

FOURTH QUARTER: October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Cumulus Broadcasting Fayetteville, NC – WQSM-FM - Quarterly Issues Report

“Fayetteville Focus” is a 30-minute weekly program that looks at issues and newsmakers from Fayetteville and the surrounding area. It airs at 5:30am each Sunday morning. The following Issues have been identified as pertinent to the Fayetteville, NC / North Carolina Sandhills region: Public Health, Public Safety, Economy, Education, Community, Military/Veterans, Politics/City-County-State Governments, Crime, Environment and Downtown Revitalization.

*Crime *Community *Public Health *Public Safety	10/1	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the rejected youth curfew proposal as a crime-deterrent and where it goes from here, and more on the plan to turn a Knights Inn Motel into housing for the homeless. Long-time Cumberland County Commissioner Jimmy Keefe on the new proposed homeless resource center, and the ongoing rocky relationship between the county and the City of Fayetteville.
*Crime *Public Safety *Public Health *Community *Economy	10/8	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the implementation of Shotspotter, and the plans to turn dilapidated hotels and motels into transitional housing for the homeless. Pat Wright and Jan Johnson, founders of Fayetteville's upcoming Indigo Moon Film Festival on the history of the event and the films and filmmakers taking part this year.
*Politics *Education *Community	10/15	Former long-time North Carolina Representative John Szoka on his current efforts with the Conservative Energy Network and how things are going in the legislature since he left. Cumberland County School Board Member Greg West and School Board Attorney Nick Sojka on the newly-passed Parent's Bill Of Rights and the Opportunity Scholarship Program.
*Public Health *Community *Education	10/22	Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on the updated COVID numbers, vaccinations and the truth about cholesterol. Joe Kabbes, manager of the Fayetteville State University Planetarium, on its history, technological advancements and the current Pink Floyd Dark Side Of The Moon event.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Economy *Crime *Public Health 	10/29	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the Murchison Road revitalization plans, a recent shooting near Fayetteville State University and cyber security in the City of Fayetteville. Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on the latest COVID, Flu and RSV numbers and how loneliness and isolation are leading to serious medical conditions. The Rotary Club's Brandon Price previews the Fayetteville Rotary Christmas Parade.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Politics *Public Safety *Public Health *Community 	11/5	In the recent WFNC Fayetteville Mayoral Forum, Mayor Mitch Colvin and challenger Freddie de la Cruz discuss their priorities for the city, including public safety and economic development, and each outlines why they think they should get your vote.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Politics *Public Safety *Public Health *Crime 	11/12	The newly re-elected Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the long campaign process, how to spur more voters to the polls and how recidivism plays into the city's crime and gun violence problem. Deanna Gerdes, Executive Director of The Phoenix Center – formerly Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County – on her organization's name-change and its status coming out of the COVID pandemic.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Downtown Revitalization *Public Safety *Community 	11/19	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on what will happen to downtown Fayetteville's Market House and a potential lawsuit against the city by former Fayetteville police chief Gina Hawkins. Hank Parfitt, the man who created the Dickens Holiday Celebration more than 20 years ago, on everything we need to know about next Friday's event. Maddie Kellogg and Kimmi Nettles of the Cumberland Community Foundation on Giving Tuesday and the 79 local non-profits you can donate to this year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Crime *Public Safety *Community 	11/26	Fayetteville Police Chief Kem Braden on the Stop The Bleed event, being proactive rather than reactive when it comes to gun violence, and safety tips for this holiday season. Tiffany Jones, the local Toys For Tots campaign coordinator, talks about the 75-year old program started in 1948 by the US Marines and how you can donate.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Politics *Community *Education 	12/3	Former Fayetteville Mayor Tony Chavonne, the owner of CityView Magazine, on the state of news, especially local news and how he is trying to fill that void with CityView Today. WFNC Chief Political Analyst and former North Carolina Representative George Breece on re-districting and the challenge of poor voter-turnout.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Public Health *Community *Economy 	12/10	Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on watching out for respiratory viruses including childhood pneumonia and the importance of staying up to date on vaccinations. Jeff Thompson from Bell Seed Store – WFNC’s Bloomin’ Idiot – on the plants available this time of year and the benefits of planting trees in the late fall of the year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Politics *Crime *Public Safety *Community 	12/17	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the latest crime statistics report and the city’s recent settlement with former Police Chief Gina Hawkins. Johnny Wilson of Fayetteville Urban Ministry on how you can help them help people in need during the holidays. Author Melody Foote, on the motivation behind her book "100 Things To Do In Fayetteville Before You Die."
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