

Second Quarter 2012 Community Issues Report:

WCQS continues to take advantage of a number of opportunities it has during its twenty-four hour broadcast day to report on issues of importance to the residents of Western North Carolina, **the local economy, environment, planning and development, transportation, health care, education and politics**. Monday through Friday we produce local newscasts on the hour at six, seven and eight in the morning. The morning newscasts are two minutes long.

In addition to our local newscasts we produce in-depth stories that are inserted into our morning news-magazine "Morning Edition" and our afternoon news and cultural affairs program, "Fresh Air" and our afternoon news magazine 'All Things Considered'. These stories are also posted on our web-site www.wcqs.org.

WCQS broadcasts interviews about cultural activities taking place in and around Asheville and the Western North Carolina region. These interviews take place weekday mornings at 9:06 and vary in length from 5 to 15 minutes. The following list details the dates, person interviewed, and topics discussed.

April 2012

- 6 Noah Bendix Balgley, Concertmaster Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
- 9 Pavel Wlosok, Jazz Festival, Western Carolina University
- 10 Asheville Chamber Music Series
- 13 Daniel Meyer, Asheville Symphony Orchestra Concert
- 16 Warren Wilson College Theatre
- 17 Asheville Lyric Opera
- 18 Asheville Community Theatre – To Kill A Mockingbird
- 20 Quick Draw fundraiser, Waynesville
- 23 Asheville Puppetry Alliance
- 24 Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater
- 25 Different Strokes Performance Collective
- 27 East of Asheville Studio Tour
- 30 Blue Ridge Orchestra Concert

May

- 1 Brevard Philharmonic Concert
- 2 Womansong Fundraising Concert
- 4 Weaverville Art Safari
- 7 NC Stage Company
- 11 Daniel Meyer, Asheville Symphony Concert
- 14 Asheville Ballet
- 15 Bradford Gee, Carolina Concert Choir
- 16 Michelle Moog Kousa, Bob Moog Foundation
- 17 Asheville Symphony Chorus
- 18 Preservation Society of Asheville, Buncombe County
- 20 Opera Creations
- 21 A-B Tech Summer Arts Courses
- 22 Weaverville Roots Festival
- 28 Montford Park Players
- 29 Asheville Community Theater
- 30 Brevard Community Band

June

- 4 River Arts District Studio Stroll
- 5 Asheville Lyric Opera
- 8 Asheville Percussion Festival
- 11 Jason DeChristafaro – composers' concert
- 12 Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater

June, continued

- 13 Pan Harmonia concert series
- 18 Swannanoa Chamber Music Festival
- 25 Melodie Galloway, Junaluska Singers
- 26 Monford Park Players
- 29 Brevard Community Band

2012-06-29

Duncan McFadyen signs off of WCQS. - 1 min

2012-06-26  News Stories

Five Western North Carolina news organizations, including WCQS, have filed a lawsuit in Buncombe County Superior Court calling on the city of Asheville and the Buncombe County District Attorney's office to release an audit of the city's police department evidence room. Jon Elliston is with Carolina Public Press. He spoke with David Hurand about the filing of the lawsuit. - 4 min

2012-06-18  News Stories

Last year 46 people in Buncombe County were treated with a series of vaccines to prevent rabies. David Hurand spoke with County Environmental Health Director Mark Fowler about how to avoid the costly and sometimes painful treatment. - 5 min

2012-06-14  News Stories

Horticulturist Alison Arnold gives Duncan McFadyen some tips for early summer gardening. - 4 min

2012-06-04  News Stories

Asheville City Council is scheduled to hold a work session today to continue consideration a new fiscal year budget. The proposed spending plan includes a one percent pay hike for city employees. David Hurand spoke with Asheville Citizen Times reporter and columnist John Boyle about the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year budget. - 5 min

2012-06-01  News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the weekend entertainment scene. A downtown Asheville Gallery stroll and The Blue Jean Ball are among the many things to do this weekend. - 6 min

2012-06-01  News Stories

Atmospheric scientist Dr. Ed Brotak talks to Duncan McFadyen on the first day of Atlantic Hurricane Season. - 3 min

2012-05-29  News Stories

The great Doc Watson died Tuesday May 29, 2012 at the age of 89. David Hurand spoke with his long time friend and musical collaborator David Holt about Doc's life and music. - 8 min

2012-05-25  News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the entertainment scene, including a number of festivals across the region. - 6 min

2012-05-25  News Stories

It's been nearly a year since the Asheville City Council approved changes to an ordinance allowing food trucks in the downtown central business district. Last summer, downtown restaurants and residents were leery of allowing the trucks into the district. The city held hearings and brought in experts from around the country to help develop a plan. The trucks have now found a home in a downtown parking lot. Duncan McFadyen visited the lot as they were preparing for their grand opening. - 2 min

2012-05-24  News Stories

Duncan McFadyen talks to the program coordinator for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Food and Community conference, held in Asheville May 22-24, 2012. - 2 min

2012-05-23  News Stories

Internet giant Google honors the late electronic music pioneer Robert Moog with a Doodle. David Hurand has the story. - 2 min

2012-05-21  News Stories

Gloria Steinem spoke to a sold out crowd of 11-hundred at the annual Power of the Purse luncheon earlier today. Before she spoke, she sat down for a brief conversation with David Hurand. - 5 min

2012-05-18  News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the entertainment scene across the region. Topping his list, Jack White, Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow, and David Holt and the Lightening Bolts. - 6 min

2012-05-17  News Stories

Fresh off his failed bid to win the Democratic party nomination to run for the Congressional seat being vacated by Representative Heath Shuler, Asheville City Councilman Cecil Bothwell spoke with David Hurand. - 5 min

2012-05-17  News Stories

It appears a recount is coming in the race for the Democratic Party nomination in State Senate District 119 and a second primary is ahead to decide the Republican candidate in the 11th Congressional District. David Hurand reports. - 2 min

2012-05-15  News Stories

A Western Carolina University professor has won a Fulbright Scholarship to study the coastline of the Black Sea in Bulgaria. Dr. Rob Young, Director of the University's Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines spoke with David Hurand. - 4 min

2012-05-14  News Stories

State Representative Patsy Keever will face incumbent Patrick McHenry in the 10th Congressional District race. Keever suprised most pundits by overwhelming fellow democrat, Asheville Mayor Terry Bellamy...David Hurand spoke with Asheville Citizen Times reporter Joel Burgess about Bellamy's political future. - 6 min

2012-05-12  News Stories

Asheville Police Chief W.J. Anderson has announced a search has begun for a new manager of the departments troubled Property room. David Hurand reports. - 3 min

2012-05-11  News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the entertainment scene. - 6 min

2012-05-10  News Stories

Horticulturist Alison Arnold talks about some flowering plants that commonly give Western North Carolinians trouble. - 4 min

2012-05-09  News Stories

Brasstown Democrat Hayden Rogers has won his party's nomination to run for the 11th Congressional District seat now held by Heath Shuler. David Hurand has more..... - 4 min

2012-05-08  News Stories

Its primary election day (Tuesday,May 8th). The polls will remain open from 6:30 am until 7:30 this evening. Election officials in Buncombe County expect around 50,000 voters to cast their ballots today. David Hurand has more.... - 1 min

2012-05-07  News Stories

20-year-old Zach Wahls made headlines last year when a video of his speech to the Iowa state House of Representatives got more than 20 million views on youtube. Wahls was speaking out against a measure that would've overturned a supreme court ruling legalizing gay marriage in the state. He's now written a memoir, "My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family." During his stop in Asheville to read from it and sign copies, he spoke with Duncan McFadyen. - 8 min

2012-05-04  News Stories

Its a big weekend for Spring Festivals. Tony Kiss takes a look at the regional entertainment scene. - 6 min

2012-05-04  News Stories

Western North Carolinians weigh in on the proposed constitutional amendment, on the May 8th primary ballot. - 4 min

2012-05-03  News Stories

Its been more than one year since Asheville City Council requested an audit of its Police Department evidence room. David Hurand spoke with Carolina Public Press contributing reporter Jon Elliston about the report and why it has yet to see the light of day. - 6 min

2012-05-02 📌 News Stories

Jason Sandford of ashvegas.com and the Citizen-Times talks about Asheville's River Arts District. - 6 min

2012-05-01 📌 News Stories

Horticulturist Alison Arnold talks to Duncan McFadyen about perennial geraniums. - 4 min

2012-04-20 📌 News Stories

"Somewhere Beyond the Constellation Norma" the photographs of Ralph Burns opens April 20th and runs through June at Pink Dog Creative in Asheville's River Arts District. David Hurand spoke with Burns at the gallery during the installation of the photographs. - 11 min

2012-04-19 📌 News Stories

A look at the collection of the late Reynolds Price, which was recently auctioned off in Asheville. - 6 min

2012-04-18 📌 News Stories

The coordinator of Asheville's effort to end homelessness has accepted a position with the Federal Government. Amy Sawyer spoke with David Hurand about the local effort and her new job. - 13 min

2012-04-16 📌 News Stories

Republicans top the latest effectiveness rankings of lawmakers serving in the North Carolina General Assembly. The rankings are compiled by the independent, non-partisan North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research. David Hurand spoke with the Center's Executive Director Ran Coble. - 13 min

2012-04-13 📌 News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the weekend entertainment scene. High on Tony's list, Actionfest featuring action star Gina Carano. Also looking good, Guitarist Warren Haynes at the Orange Peel. - 6 min

2012-04-12 📌 News Stories

Western North Carolina can see frosts as late as May. Horticulturist Alison Arnold suggests proper timing of plants to ensure they make it through the spring. - 4 min

2012-04-12 📌 News Stories

Duncan McFadyen talks to Caitlin Bowling of Smoky Mountain News about the alcohol referendum on the ballot on the Cherokee reservation April 12th. - 4 min

2012-04-10 📌 News Stories

After a prolonged period of dormancy the Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council has a new Executive Director and is back at work. David Hurand spoke with Sara Nunez and Board Chairman Larry McCallum. - 12 min

2012-04-06 📌 News Stories

Tony Kiss takes a look at the weekend entertainment scene. High on his list, tonight's Asheville gallery stroll and a number of theater offerings. - 6 min

2012-04-06 📌 News Stories

The announcement that New Belgium will build a brewery in Asheville has enhanced the city's reputation as Beer City USA. David Hurand talked with the Beer Guy, Asheville Citizen Times reporter Tony Kiss about the news. - 3 min

2012-04-06 📌 News Stories

Asheville may no longer need to rely on an online poll to claim the title "Beer City USA." New Belgium Brewing Company---the maker of Fat Tire---announced plans yesterday to open an east-coast facility in the mountain city. It's the second craft major brewery this year to do so. Duncan McFadyen reports. - 2 min

2012-04-06 📌 News Stories

WCQS/ASAP Tailage Market Update for April 5-6, 2012. - 1 min

2012-04-04  News Stories

Labor organizer Mary Harris Jones, better known as Mother Jones comes alive on stage this Saturday night in Franklin at the Unitarian Fellowship. David Hurand was at a recent rehearsal of Mother Jones: A Gary Carden Monologue starring Lara Chew. - 4 min