

Issues/Programs list October 1 – December 31, 2020

The most significant community issues during this period covered by Nevada Public Radio are listed here. The producers and Program Director direct the content and selection of the program **KNPR's State of Nevada** airing weekdays 9 – 10 a. m. and 7 – 8 p. m.

- Coronavirus
- Coronavirus and Education
- Coronavirus and businesses
- Racial justice protests
- 2020 Election

KNPR also broadcasts regularly scheduled programs from NPR, including *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and more, which respond to issues of importance to the community. [December 31, 2020](#)

Dec 29, 2020

2020 Wasn't a Total Hellscape | My Secret Rock | Media Sommelier

[Women's Suffrage](#)

Dec 26, 2020

This year, Nevada and the rest of the country have been commemorating a turning point in our history. A century ago, in 1920, the 19th Amendment became part of the U.S. Constitution.

[December 23, 2020](#)

Dec 18, 2020

Bad Vegas Ideas | Nevada's Historic "Presidentess" | "Handsome Johnny" and the Mob | The Memes of 1911 | When Formula One Came to Vegas

[Musk's Boring Co. Lines Up Support For Its Teslas-In-Tunnels Transit](#)

Dec 17, 2020

[End-Of-The-Year Shake-Up Near The Top Of Metro Police](#)

Dec 17, 2020

One of the most well-known officers in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is retiring.

[Part 2](#)

Dec 17, 2020

2020 was a historic year. Many people can't wait to put it behind us. But many consider it, regardless of what it was, a year of awakening.

[Lloyd George](#)

Dec 16, 2020

A federal building in Las Vegas is named after a federal judge who died recently. A look back at the career of Lloyd George.

[Part I](#)

Dec 16, 2020

2020 was a lot. It felt like 10 years instead of just one.

[John L. Smith On Nevada's Roll Out Of The Coronavirus Vaccine](#)

Dec 16, 2020

The week began with a sense of hope with the arrival of the first COVID vaccine in the nation.

[New Moratorium Takes Effect As Evictions Surge](#)

Dec 15, 2020

Governor Steve Sisolak just signed a new eviction moratorium thi

[The Vegas Movie Experience Was Anything But Normal In 2020](#)

Dec 15, 2020

Going to the movies this year was a whole different experience in 2020 — especially the going part.

[December 17, 2020](#)

Dec 15, 2020

Treasures at the Thrift Store | Moapa Activists vs. Big Solar | Media Sommelier

[Overton, Logandale Residents Rally Against Massive Solar Project](#)

Dec 15, 2020

When the Gemini Solar Project was approved earlier this y

[Nevadans With Special Needs Fall Behind Due To The Pandemic](#)

Dec 15, 2020

The state estimates that close to 269,000 Nevadans over the age of five have a form of disability.

[Supreme Court Filing Puts Focus On 'New Nevada,' Its Statehood Effort](#)

Dec 14, 2020

When Texas went to the U.S.

[What Will New Federal Conservation Fund Rules Mean for Nevada?](#)

Dec 12, 2020

When President Donald Trump signed

[Trade Show Groups Organize To Fight For Battered Industry's Survival](#)

Dec 12, 2020

With a COVID-19 vaccine on its way to U.S. patients, can business start to slowly get back to normal?

[Visual Artists Show Resilience During The Pandemic](#)

Dec 10, 2020

Many areas of life have been compromised by the pandemic, and the visual arts are certainly one of them.

[Expert: Challenges Unique To Nevada Factors In Veteran Suicide Rates](#)

Dec 10, 2020

[Nevada Colleges, Universities Expect Higher Rates Of Food Insecurity](#)

Dec 10, 2020

[New Civic Engagement Group Emerges From League Of Women Voters Conflict](#)

Dec 09, 2020

For years, the League of Women Voters' state and local chapters have been promoting civic engagement and advocating for

[Nevada QAnon Followers Spread Online Conspiracies In Real Life](#)

Dec 08, 2020

QAnon began as an online conspiracy theory. But now, it's a fully-fledged movement animating hardcore supporters of President Donald Trump as he falsely denies that he lost the election.

[December 10, 2020](#)

Dec 08, 2020

The Doctor With a Thousand Kids | Lost (and Found) at Double Negative | Media Sommelier

[For The West's Drinking Water, Wildfire Concerns Linger Long After Smoke Clears](#)

Dec 08, 2020

For many communities in the West, the water that flows out of kitchen faucets and bathroom showerheads starts high up in

[Immunologist On COVID-19 Vaccine Technology](#)

Dec 07, 2020

A vaccine for COVID-19 is on everyone's minds right now. It's seen as a possible light at the end of what has been a dark tunnel of a year.

[John L Smith: Another Week, Another Failed Election Lawsuit](#)

Dec 07, 2020

The Nevada Republican Party lost another lawsuit Friday when a judge in Carson City dismissed litigation aimed at overturning the Nov. 3 election.

[The Amargosa Opera House Struggles To Survive During Covid-19](#)

Dec 07, 2020

The Amargosa Opera House is not your typical performance venue.

[A North Las Vegas Homeless Camp Was Bulldozed. Now What?](#)

Dec 06, 2020

Monday November 30, officials bulldozed an encampment that houseless people had been living in along a wash near Lake Mead Boulevard and Losee Road.

[Nevada Outlines Strategy To Combat Climate Change](#)

Dec 04, 2020

Earlier this week, Nevada

[UNLV Professor Tests Sewage For New COVID Strains](#)

Dec 04, 2020

Scientists and public health officials are constantly on

[December Hints At A Tough Winter For The Strip](#)

Dec 02, 2020

December is usually a quiet month in Las Vegas.

[December 3, 2020](#)

Dec 02, 2020

The Return of Vegas Vickie | A Desert Mystery | Media Sommelier | We Love NCIS For Some Reason

[Parler Courts Conservatives With Promises Of Unrestricted Free Speech](#)

Dec 01, 2020

Parler is a Twitter-like social media platform that advertises itself as a space free of most content moderation. The company says it doesn't censor posts based on ideology or accuracy.

[John L. Smith On The Life And Death Of Tony Hsieh](#)

Dec 01, 2020

The death of Tony Hsieh, the visionary developer of Zap

[Civil Rights Groups Look To Modernize Nevada's HIV Laws](#)

Dec 01, 2020

Today is World AIDS Day. An international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic and remembering those who have died from the disease.

[Hsieh's Death Leaves Las Vegas Supporters Reeling](#)

Nov 30, 2020

It's not often the death of one person evokes the kind of sadness and sense of loss as that of Tony Hsieh.

[Floods Follow Flames In West](#)

Nov 25, 2020

Major wildfires have burned through the Western U.S. in 2020, breaking records for their scale and damage.

[Las Vegas Woos Remote Workers](#)

Nov 25, 2020

The city of Las Vegas is scouring West Coast tech hubs to pinpoint remote workers amenable to moving to Southern Nevada.

[Light At The End Of The Storm Drain](#)

Nov 25, 2020

Advocates often say Las Vegas' homelessness problem doesn't get enough attention.

[Councilwoman Offers Arch Support As Las Vegas Improves Boulevard](#)

Nov 24, 2020

The city of Las Vegas just put out a \$6.5 million welcome mat.

[Best of the Best: the 2020 Third Coast Broadcast](#)

Nov 24, 2020

Third Coast's yearly ode to audio storytelling is back!

[Julie's Library: A Family Feast](#)

Nov 24, 2020

Legendary actress and author Julie Andrews invites you to join her for story time in her library.

[The Splendid Table's Turkey Confidential](#)

Nov 24, 2020

Turkey Confidential is The Splendid Table's annual Thanksgiving show.

[In Yellowstone, America's "First Water Park," Decades-Old Blaze Marked Start Of Megafire Era](#)

Nov 24, 2020

National Park Service hydrologist Erin White likes to call Yellowstone "America's first water park."

[John L. Smith On Sports Betting Legend Lem Banker](#)

Nov 24, 2020

Las Vegas lost one of its most well-known, and most co

[UNLV Lee Business School Prize Awards \\$250,000 To Virus-Capturing HVAC System](#)

Nov 24, 2020

Two UNLV students and a UC Berkley graduate have created a new way to purify indoor air, which is increasingly important during the coronavirus pandemic.

[November 25, 2020](#)

Nov 23, 2020

FAMILYPALOOZA THANKSGIVING SPECIAL! | A Very Full House | Movies with Dad | After the Curtain | The Death of Reiko Kawasaki | She Swallowed a Coin | 'I'm a Real Boy'

[KNPR Uncovers What's Really Happening At Area 51](#)

Nov 23, 2020

What are they really doing at Area 51? And if it doesn't involve any alien technology, why not just ask a reporter to come and check it out? Well, they have.

[Trump Campaign Takes Aim At Nevada Native Vote Project](#)

Nov 20, 2020

The Trump campaign is suing to overturn Nevad

[Pandemic Threatens Nevada's Educational Workforce](#)

Nov 20, 2020

A recent Pew analysis of national employment data found Nevada c

[Local Ecologist: Widespread Plant Destruction Is a Sign Something's Amiss](#)

Nov 20, 2020

Locally renowned wildlife biologist Jim Boone disagrees with the theory that thousands of rare Tiehm's buckwheat plants on a site proposed for lithium mining were destroyed by humans.

[Nevada Hospitals Fear COVID-19 Strain Will Decrease Care](#)

Nov 20, 2020

Nevada's hitting a record number of coronavirus cases almost daily now. On Thursday, state health officials reported a record-high 2,416 new cases and six additional deaths.

[2020 Delivers Setbacks For Some Long-Planned Western Water Projects](#)

Nov 19, 2020

2020 has been a tough year for some of the Colorado River basin's long-planned, most controversial water projects.

[November 19, 2020](#)

Nov 19, 2020

Casino Turns 25 | The Experience Economy 2.0 | Delicious Drive-Throughs | The Lessons of Viva Laughlin

[Nellis Crews Aid In Hiker Rescue](#)

Nov 19, 2020

Our national parks are logging record numbers, and that includes hikers who are looking for

[Nevada National Guard's Mission Against COVID-19](#)

Nov 19, 2020

Throughout the past eight months, the Nevada National Guard has been activated to help with the state's response to COVID-19 by building and coordinating testing sites.

[What Can Actually Go Into The Recycling Bin?](#)

Nov 18, 2020

Recycling has gone way up during the coronavirus pandemic,

[Las Vegas HEALS' New CEO Confronts Local Healthcare Industry Challenges](#)

Nov 17, 2020

In August, Diego Trujillo became CEO of Las Vegas HEALS, which stands for Healthcare, Education, Advocacy, and Leadership. It's a trade group for the local healthcare businesses.

[John L. Smith On The Rise Of White Supremacist Groups In Las Vegas](#)

Nov 17, 2020

A Las Vegas man who talked about joining a white supremacist group to burn down a synagogue was sentenced to two years in prison last week in federal court.

[Holiday Volunteering: How To Give Back During A Pandemic](#)

Nov 16, 2020

In a typical November, the holiday spirit sets in. People start to think about being with family and community, and about

[QAnon Supporters, Paramilitary Groups Promise 'Fight' Over Election At Pro-Trump Rally Near Nevada's Capitol](#)

Nov 16, 2020

Supporters of President Donald Trump, conspiracy theorists and members of far-right paramilitary movements convened in Carson City for a rally on Saturday.

[Struggling Las Vegas Performers 'RISE' For Socially Distant Shows](#)

Nov 16, 2020

A major new show is coming to Las Vegas. "RISE" is set to open next year. A big, brand-new production seems unthinkable when so many existing ones have yet to reopen.

[Why Bring Back Kids Now When Half The School Year Is Over?](#)

Nov 13, 2020

As predicted by doctors and scientists months ago, cases of COVID-19 are rising dramatically in Nevada and across the country.

[Nevada's Immigrant Communities Respond To The Election](#)

Nov 12, 2020

Joe Biden won the presidential election – in Nevada, his lead over President Donald Trump continues to grow as more ballots get counted.

[November 12, 2020](#)

Nov 12, 2020

Meme's the Word | Cooking on Water (Street) | Media Sommelier | Searchlight

[Imagining A Post-COVID Strip](#)

Nov 12, 2020

Tourism, the bread and butter of Nevada, is not exactly booming lately.

[Las Vegas Philharmonic Encore Performances to Air](#)

Nov 11, 2020

Listen to Encore Performances of the Las Vegas Philharmonic performances we aired Summer of 2020.

[The Story: Veterans Day Special](#)

Nov 10, 2020

This immersive Veterans Day one hour special is narrated by Alec Baldwin and uncovers the backstories of six veterans who have built companies, p

[Why Clark County Declared Systemic Racism A Public Health Crisis](#)

Nov 10, 2020

Last week, the Clark County Commission declared systemic racism a public health crisis, which has been amplified by the coronavirus pandemic.

[The Day\(s\) After: Election 2020](#)

Nov 09, 2020

The president - a

[Felicia Campbell](#)

Nov 07, 2020

UNLV recently lost a senior faculty member to complications from Covid 19. A look back at the long career of Professor Felicia Campbell.

[Shows Return To The Strip](#)

Nov 06, 2020

No aspect of the Strip has been hit harder by the coronavirus pandemic than live shows.

[Is Las Vegas' Golden Age Of Dining Over?](#)

Nov 05, 2020

Local businesses have been majorly impacted by the pandemic, and among the hardest hit are restaurants.

[Taking Stock Of Nevada's Vote](#)

Nov 04, 2020

The eyes of the nation are on Nevada as election workers count votes that could ultimately decide the presidential race.

[November 5, 2020](#)

Nov 04, 2020

Labyrinth and Repeat | Solar Nemesis | From Our Kitchen to Yours | Damn You, Bookstore-Killing Internet!

[Nevada Among Battleground States That Are Too Close To Call](#)

Nov 04, 2020

Nevada is among a few states that have not finished counting ballots and remain too close to call.

[Presidential Election Too Close To Call In Nevada](#)

Nov 03, 2020

Updated 8:46 a.m.

[Nevada Live Election Results 2020](#)

Nov 03, 2020

View live results for Nevada 's 2020 presidential, House races and ballot questions.

[Biden Takes Lead In Pennsylvania, Georgia, With Votes Still Being Counted](#)

Nov 03, 2020

The vote counting continues in four key states as Joe Biden remains six electoral votes short of victory.

[Thousands Of Nevada Voters Expected At The Polls On Election Day](#)

Nov 02, 2020

During early voting, more than a mill

[Metro Police Is Ready For Any Unrest Following The Election](#)

Nov 02, 2020

Election Day is tomorrow, but there are concerns that this year's presidential election will be met with unrest.

[Checking In With Minority Voting Bloc Organizers On Election Day](#)

Nov 01, 2020

After a campaign year marked by a global pandemic, economic downturn, and social unrest, Election Day is finally here.

[Meet The Founder Of A Holdout Conservation Group Opposing Big Solar](#)

Nov 01, 2020

The final plan is out for Yellow Pine Solar, a 500-megawatt solar power plant that would span 3,000 acres near

[Theater on the Air: Live from Area 51](#)

Oct 29, 2020

On November 25, 2020, KNPR and the Las Vegas Philharmonic will broadcast a "live" THEATER ON THE AIR production of LIVE FROM AREA 51!

[Selected Shorts: Hauntings For Halloween](#)

Oct 29, 2020

Guest host Kate Burton presents some unusual chillers for Halloween.

[New Report Warns Of Increased Extremism Around Election](#)

Oct 27, 2020

Nevada has a long history of right-wing extremism, from the Sagebrush Rebellion to the Patriot movement and the Boogaloo Bois.

[A Contest Of Two Mikes In District A](#)

Oct 27, 2020

The race for County Commissioner in District A in Clark County is

[October 29, 2020](#)

Oct 27, 2020

Remembering Reid and Angle | Driveway Lifeline | Media Sommelier | Your Brain on Zoom

[Longtime Political Figures Face Off In Clark County Commission Race](#)

Oct 27, 2020

Two well-known names are seeking the open Clark County Commission seat representing District C in the northwest Las Vegas Valley.

[Health Exchange Opens Enrollment With New Customers Expected](#)

Oct 27, 2020

Job losses associated with the pandemic stripped many Nevadans of their health insurance, forcing them to purchase their own policies.

[Musk's Tunnel System Yet To Open, But Expansion Already In The Works](#)

Oct 27, 2020

Elon Musk's Boring Co., which is building a passenger tunnel system under the Las Vegas Convention Center, is already taking steps to expand.

[William McCurdy Aims To Replace Lawrence Weekly On Clark County Commission](#)

Oct 27, 2020

Clark County Commission District D covers the historic Westside and parts of North Las Vegas.

[Marchant Looks To Unseat Rep. Horsford In Congressional District 4](#)

Oct 27, 2020

One of the congressional elections that could be close is between Rep. Steven Hors

[Rep. Titus Faces Familiar Foe In CD1 Race](#)

Oct 26, 2020

Democrat Dina Titus will face the same challenger, Republican Joyce Bentley, in her congressional race this year.

[Kirkpatrick Hopes For Another Term On Clark County Commission](#)

Oct 26, 2020

[Senate Majority Leader Cannizzaro Faces GOP's Becker In District 6](#)

Oct 26, 2020

State Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro is seeking re-election to her suburba

[Eugene Moehring](#)

Oct 23, 2020

A well-known storyteller on the history of Las Vegas died earlier this year. We'll hear about the work of Eugene Moehring.

[Nevada Native Vote Project Wants Native American Voices To Be Heard In November](#)

Oct 23, 2020

With less than two weeks to go

[How Much Information Do Voters Get From Presidential Debates?](#)

Oct 23, 2020

[October 22, 2020](#)

Oct 21, 2020

Voting During the Apocalypse | Remembering Rhonda | The Challenges of Police Reform | My Kitchen Gadget Addiction

[Gaming Roundup: Casinos Counter Violence, Circa And Virgin On The Way](#)

Oct 21, 2020

Tourists may not be flooding Nevada casinos like it used to, but that doesn't mean the gaming industry hasn't had its ha

[Lee Faces Rodimer In House Race](#)

Oct 21, 2020

Two years ago, voters in Nevada's third congressional district sent Susie Lee to Washington to fill a seat left empty when Jacky Rosen ran for Senate.

[Could Third-Party Candidates Impact The November Election?](#)

Oct 21, 2020

For voters, the biggest box to check off this ele

[Better Architecture As A Tool For Addressing Climate Change](#)

Oct 20, 2020

This summer, wildfires devastated the West Coast.

[High COVID Numbers Force UNR Classes Back Online](#)

Oct 19, 2020

When COVID-19 arrived in Nevada, schools and universities around the state had to adjust their normal operations practically overnight.

[Democrat Patricia Ackerman Aims To Flip District 2](#)

Oct 19, 2020

Patricia Ackerman is the Democratic candidate for Congressional District 2 in Northern Nevada.

[Amodei Sets His Sights On Two More Years](#)

Oct 19, 2020

Republican Congressman Mark Amodei has represented Northern Nevada in the House of Representatives for almost a decade.

[Ballot Question 1 Could Fundamentally Change Nevada's System Of Higher Ed](#)

Oct 19, 2020

Nevadans will have to vote “yes” or “no” on

[Casino Architect Steelman Sees Circa, Resorts World Take Shape](#)

Oct 16, 2020

It's rare that an architect designs \$5 billion worth of work in a whole career.

[Nearly 100K Voted -- IS It Too Late To Win Nevada?](#)

Oct 16, 2020

The election is now just three weeks away. But it's already begun in earnest.

[John L. Smith On Nevada's Move From A Swing State To Decidedly Blue](#)

Oct 16, 2020

Nevada's importance in the 2020 presidential election

[Harry Reid Doesn't Hold Back On Trump's Environmental Record -- Or UFOs](#)

Oct 15, 2020

Harry Reid, Nevada's longest-serving U.S. Senator, remains a controversial figure.

[October 15, 2020](#)

Oct 14, 2020

Housing Injustice | A Chat with Dave Hickey | Media Sommelier | My Wild Backyard

[October 8, 2020](#)

Oct 07, 2020

Vegas' Restaurant Recession | Integrated Healthcare | The Obsession of The Ringmaster | COVID Superintroverts

[Keep Your Pet Safe Through Back-To-Work, Halloween, And Walks In The Dark](#)

Oct 07, 2020

The days are getting shorter and cooler, people are returning to their workplaces, and veterinary clinics are reopening.

[Southern Nevada Labor Unions Rally For Right To Return To Work](#)

Oct 07, 2020

COVID-19 forced thousands of hospitality employees out of work and many are still waiting to see if - or when - they will return.

[Candidate Forums Move Online](#)

Oct 06, 2020

COVID-19 is forcing voter engagement efforts to go virtual.

[Will COVID-19 Kill Smoking In Casinos?](#)

Oct 06, 2020

From the cigarette-inhaling poker player to the cigar-chomping high roller, smoking while gambling has been part of Neva

[John L. Smith: Stricken With COVID, Can Trump Gain Ground In Nevada?](#)

Oct 05, 2020

Hospitalized after a COVID-19 infection, President Donald Trump finds himself trailing in the polls in Nevada by six points with election day less than a month away.

[Retiring Nevada State President Gets Bumpy 'Ride Into The Sunset'](#)

Oct 02, 2020

The pandemic turned Bart Patterson's victory lap into the busiest year of his tenure as president of Nevada State College.

[Halloween](#)

Oct 02, 2020

When it comes to Halloween-themed plants, there are some devilish choices.

[Nevada Dispensary Association Welcomes New Director](#)

Oct 02, 2020

The Nevada Dispensary Association establishes regulations and rules for Nevada's marijuana dispensaries.

[Clark County Seeks Public Input On Newly Outlined Master Plan](#)

Oct 02, 2020

If you've driven down the road and all of a sud

[Racism Is Always Here, So How Do We Break Through?](#)

Oct 01, 2020

(Editor's note: This discussion originally aired Oct. 1, 2020.)

[1 October Survivors Find Strength Three Years Later](#)

Oct 01, 2020

Three years ago, today the world watched as 58 concertgoers were murdered and hundreds of others were injured at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival.

[Survivors, First Responders Use Tattoos To Cover Scars From The Route 91 Shooting](#)

Oct 01, 2020

Tattoo artists from around the world gathered in Las Vegas to cover the scars of survivors of the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival and the first responders who helped treat them.