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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. As VPR's Howard Weiss-Tisman reports, some Vermont farmers and food producers will have to make changes to meet the new federal standards.	12/11/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 12/12/15 at 8:04 am (1 min)
Arts / Culture	A group of students from Lyndon Institute will meet their perhaps unlikely hero today-Garrison Keillor, host of Prairie Home Companion. The kids did their own version of the popular public radio variety show earlier this year and sent Keillor a copy.	11/20/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 11/21/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	The state says Entergy has to start paying education property taxes on its closed Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.	10/14/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min); 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 drivers with a phone in one hand - and the other on the wheel. As VPR's Steve Zind reports, a Middlebury College senior is building a business around a phone app that takes a new approach to discouraging that kind of behavior.	10/28/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 10/29/15 at 6:04 & 6:44 am (2 min)
Business / Economics	FairPoint Communications is reporting a second straight quarter of net revenue gains.	11/03/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min); 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 meeting. On December 15th, the board will consider plans from the Rutland South, Addison Central and Rutland Northeast supervisory unions.	12/09/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (1 min); 12/10/15 at 7:04 & 8:04 am (1 min)
Elections	Former Republican State Auditor Randy Brock says he's running for lieutenant governor. He hopes to replace Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott, who announced his bid for governor last month. VPR's Peter Hirschfeld has more.	10/01/15 at 5:50 pm (2 min); 10/02/15 at 6:04, 7:20 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Energy / Fuel Costs	Green Mountain Power is proposing a large solar project in Hartford. Spokeswoman Dorothy Schnure says the 47-acre site on the Hartford-Quechee Road is ideal for a large project.	10/20/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min)
Environment	Global leaders convened in Paris on Monday in search of an international agreement to curb carbon emissions. But environmentalists in Vermont are pressing for action closer to home. VPR's Peter Hirschfeld has more.	11/30/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 12/01/15 at 6:44 am (3 min)
Gov't and Politics	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 reports, the outcome of this debate could have a significant impact on property tax burdens in many parts of Vermont.	12/15/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 12/16/15 at 8:04 am (1 min)
Gov't and Politics	The re-settling of Syrian refugees in the United States has become a national debate. While many governors have tried to block Syrians from entering their states, Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin has pledged to 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.	12/29/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 12/30/15 at 6:04 & 7:44 am (1 min)

