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## Quarterly Issues / Program List 4th Quarter - October 1, 2015 to December 30, 2015

The Community Issues listed in this section of the report aired during local VPR newscasts. This listing is illustrative of the programs aired on VPR and is not meant to be an exhaustive listing of programs responsive to issues of importance to the community. A daily programming and local newscast schedule is provided at the end of this report.

Issue	VPR News Story Narrative	Air Date(s) & Length
Agriculture	Federal and state agriculture officials will be in Brattleboro Monday to talk about new federal food safety rules.	12/11/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3
	As VPR's Howard Weiss-Tisman reports, some Vermont farmers and food producers will have to make	min); 12/12/15 at 8:04 am (1
	changes to meet the new federal standards.	min)
Arts / Culture	A group of students from Lyndon Institute will meet their perhaps unlikely hero today-Garrison Keillor, host of	11/20/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min);
	Prairie Home Companion. The kids did their own version of the popular public radio variety show earlier this	11/21/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
	year and sent Keillor a copy.	` ,
Business / Economics	The state says Entergy has to start paying education property taxes on its closed Vermont Yankee nuclear	10/14/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min);
Eddinoso / Eddinomics	power plant.	10/15/15 at 6:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Vermont is one of 14 states that allow only hands free cell phone use while driving. But it's still common to see	10/28/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min);
	drivers with a phone in one hand - and the other on the wheel. As VPR's Steve Zind reports, a Middlebury	10/29/15 at 6:04 & 6:44 am (2
	College senior is building a business around a phone app that takes a new approach to discouraging that kind	min)
	of behavior.	,
Business / Economics		11/03/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min);
	FairPoint Communications is reporting a second straight quarter of net revenue gains.	11/04/15 at 7:04 & 8:04 am (1
		min)
Education & Schools	The State Board of Education will consider consolidation plans from three school districts at its December	12/09/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (1
	meeting. On December 15th, the board will consider plans from the Rutland South, Addison Central and	min); 12/10/15 at 7:04 & 8:04
	Rutland Northeast supervisory unions.	am (1 min)
F1 .:	Former Republican State Auditor Randy Brock says he's running for lieutenant governor. He hopes to replace	10/01/15 at 5:50 pm (2 min);
Elections	Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott, who announced his bid for governor last month. VPR's Peter Hirschfeld has	10/02/15 at 6:04, 7:20 & 8:20
	more.	am (1 min)
Energy / Fuel Costs	Green Mountain Power is proposing a large solar project in Hartford. Spokeswoman Dorothy Schnure says	10/20/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min)
	the 47-acre site on the Hartford-Quechee Road is ideal for a large project.  Global leaders convened in Paris on Monday in search of an international agreement to curb carbon	
Environment	,	11/30/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min);
	emissions. But environmentalists in Vermont are pressing for action closer to home. VPR's Peter Hirschfeld	12/01/15 at 6:44 am (3 min)
Gov't and Politics	has more. When lawmakers return to the Statehouse next month, one of the most pressing issues facing them will be the	
	future of spending caps in Act 46 - the state's new school district consolidation law. As VPR's Bob Kinzel	12/15/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3
	reports, the outcome of this debate could have a significant impact on property tax burdens in many parts of	min); 12/16/15 at 8:04 am (1
	Vermont.	min)
	The re-settling of Syrian refugees in the United States has become a national debate. While many governors	
Gov't and Politics	have tried to block Syrians from entering their states, Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin has pledged to	12/29/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 12/30/15 at 6:04 & 7:44 am (1
	continue to accept Syrian refugees. And as V-P-R's Annie Russell reports, students at South Burlington high	
	school are volunteering to help refugees in North Syria get through the winter.	min)
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Health / Medicine	Vermont is perennially ranked as one of the healthiest states in the country. But new research has uncovered findings that seem to fly in the face of that distinction. And as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, young adults are leaving the workforce at an alarming rate due to mental and physical disabilities.	10/09/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min)
Law Enforcement	And as we've been hearing tonight, police arrested a man Thursday today on charges of disorderly conduct after he allegedly posted Ku Klux Klan flyers on the front doors of two women of color in Burlington. VPR's Taylor Dobbs reports that even though the suspect admitted to posting the flyers, the prosecutor doesn't expect an easy case.	11/12/15 at 4:04, 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 11/13/15 at 6:04 & 8:04 am (1 min)
	Last week, Congress delayed the imposition of a tax on expensive health care policies. As V-P-R's Bob Kinzel reports, state officials praised the move but warned the tax will eventually take effect:	12/21/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 12/22/15 at 6:44 & 7:44 am (2 min)
VT History / VT Culture	A million-dollar renovation at Next Stage Theater in Putney is complete. As VPR's Howard Weiss-Tisman reports, the result both preserves a historic building and provides the community with a new arts venue.	12/22/15 at 7:44 am (3 min)