

KCPC Community Issues/Programs List

April - June, 2023

KVMR Monthly Newsletter

- KVMR sends a newsletter to its members every month that informs them about local events as well as news about the radio station.
- The newsletters are archived at: <http://www.kvmr.org/enewsletter-archive>

On-going programming providing significant treatment of local and national community issues:

- **BBC News**, Monday-Friday, 7:01 am, 8:01 am, 12:01 pm, 6:01 pm
 - https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_world_service
- **Democracy Now**, Monday-Friday, 7 pm - 8 pm
 - Democracy Now! is an independent, global news hour anchored by award-winning journalists, Amy Goodman and Juan González, that airs on 1,300+ TV and radio stations in the United States and around the world.
 - <http://www.democracynow.org>

KVMR Evening News, Monday-Friday, 6 pm - 6:30 pm

- The KVMR Evening News focuses on state, regional, and local news and events, weather, air quality, and wildfire updates.
- <http://www.kvmr.org/news>

Community Issues by Category

Accessibility

- **Disability Rap** - a monthly show that covers current and emerging disability issues and topics.
- All recent episodes can be found at:
 - <https://www.kvmm.org/show/disability-rap/>
- GREG MARSHALL'S DISCOVERY OF HIS 'LEG'
- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/disability-rap-2023-07-03/>
- RYAN PRIOR ON THE COVID-19 'LONG HAUL'
- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/disability-rap-2023-05-01/>

Climate and Energy

- **The Climate Report** - a biweekly news program covering climate change, renewable energy and the transition away from fossil fuels.
- <https://www.kvmm.org/show/energy-report/>
- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-6-22-23/>
 - The Climate Report for 6/22/23 covers the latest science on carbon emissions, tipping points, AI, and e-bike batteries. We close with more information on how what we eat can drastically affect climate change, as well as the data around whether or not eating local makes a climate impact.
- <https://www.kvmm.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-6-8-23/>
 - The Climate Report for 6/8/23 covers as many headlines as we can in our last show for spring 2023. From EVs to solar to tax credits to farming to food, and from the Wall Street Journal to the New York Times to the Guardian, we run through a lightning round of all the latest news.

- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-5-11-23/>
- The Climate Report for 5/11/23 covers the complicated subject of EVs. From fast adoption rates statewide in CA, to the world's first delivery of Tesla EV semi trucks to Sacramento, to the comparison of EVs to gas cars, we discuss some of the latest research, including the challenge of mining for the minerals required for EVs.
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-4-27-23/>
- The Climate Report for 4/27/23 covers a few related subjects. First we cover opportunities to take personal action, whether it's exploring green energy rate plans, or career openings with climate fellowships at the state and local level. Next we cover the news about our warming oceans and the recent record setting pace of warming, along with the impacts to marine life. Then we talk about current unprecedented heat waves across the globe. Finally, we close with an article on economic inflation due to climate change, as well as the science on our longer and more powerful pollen allergy seasons.
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-climate-report-4-13-23/>
- The Climate Report for 4/13/23 features a couple of interesting interviews in full. We recently sat down and interviewed two inspiring local women. First was Christine Newsome, co-president of Nevada City Rotary and member of the Nevada County chapter of Climate Action Now, about a unique and relatively new local event that recycles lithium, cobalt, and other minerals found in home gadgets. And then we spoke to Shirley Freriks, a leader at Wastenot Nevada County and member of the group Elders Climate Action, about reducing plastic consumption, which is what research shows can be an important step in taking climate action.

Community Service

- **The Sages Among Us** - a weekly program honoring and interviewing community members who actively seek to make a positive impact on our community.
- All recent episodes can be found at:
- <https://www.kvmr.org/show/the-sages-among-us/>

Death and Palliative Care

- **Embracing the Journey** - a bi-weekly program discussing all aspects of aging, illness, end-of-life care and death.
- All recent episodes can be found at:
 - <https://www.kvmr.org/show/embracing-the-journey/>

Water Use and Drought

- **Water News** - a bi-weekly news report with hydrogeologist Steve Baker of Operation Unite, covering topics related to water quality and management with a focus on water topics specific to the KVMR listening area.
 - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-53/>
 - Increased evaporation and less water available from the Colorado River may lead to severe impacts to the nearly 20 million people served by the Southern California Metropolitan Water District. And all Californians could feel the pinch at the grocery store since the region grows a considerable amount of food. KVMR's Paul Emery and hydrogeologist Steve Baker discuss what we know now, and what Californians can do to prepare for potential water scarcity in our future.
 - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-52/>
 - Local streams and rivers might appear slow-moving and gentle, but beneath the water's surface, they're turbulent, powerful, and cold enough to entangle a person and hurl them downstream. KVMR's Paul Emery and hydrologist Steve Baker discuss water safety, landscaping, and more.
 - <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-51/>
 - Sierra Nevada snow pack is being carefully measured in a lot of different ways, including by flying over the mountains at 23,000 ft elevation in order to collect data. KVMR's Paul Emery talks about this (and more) with hydrologist Steve Baker in this installation of Water News.

- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-50/>
- Bouts of cool weather in California might help to slow down the rapid melting of snowpack. KVMMR's Paul Emery talks about it with hydrologist Steve Baker.
- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-49/>
- Snowpack in the High Sierra is going to impact our lives at lower elevations, and it's already changing the central valley. KVMMR's Paul Emery talks about it with water guy Steve Baker.
- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/water-news-with-steve-baker-48/>
- Hydrologist Steve Baker discusses California's drought issues (or lack thereof), as well as projected summer conditions.

Economics

- **The Economic Report** - a bi-weekly news report covering the local, state, and federal economy.
- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/the-economic-report-with-gary-zimmerman-43/>
- Retired Federal Economist Gary Zimmerman is back from teaching at the Economics University in Vienna. In this week's Economic Report, he and KVMMR's Paul Emery discuss inflation, unemployment, and more.
- <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/the-economic-report-with-gary-zimmerman-42/>
- The Federal Reserve will be back in the headlines next week; they'll be announcing their monetary policy decisions after their meeting finishes on May 3rd. What will they decide to do with interest rates? In this week's Economic Report, KVMMR's Paul Emery and retired Fed economist, Gary Zimmerman, explore the possibilities.

- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/the-economic-report-with-gary-zimmerman-41/>
- The Federal Reserve released several new job numbers last week; if you're concerned about the economy expanding too quickly and inflation not slowing, a strong jobs report would be considered good news. In this week's Economic Report, KVMR's Paul Emery and retired Fed economist, Gary Zimmerman, explore all of the report's implications.

Education

- **Educationally Speaking** - a weekly series providing news and fostering discussion about education in Nevada County.
- All recent episodes can be found at:
 - <https://www.kvmr.org/show/educationally-speaking/>

Housing

- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/county-debuts-three-new-master-plans/>
- Nevada County recently announced the availability of three new affordable Housing Master Plans that can be used to construct a single-family home or an accessory dwelling unit. KVMR News Director Cláudio Mendonça spoke with Nick McBurney, Supervising Plans Examiner, to learn more about the county's intention when issuing the proposal for these particular pre-approved plans.

Wildfire Prevention and Recovery

- TEAM RUBICON DEPLOYS TO RIVER FIRE BURN SCAR
- The River Fire, a wildfire that burned 2,619 acres in the Colfax area of Nevada and Placer Counties, was California's 5th most destructive fire of 2021. A veteran-led volunteer organization called Team Rubicon worked to clear brush and trees along the fire's burn scar.
- <https://www.kvmr.org/podcasts/teamrubicon/>

- LOCAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS CONDUCT A PRESCRIBED BURN TRAINING
 - Purposeful fire setting suffers from a P.R. problem, especially in the Wildland Urban Interface. Advocates of prescribed burns want to change that by educating people about this method of fuel reduction that is meant to create a safer, more resilient forest.
 - <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/local-resource-conservation-districts-conduct-a-prescribed-burn-training/>
- LOCALS GATHER TO LEARN ABOUT PRESCRIBED FIRE
 - Residents of the North Bloomfield Road area met to learn about prescribed fire.
 - <https://www.kvmmr.org/podcasts/locals-gather-to-learn-about-prescribed-fire/>