SHOW INTERVIEWS:

8/22/22: Interviewed Patty Elliot of Youngsville about the "Goldstar Family Dinner" for veterans. August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Hotel in Durham.

9/16/22: Gorman Ruritan Club Durham. BBQ plate sale Mention on air. Info sent in by Crystal Bryant a volunteer for the event on 9/17

9/16/22: Ducking For A Cause, Fuquay Varina Family Fun Day to raise money for ST. Jude. On air mention of the event and social flyer share. Event on 9/17

9/29/22: Talked with fire captain Don Jonson live on the air to help promote their annual Garner Fireman's Day (10/1), to help raise money for The UNC Burn Center and Camp Celebrate. [www.garnerfire.com](http://www.garnerfire.com)

9/19-9/30: Over the edge for The Special Olympics Of NC. Mike and Amanda helped raise over \$6,000 for the QDR team. Daily on-air mentions and socials. Event moved to 12/03/22.

WQDR-FM utilizes this list as a basis for our programming response to selected issues each quarter. Typically WQDR-FM addresses the issues in its Sunday program called "Carolina Newsmakers" airing at 7a Sunday mornings, and thru a series of live and pre-recorded announcements.

FCC Issues and Programs Report  
Carolina Newsmakers Public Affairs Program  
Third Quarter, 2022

7-3

INTERVIEW WITH DALE FOLWELL - TREASURER OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
HOSPITALS, INSURANCE, HEALTH CARE, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, INFLATION, BOND RATING,  
FRAUD, PENSION PLAN, DISABILITY OVERPAYMENTS, HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, BROADBAND,  
MUNICIPALITIES, AND UNCLAIMED CASH.

Issues discussed: GA, EH, MC, FY, GR, EC

7-10

INTERVIEW WITH CODY HAND - SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND  
DEPUTY GENERAL COUNCIL WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION  
POLITICS, HEALTHCARE, HOSPITALS, MEDICAID, LEGISLATION, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, COVID-  
19, TELEHEALTH, RURAL AREAS, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE WORKER  
PIPELINE, AND FINANCE.

Issues discussed: GA, POL, EH, FY, MC, UE, ED, S

7-17

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN - WILLIAM NEAL REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS EMERITUS AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY  
INFLATION, RECESSION, FEDERAL RESERVE, GAS PRICES, UKRAINE, EMPLOYMENT, BROADBAND, HOUSING, SUPPLY CHAIN, HEALTH CARE, COVID-19, STUDENT DEBT, AND SOCIAL SECURITY.

Issues discussed: AO, EC, GA, POL, S, EH, ED, NS, EG, FY

7-24

INTERVIEW WITH DEBORAH ROSS - UNITED STATES CONGRESSWOMAN FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S SECOND DISTRICT  
GUN SAFETY, ABORTION, COVID-19, INFLATION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ENERGY, INTEREST RATES, AND JANUARY 6TH HEARINGS.

Issues discussed: GA, POL, EH, EC, S, NS, GR

INTERVIEW WITH JOSH DOBSON - NORTH CAROLINA LABOR COMMISSIONER  
REGULATIONS, SAFETY, INSPECTIONS, WAGES, LABOR SHORTAGE, DRUG TESTING, COVID-19, AND PARTISANSHIP.

Issues discussed: GA, POL, EH, EC, S, NS, GR

7-31

INTERVIEW WITH CATHERINE TRUITT - SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
EDUCATION, POLITICS, COVID-19, LEANDRO CASE, FUNDING, PRE-K, GRADUATION RATE, UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, DISCIPLINE, PRINCIPALS, WORKFORCE GOALS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, TEACHER PAY, AND PRINCIPAL PAY.

Issues discussed: ED, EH, GA, POL, EC, EG

8-7

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD - PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE FOUNDATION  
ECONOMY, RECESSION, INFLATION, COVID-19, ABORTION, POLITICS, ELECTIONS, ELECTORAL COLLEGE, UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, 2022 ELECTIONS, 2024 ELECTIONS, AND MEDIA.

Issues discussed: EH, GA, POL, S, NS

8-14

INTERVIEW WITH WENDY HARRIS - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS  
HOUSING SUPPLY, APARTMENTS, HOUSING AVAILABILITY, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, RURAL HOUSING, ZONING LAWS, MORTGAGE RATES, INFLATION, COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, SECOND HOME MARKET, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUPPLY CHAIN, AND LEGISLATION.  
Issues discussed: FY, MC, EC, GA, POL, ED, GR

8-28

INTERVIEW WITH JOSH STEIN - ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STUDENT LOANS, STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS, ROBOCALLS, SCAMS, OPIOIDS, E-CIGARETTES, DEBT COLLECTION, IDENTITY THEFT, MOVING SCAMS, USED CARS, CAMP LEJEUNE CASES, MEDICAID, AND MEDICAID EXPANSION.  
Issues discussed: ED, EH, GA, POL, FY, MC, S

9-4

INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING  
ELECTIONS, POLLING, ABORTION, INSURRECTION, U.S. SENATE RACES, STUDENT DEBT RELIEF, U.S. HOUSE RACES, UKRAINE WAR, UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, AND ELECTION INTEGRITY.  
Issues discussed: NS, S, GA, POL, EH, ED, EC

9-11

INTERVIEW WITH MIKE WALDEN - WILLIAM NEAL REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS EMERITUS AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY  
RECESSION, UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, INTEREST RATES, GAS PRICES, HOUSING MARKET, WORKING FROM HOME, BUSINESS RECRUITING IN NORTH CAROLINA, LABOR MARKET, STUDENT DEBT FORGIVENESS, CLIMATE BILL, SUPPLY CHAIN, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.  
Issues discussed: GA, POL, EC, EH, ED, S, NS, EG

9-18

INTERVIEW WITH PATRICK WOODIE - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
ECONOMY, RURAL COUNTIES, CLEAN ENERGY, RECRUITING BUSINESS, RURAL SUMMIT, SMALL BUSINESS TASK FORCE, STRUGGLING COUNTIES, BROADBAND, HEALTH CARE, MEDICAID EXPANSION, COVID, RECESSION, AND INFLATION.  
Issues discussed: EH, POL, GA, S, EG, FY, MC

9-25

INTERVIEW WITH MIKE CAUSEY - NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, RENTERS INSURANCE, CHILD SAFETY SEATS, SCAMS AND FRAUD,  
NATURAL DISASTERS, DISTRACTED DRIVING, FIRE MARSHALL DUTIES, BUILDING INSPECTIONS,  
HEALTH INSURANCE, OPIOIDS, AND MEDICARE.

Issues discussed: FY, S, EH, UE, NS, EC

**LIVE EVENTS:**

**Pinecone Bluegrass Show:**

Sunday nights, 6p-9p, to promote American Roots Music and dance

Issue: ED, FY

**Homegrown Carolina Country:**

Airs Sunday nights from 9p-9:30p and focuses on introducing music from local artists.

Issue: ED, FY

**Gold Star Teacher of the Month:**

Once a month, we highlight a local Teacher that went above and beyond to help their students learn and grow every day. We surprise the teacher with a giant Trophy and a \$100 Crabtree Valley Mall Gift Card. The teacher is then celebrated on air, at 947qdr.com, and on the TV Screens inside Crabtree Valley Mall all month.

Issue: ED, FY

**Hometown Hero:**

Every Wednesday, the Q Morning Crew (530A-10A) salutes one of our local Community Heroes that keep us safe every day.

Ran 30 :60 announcements

Issue: S

**Fursday:**

We feature a new pet every week that is available for adoption through various agencies including the SPCA of Wake County, Animal Protection Society of Durham, and Second Chance Pet Adoption. We do a short video with the agency and post it online and also talk about the feature on the air. Posted online every Thursday.

Issue: AO, S

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR EVENTS:**

We post local charity events on our webpage with our community calendar-

<http://www.947qdr.com/community/>