



## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

2nd Quarter 2020 (for programming aired April 1 through June 30, 2020)

This quarterly issues/programs list is a list of a non-entertainment programming which, in the opinion of the management of the station, represents the most significant treatment by the station of certain issues believed to be of community concern.

During this period, WORT 89.9 FM has served the public interest by producing and broadcasting diverse content which addresses local, regional, and statewide issues. The following is a list of the produced programming or news stories in response to areas of concern to listeners.

The list is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of the station's non-entertainment programming. Nor is it designed to list every program broadcast by the station that is responsive to the selected issues. Included are only those programs in which the station devoted significant time or depth to these various issues.

Issues of community concern:

- Policing
- Racial justice protests & activism
- Economics
- COVID-19 labor issues
- COVID-19 inequities
- COVID-19 updates
- Environment & ecology
- Voting
- United States Postal System

### ISSUE: Policing

Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	Unpacking how much Wisconsin spends on its police
<b>Description</b>	The Madison Police Department's operating budget has grown by nearly thirty percent in the last five years. We speak with the author of a nonpartisan study that looks at overall spending trends for the state's police forces since 1987. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 25, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	7 minutes, 23 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus calls for special session on police reform
<b>Description</b>	Wisconsin's Black Legislative Caucus has been pushing the Governor to call a special session to address several pieces of legislation on police reform. The Caucus called for the session to be held on June 19, otherwise known as Juneteenth. We speak with the Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus, Representative Lakeshia Myers, about the proposed legislation. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 18, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	7 minutes, 52 seconds

<b>Title</b>	The end of policing with Alex S. Vitale
<b>Description</b>	Alex Vitale is author of the book <i>The End of Policing</i> , an indispensable text informing the rising movement to defund the police. Vitale speaks on the militarization of the police, the school-to-prison pipeline, local activism, the value of restorative justice, how we might make spaces safer without relying on police presence, and what it would look like for the increasingly common demand to "defund the police."
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 11, 2020 @ 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	25 minutes, 44 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Policing roundtable with Everett Mitchell and David Couper
<b>Description</b>	We speak with Reverend David Couper, Madison Chief of Police from 1972 and 1993 and current priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and the Reverend Judge Everett Mitchell, a Dane County Circuit Court Judge and senior pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church who is known in the community for his restorative justice work.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 10, 2020 @ 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	53 minutes, 17 seconds

<b>Title</b>	The crisis of policing in America
<b>Description</b>	As ongoing nationwide protests demand systemic reform or abolition and an end to police brutality, we speak with two experts on broken windows policing, the criminalization of poverty, and undoing the carceral state. Jordan T Camp and Christina Heatherton are two activist scholars and co-editors of <i>Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to Black Lives Matter</i> .
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .

<b>Date/Time</b>	June 4, 2020 @ 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	54 minutes, 6 seconds

**ISSUE: Racial justice protests & activism**

Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	Crowd demonstrates to free arrested organizer Yeshua Musa
<b>Description</b>	A synopsis of the previous night's and early evening's events to protest the arrest of a local activist, during which the State Capitol sustained property damage, two prominent statues were pulled down, and a state Senator was attacked. News report.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 24, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	7 minutes

<b>Title</b>	Photographer Kenechi Unachukwu documents Madison's protests
<b>Description</b>	A local photographer has been documenting Madison's Black Lives Matter protests. While most local photographers zoom out, Unachukwu zooms in. He says individual portraits strip away the distraction of the crowd and captures the humanity and individual emotion of protesters. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 24 @ 6:32 pm
<b>Duration</b>	9 minutes, 44 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Impact Demand organizer Ayomi Obuseh on the future of Madison's protests
<b>Description</b>	A local youth-led group has been the organizing force behind many of Madison's ongoing protests for racial justice. The newly-formed group has quickly established itself as one of the driving forces behind the local BLM movement. We speak with a lead organizer about their demands and the future of the movement. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 23, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	8 minutes, 32 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Free the 350 posts bail for Dane County Jail inmates
<b>Description</b>	A local organization seeks to prioritize bailing out Black people incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. We speak to an organizer with Free the 350 several days after the organization bailed over a dozen inmates out of jail on Juneteenth. News interview.

<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 22, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	9 minutes, 49 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Racial justice roundtable
<b>Description</b>	A timely roundtable on understanding racial justice with three community leaders: M Adams, co-executive director of activist organization Freedom Inc and organizer of recent protests; Sabrina Madison, founder of the Progress Center for Black Women; and Dr. Damita Brown, restorative justice coordinator at the Dane County TimeBank.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>daytime listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 3, 2020 @ 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	52 minutes, 32 seconds

**ISSUE: Economics**

Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	The US economy before and after coronavirus
<b>Description</b>	The intersection of the pandemic and the economy, with economic analyst Doug Henwood, a contributing editor at <i>The Nation</i> , author of several books, and host of <i>Behind the News</i> , a weekly radio show covering economics and politics.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>daytime listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 2, 2020 @ 12:07pm
<b>Duration</b>	53 minutes and 27 seconds

<b>Title</b>	City Finance Committee approves new small business grant program
<b>Description</b>	Members of the City Finance Committee have approved a new program to provide half a million dollars in grant money to downtown businesses, who are grappling with COVID-19 restrictions and extensive property damage in the wake of protests and riots. News
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 23, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	4 minutes, 24 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Proposed city loan program aims to help Madison's minority-owned businesses
<b>Description</b>	Madison officials are pushing forward a pilot program to help minority-owned businesses own, rather than rent, commercial spaces. News report.

<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 18, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	3 minutes, 52 seconds

<b>Title</b>	State moratorium on evictions expires
<b>Description</b>	A two-month statewide moratorium on evictions set at the beginning of the statewide lockdown aimed to prevent landlords from evicting tenants unable to afford rent during the pandemic. After the moratorium's expiration, we speak with Robin Sereno, Executive Director of Dane County's Tenant Resource Center, to discuss options for renters.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 27, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	8 minutes, 16 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Dated infrastructure delaying unemployment claims
<b>Description</b>	The state's Department of Workforce Development has severely lagged in processing unemployment applications since the beginning of the pandemic. Primary drivers of the lag include understaffing and an outdated programming language used for processing claims. We dive into what's causing the lag, and what's being done to fix it. News report.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 27, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	4 minutes, 47 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Wisconsin retailers begin soft reopening
<b>Description</b>	As the Governor loosens restrictions on retailers, we learn how many the changes will affect retailers and local shops. News report.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 12, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	4 minutes, 55 seconds

ISSUE: COVID-19 labor issues

Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	On the frontlines: local grocery workers on COVID-19
<b>Description</b>	Grocery workers are one of those essential workers, celebrated as the heroes of the COVID-19 crisis. But do they feel like heroes? We speak with five local grocery store employees about store safety, hazard pay, the “new normal,” and more.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 6, 2020 @ 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	52 minutes, 11 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Food processing plants with worker organizer Mario Ramirez
<b>Description</b>	Many cases of COVID-19 in northeastern Wisconsin, and across the country, have been related to meat processing plants. JBS, the world’s largest processor of fresh beef and pork, recently closed its meat packing facility due to an outbreak. We speak with Mario Ramirez, a worker advocate and organizer with Voces de la Frontera, to learn how workers at meat and food processing plants are faring. Translated interview.
<b>Program</b>	8 O’Clock Buzz, <i>morning drivetime talk show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 1, 2020 @ 8:10am
<b>Duration</b>	21 minutes, 59 seconds

<b>Title</b>	On the frontlines: healthcare workers on COVID-19
<b>Description</b>	Healthcare workers are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis, and they aren’t getting the support they need from their employers or the government. We speak with an emergency room nurse and a retired epidemiologist and occupational health and safety specialist about their workload and frustrations.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 13, 2020 @ 12:07 pm
<b>Duration</b>	52 minutes, 14 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Food service worker group asks Dane County for more transparency over fund
<b>Description</b>	A group of local service industry workers is calling on Dane County to set specific guidelines for its \$10 million fund for small local businesses. The call after Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced a plan to direct \$10 million in federal aid to small businesses, which is to be distributed by the nonprofit Dane Buy Local. We

	<p>Speak with an organizer of a service worker group asking the County Board for there to be more guidelines on the funds to protect service workers, and a separate fund for direct allocation for workers most impacted by the pandemic.</p>
<b>Program</b>	8 O'Clock Buzz, <i>morning drivetime talk show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 7, 2020 @ 8am
<b>Duration</b>	17 minutes, 7 seconds

**ISSUE: COVID-19 inequities**

Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	Coronavirus does discriminate: how COVID-19 amplifies inequities
<b>Description</b>	Historian Dr. Gerald Horne explores the assertion that the arrival of COVID-19 has exposed inequities in our social system and continues to act as a catalyst for deep and simmering social and economic crises—all worsened by the current political system.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 7, 2020 @ 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	52 minutes, 8 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Reverend Marcus Allen on racial disparities in COVID-19 treatment
<b>Description</b>	When a local pastor's mother began experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, he called emergency responders. They told him to avoid taking his mother to the hospital. Then her symptoms worsened. We speak with Allen to learn how the pandemic is disproportionately affecting Wisconsin's Black communities.
<b>Program</b>	6pm live local news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 13, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	9 minutes, 24 minutes

<b>Title</b>	How COVID-19 is affecting indigenous communities
<b>Description</b>	We take a look at how the pandemic is impacting Native American communities in the US, from medical shortages to economic toll of closures, with journalists from <i>Indian Country Today</i> .
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 10, 2020 @ 12:07pm
<b>Duration</b>	Half hour

<b>Title</b>	State releases race; ethnicity statistics for COVID-19 patients
<b>Description</b>	Wisconsin health officials release statistics on race and ethnicity information about patients who've been infected, and died, from coronavirus. We get the background on why these disparities exist. News report.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 9, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	7 minutes, 21 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Facing the pandemic in prison
<b>Description</b>	Prisons have been one of the hardest-hit spaces during the pandemic, with high rates of infection and minimal measures to prevent the spread. We speak with a journalist who focuses specifically on the incarceration of transgendered people and health effects of incarceration, and two regional criminal justice reform activists.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show.</i>
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 27, 2020 @ 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	54 minutes, 11 seconds

**ISSUE: COVID-19 updates**

Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down "safer-at-home"
<b>Description</b>	The Wisconsin Supreme Court decided to strike down the Governor's extension of the safer-at-home order, effectively lifting restrictions on large gatherings and allowing businesses (but not schools) to reopen. We get the context on what's now allowed and what's not, and what that means for local residents. News report.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 14, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	4 minutes, 7 seconds

<b>Title</b>	State releases names of nursing homes affected by COVID-19
<b>Description</b>	After repeated questions from listeners on the dangers of nursing homes during the pandemic, we look at recently-released names of nursing homes under investigation for cases of COVID-19 and what those numbers mean. News report.

<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 14, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	3 minutes, 41 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes discusses Wisconsin's reopening plan
<b>Description</b>	Wisconsin isn't scheduled to reopen for several weeks, but the Evers administration has begun to lift restrictions on certain businesses and state agencies. We get the scoop with Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 6, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	8 minutes, 26 seconds

<b>Title</b>	First responders ask for more protections, workers' compensation
<b>Description</b>	The day after the Governor signs into law a sweeping COVID-19 relief package, we learn how some first responders are dissatisfied with the requirements to prove they got sick on the job in order to get worker's compensation benefits. News report.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 16, 2020 @6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	4 minutes, 20 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Madison Mayor has COVID-19 updates
<b>Description</b>	We speak with Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway to get a status update on how the city is faring with COVID-19 and what long-term plans are in place for fighting, and coping under, COVID-19. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 30, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	8 minutes, 46 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Substance abuse support "more important now than ever" during COVID-19
<b>Description</b>	Local addiction support groups are moving operations online. While some attendees say that the pandemic means support groups are more important now than ever, going digital means there are some adjustments. News story.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 7, 2020 @ 6:10 pm

<b>Duration</b>	4 minutes, 1 second
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<b>Title</b>	Supporting domestic abuse victims during “stay-at-home” order
<b>Description</b>	With more states issuing shelter-in-place orders in response to the pandemic, people experiencing domestic violence can find themselves in dangerous situations. For some, home is the least safe place to be. We speak with Shannon Barry, executive director at Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, and Ryan Poe-Gavlinski, director of a local restraining order clinic, to learn about the challenges domestic abuse victims face during a pandemic. Roundtable.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 1, 2020 @ 12:07 pm
<b>Duration</b>	51 minutes, 42 seconds

**ISSUE: Environment and ecology**

Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	Asian Giant Hornets in Wisconsin unlikely
<b>Description</b>	The sensation of the “murder hornet” has been making headlines across the country. The species was found in Washington state last fall, and has been linked to several deaths in its native Japan. But how much of the news coverage is hype? What’s the likelihood the insect could show up in Wisconsin? We speak with UW-Madison’s “Bug guy” – PJ Liesch, an entomologist with the University of Wisconsin’s Insect Diagnostic Lab. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 12, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	9 minutes, 21 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Wisconsin DNR can now examine impact of high capacity wells
<b>Description</b>	It’s just the first step toward returning administration of high-capacity, industrial wells to state regulators. But the day after an order banning the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources from monitoring and studying high-capacity wells is lifted, we speak with a staff attorney from environmental advocacy group Clean Wisconsin, who worked on the case. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 13, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	8 minutes, 35 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Wisconsin DNR preparing for elevated wildfire conditions
<b>Description</b>	The National Weather Service is predicting elevated wildfire conditions for Wisconsin this summer. In response, the Governor has declared a State of Emergency. We speak with a wildfire prevention specialist at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to about wildfire conditions, and how wildfire prevention is complicated by a pandemic. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 22, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	8 minutes, 11 seconds

<b>Title</b>	City to use goat grazing to address invasive plant life
<b>Description</b>	For the first time, the City of Madison is using a herd of goats to deal with invasive plants. We speak to a city parks planner, and learn what rules residents should follow when observing the goats. News interview.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 26, 2020 @ 6:20 pm
<b>Duration</b>	6 minutes, 24 seconds

#### ISSUE: Voting

##### Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	Court upholds early voting restrictions in Wisconsin
<b>Description</b>	A federal appeals court upholds restrictions on early voting in Wisconsin. What does it mean for upcoming the upcoming fall primary and general election? We speak with Patrick Marley, state government and politics reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Interview.
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 30, 2020 @ 12:30 pm
<b>Duration</b>	24 minutes

<b>Title</b>	Voting rights during COVID-19 with Pastor Greg Lewis
<b>Description</b>	Souls to the Polls wants to turn out the vote in Milwaukee. The nonprofit has united about 120 churches from Milwaukee, working to enfranchise voters of color via

	grassroots organizing. But in the wake of COVID-19, the organization is trying to balance voting rights with public health and safety. Interview.
<b>Program</b>	8 O'Clock Buzz, <i>morning drivetime talk show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 8, 2020 @ 8:35 am
<b>Duration</b>	15 minutes, 24 seconds

<b>Title</b>	A difficult choice: poll workers show up despite pandemic
<b>Description</b>	After a flurry of uncertainty and last-minute decisions before the spring election, we speak with poll workers who did, and did not, decide to show up to work on April 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 8, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	3 minutes, 56 seconds

<b>Title</b>	Some Madisonians risk health to vote, while others won't be counted
<b>Description</b>	Some who submitted absentee ballots to vote in the 2020 spring election weren't counted due to a flurry of last-minute legal decisions and reversals in the days leading up to the election. News story.
<b>Program</b>	6pm local evening news
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 7, 2020 @ 6:10 pm
<b>Duration</b>	3 minutes, 44 seconds

## ISSUE: United States Postal System

### Responsive Programming:

<b>Title</b>	The U.S. postal strike of 1970 and present-day crisis
<b>Description</b>	The US Postal Service is facing a financial crisis alongside concerns over keeping workers safe during the pandemic while preparing for an influx of ballots in upcoming elections. After requests from listeners for more on the postal service, we discuss the history and context for the current crisis facing the USPS, and failed efforts to privatize the postal service, with historian Philip Rubio, author of the new book <i>Undelivered</i> .
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	June 22, 2020 @ 12:07 pm
<b>Duration</b>	52 minutes

<b>Title</b>	The manufactured crisis of the USPS
<b>Description</b>	The US Postal Service is facing a financial crisis, but Sarah Anderson, Director of the Global Economy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, says the impending crisis is manufactured.
<b>Program</b>	8 O'Clock Buzz, <i>morning drivetime talk show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 13, 2020 @ 8am
<b>Duration</b>	22 minutes

<b>Title</b>	How the US Postal Service shaped American society and democracy
<b>Description</b>	As the US Postal Service faces a new financial crisis in the midst of the pandemic, we learn about the history of the USPS and its vital role in shaping American society and democracy with historian Richard R John, professor of history and communications at Columbia University and author of <i>Spreading the News: The American Postal System from Franklin to Morse</i> and <i>Network Nation: Inventing American Telecommunications</i> .
<b>Program</b>	A Public Affair, <i>midday listener call-in show</i> .
<b>Date/Time</b>	May 11, 2020 at 12:06 pm
<b>Duration</b>	52 minutes, 44 seconds