

Quarterly Issues Programs List for the 2nd Quarter of 2016

WCQS Asheville, NC

Following is list of some of the significant issues responded to by the station along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the quarter. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which issues appear does not reflect a priority or significance.

Based on advice of counsel, this Issues Programs List was revised and replaces a list previously uploaded to the public file.

4/1/16

ARTS

4:30 pm

Rice Collection DH (4:48)

David Hurand feature on the rare collection of photographs taken by Asheville native, the late Isaiah Rice, which are being digitized by the University of North Carolina Asheville.

Rice documented everyday life in Asheville during a period marked by segregation.

4/4/16

4:30

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Scientist (2:42 & Clip) JL

Renowned climate scientist and evangelical Christian Katharine Hayhoe is bringing her call to action on climate change to Asheville over the next two days. Hayhoe directs the Climate Science Center at Texas Tech University. She spoke with WCQS's Jeremy Loeb about how she tries to bridge the divide that often exists between the faith community and those pushing for climate change solutions.

4/7/16

4:30

ENVIRONMENT

Coal Ash Carolina Public Press JL (3:48 & clip)

Jeremy Loeb interview with Carolina Public Press Managing Editor Frank Taylor spoke about CPP investigation into claims by some residents living near Coal Ash sites that contaminated water might be linked to health problems.

4/26/16

5:44

BUSINESS

HB2 Tourism Two Way DE (3:55) The effects of North Carolina's House Bill 2 are continuing to be felt in the tourism industry here in Asheville. News broke yesterday that the Michigan based WK Kellogg Foundation was cancelling its conference at the Omni Grove Park Inn, costing the city 500 visitors. Davin Eldridge interview with Stephanie Brown, Executive Director of the Asheville Convention Visitors' Bureau.

5/6/16

4:45

RACE

Virgil Smith Diversity JL (3:27) Virgil Smith, the first black publisher of a mainstream newspaper in North Carolina is delivering commencement address at UNCA.

Smith sat down with WCQS's Jeremy Loeb earlier today, who asked him for his assessment of diversity across the news industry.

5/11/16

4:30

BUSINESS

Smalltown HB2 (3:04) DE Much of the HB2 dialogue is playing out in large metro areas like Asheville, Charlotte, and Raleigh, Davin Eldridge reports, small towns have largely stayed silent.

5/27/16

4:30

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Haywood County Early Voting DE (4:17)

Davin Eldridge two way with Haywood County Board of Elections Director Robert Inman about early voting.

6/2/16

5:30

RACE

Senate tuition cap (JL) After a heated debate, state senators have voted to remove three historically black colleges and universities from a list of five University of North Carolina campuses slated for a tuition discount program, (pitch to Jeremy Loeb's interview with Western Carolina Professor of Psychology and Chair of Faculty Senate Dr. David McCord.

6/10/16

5:30

EDUCATION

Mountain Moral Monday Education Two Way (DE/3:07)

Davin Eldridge two way with Macon County school teacher John de Ville, who will address school funding issues at Moral Monday on 6/13 in Sylva.. Republican Senator Jim Davis, of Macon County responded to deVille's remarks, noting that the Republican party has increased funding every year for K12 since it gained control, and "spending more money does not necessarily equate to better education outcomes."

6/15/16

5:30

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Asheville District proposal Terry Van Duyn Two Way (JL/3:07)

Republican Senator Tom Apodaca met with Buncombe County lawmakers yesterday about his proposal to split up Asheville into six districts for the purpose of electing city council members.. Jeremy Loeb interview with Senator Terry Van Duyn

6/23/16

4:30/5:30

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senate Bill 897, Apodaca AVL City Council District proposal heads to committee(JL/5:30 included JL interview with Sen. McKissick 3:48) The bill filed by Republican Senator Tom Apodaca of Hendersonville - that would impose district elections for the Asheville City Council - is moving quickly - despite objections by the entire City Council and all other state lawmakers representing Buncombe County. WCQS has learned that Senate Bill 897 has been referred to the Committee on Redistricting chaired by Republican Senator Bob Rucho of Mecklenburg County. Of the 12 members of the Redistricting committee, just 4 are Democrats. One is Senator Floyd McKissick of Durham, who just spoke with WCQS's Jeremy Loeb.