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WPFO FOX23 – Waterville, ME

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST – 1st Quarter 2024

The following is listings of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WPFO, Waterville, Maine, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the 4th Quarter period, 1/1/24-3/31/24. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Regular Programs

Station WPFO regularly airs local news, weather, and traffic reports Monday – Friday 7:00am-9:00am Good Day Maine; Monday – Friday 10:00pm-11:00pm FOX23 News at Ten; Saturday 10:00pm-10:30pm FOX23 News at Ten; Sunday 10:00pm-11:00pm FOX23 News at Ten.

Description of Issue	Regular Programs	Air Date(s)	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description
FEMA Assessing Storm Damage	FOX23 News at Ten	1/3/24	10:14pm	2:00	After a December storm left widespread destruction, FEMA is now traveling across the state accessing both public and private damage. If it's more than Maine can handle, Governor Mills will request a major disaster declaration from President Biden. FEMA says they will see all of the damage that the state wants them to see and they will be there as long as it takes to accomplish this mission. At the peak of the storm, nearly 400,000 CMP customers lost power. Flooding and high winds damaged roads, businesses, and homes. The Governor urges any Maine people impacted by the storm to report damage to 211.
Coastal Flooding Concerns	FOX23 News at Ten	1/8/24	10:06pm	2:00	A storm on the way is reason for concern for coastal flooding. A combo of heavy rainfall and melting snow is likely to increase the impact of flooding. Viewers are urged to check the areas around their basement walls where water is likely to pool up. This can lead to basement flooding. Tips to try and avoid this are to clear your gutters or add extensions to the bottom that will guide water farther from the house. Also, clear snow away from the sides of your house to give water an opportunity to shed away.
Inflation Outlook for 2024	Good Day Maine	1/12/24	7:08am	2:00	A new report shows that inflation went down significantly in 2023. The prices of U.S. consumer goods and services continued to rise but at a slower pace in 2023, capping a year of progress toward reigning in decades high inflation. Federal data shows a 3.4% increase in prices last year, down by nearly half

					from December 2022 when the inflation rate was 6.5%. We are now back to a situation where income is growing faster than inflation. The costs of food and energy have come down significantly from 2022, however, many households struggle while expenses for shelter, medical care, and motor vehicle insurance continue to rise.
Flight Cancellation Chaos	Good Day Maine	1/17/24	7:21am	:35	Winter weather is disrupting air travel across the country. According to Flight Aware, 800 flights have already been canceled today. The Portland Jetport shows that one flight has been canceled so far and two are delayed. If you're traveling today, be sure to check your flight status ahead of time. This follows almost 2500 cancellations yesterday overall, and over 3000 the day before. A total of 10,000 flights have been cancelled since last Friday.
Streaming Services Tax	FOX23 News at Ten	1/25/24	10:10pm	1:45	Maine is considering a tax on Netflix and similar streaming services for tapping into the lines and poles that bring you some of your favorite shows. The bill just passed the Senate with bipartisan support. It would require any company that uses a town's poles and wires to transmit their programming to have a franchising agreement with an associated price. The Maine Chamber of Commerce is opposed, saying hitting all of the video service providers with a fee would, by association, drive up streaming costs here in Maine. Representative Melanie Sacks, who is supporting the bill, says it would be up to each town to set the fees, if any. She also says there are consumer protections in place so that subscribers wouldn't get slapped with higher streaming costs. The bill has passed the house and senate and will eventually head to the Governor's desk.
Tax Season Changes	Good Day Maine	1/30/24	8:07am	1:00	There are some tax changes this year that viewers should keep in mind. The standard deduction is up 5.4% because of inflation; the second largest hike in three decades. Also, the child tax credit is changing, with lower income families able to receive up to \$2000 per child under 17. That's up \$400 from last year. Business owners will receive 100% depreciation on equipment, research, and development. Viewers are reminded that the tax deadline to file is April 17.

Opioid Crisis in Maine	FOX23 News at Ten	2/5/24	10:08pm	1:00	A recent report from the Portland Police Dept shows that there were no deadly overdoses in January, with the overall numbers trending down compared to last January. Despite this, those affected by the opioid crisis are warning people not to let their guard down. FOX 23 spoke with a man who has overdosed on Fentanyl before who said the drug is “scary” and that often people don’t even know that they’re taking it. He said any drug can have Fentanyl included without your knowledge. A new law went into effect on January 1 st requiring that all Maine law enforcement officers carry Naloxone, the overdose reversing drug. PPD says this saves lives every day.
Disaster Relief Center Opens	FOX23 News at Ten	2/08/24	10:16pm	1:10	There’s a new place for people affected by severe weather to get some help. A new disaster relief center for Androscoggin County is now open at the Lewiston Armory at 65 Central Ave. The center will be open from 8am to 6pm, seven days a week and will offer help applying for economic aid related to damage from the December 18 th storm. FEMA set up the office after President Biden issued a disaster declaration for five Maine counties. They’ve also opened centers in Rumford and Skowhegan. Anyone impacted by the historic flooding is encouraged to apply as applications for relief are free.
Portland Public Restrooms	Good Day Maine	2/13/24	8:06am	:30	There’s a public forum in Portland today on the push to create more public restrooms downtown. The proposed plan calls for putting in more bathrooms at Monument Way, by the Portland fish pier, and behind the Central Fire Station. Tonight, Portland Downtown is holding a public forum to generate discussion on the future of the proposal, hoping to develop a master plan moving forward. People can also register online for virtual participation.
Cook’s Corner Redesign	Good Day Maine	2/19/24	7:20am	:40	Town leaders in Brunswick are looking to tackle the area’s housing challenges by redesigning the Cook’s Corner shopping plaza. A plan was put together in 2022 that includes replacing several vacant retail shopping areas with mixed-use buildings, more housing, and pedestrian-friendly walkways. The hope is this will also relieve some of the congested traffic in the area. The town is looking to offer tax incentives to

					invite new types of businesses to move in. The council is set to discuss the project in their meeting tomorrow.
Contractor Regulation Bill	FOX23 News at Ten	2/25/24	10:34pm	2:00	A bill to require licensing for home contractors advanced in Augusta this week. Legislators have debated regulating the profession for more than a decade, but nothing ever passed. The FOX 23 I-Team has routinely highlighted the growing number of complaints and losses related to contractor fraud here in Maine. This new attempt to regulate general contractors would require a license for anyone working on a project costing more than \$10,000. A licensing board would also be set up to oversee the new requirements, like insurance coverage and certain education standards. Those in support of the bill say it will not only create more accountability in the industry, but also will allow consumers to seek out reputable contractors. The bill now heads to the full House and Senate for further votes.
Heat Pumps in Maine	FOX23 News at Ten	2/27/24	10:24pm	1:00	Maine has been awarded \$10M to install high efficiency heat pump systems in hundreds of homes, specifically in rural areas. Governor Mills says the grant from the bipartisan infrastructure law will be used to install the systems in 675 mobile and manufactured homes. The money will also be used to expand workforce training for local installers to do that work. She says Maine is the leader across the country when it comes to the installation of heat pumps. More than 115,000 heat pumps have been installed in Maine since 2019.
Scam Calls	FOX23 News at Ten	3/6/24	10:09pm	2:20	The FOX 23 I-Team offers tips on how to fight back against unwanted scam calls. According to federal data, U.S. consumers receive around 4 billion robocalls each month. Hoping to evade them, 250 million people are signed up for the national “do not call” registry. But millions of calls are still getting through. Last year, imposters made up the bulk of the do not call complaints. AARP Maine says the best form of protection against an unknown number is to simply not pick up. If you do answer the phone, don’t talk back, and hang up immediately. The longer a person stays on the line, the more their potential to be victimized increases. Maine’s Attorney General Aaron Fry says

					his office works with other AGs across the country working to limit the reach of robocalls. While there has been progress in blocking billions of unwanted calls, Fry says the biggest weapon is you. The reason these robocalls keep coming is because there has been success. Viewers are encouraged to report repeat offenders to the Attorney General's office.
The Future of Cape Elizabeth Schools	Good Day Maine	3/8/24	8:34am	:40	Officials in Cape Elizabeth are weighing their options for upgrades to the town schools two years after voters rejected a \$116M school replacement plan. The superintendent says the elementary, middle, and high schools are all old and in need of repair. Now an advisory committee is considering three options for renovations or replacements ranging from \$64M to \$116M. Despite the concerns over a big price tag, the superintendent says he is determined to find a solution that works for his students and taxpayers. Once a solution is decided on, the plan will go to the voters in November.
Increased Ambulance Service Fees	FOX23 News at Ten	3/12/24	10:10pm	:30	Residents in central Maine may soon need to pay more for a private ambulance service. Delta Ambulance says it plans to raise its fees – Delta is a private paramedic company that serves 13 towns in the greater Waterville area. This is the second time in the past two years the company has increased its rates. Last year, the company started charging communities a service fee of \$15/person but it's still not making enough money. This year's price increase is going to \$25. The company is also asking for a service fee increase from hospitals just so it can make a profit.
Stroudwater Bridge Repair	Good Day Maine	3/18/24	7:03am	:40	There is a repair project happening to Stroudwater Bridge that could affect your commute. Construction is set to start today on the Turnpike, specifically the south-bound side between exits 46 and 47. Emergency repairs are being done to fix a break in the Stroudwater Bridge's expansion joint under the center lane which created a "hazardous condition." The spot is temporarily reinforced with a steel plate and drivers are cautioned that it creates a significant bump in that lane. The bridge will be reduced to two lanes of traffic by Wednesday and the fix is expected to be done in three weeks. Drivers should be prepared for slowdowns in

					the area, especially in the morning. The speed limit will remain lowered until the repairs are completed.
Correctional Officer Shortage	FOX23 News at Ten	3/22/24	10:30pm	3:00	Maine's jails continue to be plagued by a shortage of corrections workers, with the Cumberland County Jail alone now short 70 corrections officers. This number of openings is leading to forced overtime for existing officers, including 64-72 hr work weeks. Sherrif Joyce says the shortage comes down to several factors including the "defund police" movement, an attack on qualified immunity, lack of affordable housing in the area, it's an employee market, and several high-profile police brutality cases. A corrections officer says that he is responsible for as many as 84 people in a unit due to the shortage of help. Sherrif Joyce says a new hire starts at \$26/hr and they have an excellent benefits and retirement package.
Car Thefts on the Rise	FOX23 News at Ten	3/27/24	10:05pm	:40	In Rockland, police say car thefts are on the rise. Rockland Police say they've seen more car thefts since the start of this year than all of last year. These incidents are occurring all around the city. They say they are typically incidents of opportunity. People go around trying door handles looking for unlocked vehicles to take change and valuables from. Police say there's no specific make or model that's more vulnerable to theft. They encourage residents to always lock their vehicles. They say if you have an automatic start key fob, never leave it in or near the vehicle.
Various	The National Desk Headline News	1/1/24- 3/29/24 Mon-Fri	6:00am 9:00am 11:00pm	1 Hour	The National Desk is hosted by anchor Jan Jeffcoat, providing commentary-free news coverage, highlighting important stories occurring in cities and towns across the country.
Various	The National Desk Weekend Edition	1/7/24- 3/31/24 Sun	11:30pm	1 Hour	This one-hour program includes a recap of the previous week's major news events and a preview of the upcoming week.

Public Service Announcements

Station WPFO, Portland, Maine, aired in excess of 1,000 public service and announcements during this quarter, covering a number of topics that range from education, health, public safety, etc. These public service announcements air at various times and may run anywhere from 0:05 seconds to 0:90 seconds in length. Station WPFO regularly airs public notice announcements notifying the public about the availability of children’s programming, equal employment opportunity, and public file reports. Weather alerts and announcements are regularly broadcasted and posted on WPFO and fox23maine.com on an as-needed basis. Station WPFO is a participating station in our area’s Emergency Alert system.

Description of Issue	Public Service Announcements (number of times aired)	Air Date(s)	Time	Length	Narration of Type and Description (identify non-profit or community group)
Impaired Driving Prevention	32	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:15	PSA AC IMPAIRED DRIVING 15 Warns of the dangers of driving while impaired.
Funding Cancer Research	100	3/16/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:30	PSA EVENT MARY’S WALK 2024 30 Promotes a local event, Mary’s Walk, which raises money for Maine Cancer Foundation.
Hunger Prevention	425	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	1:00	PSA FEEDING AMERICA FULL 60 Promotes food security resources available through Feeding America.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Education	103	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:15	PSA LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY 15 Promotes education about leukemia and lymphoma.
Vaping	142	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:10	PSA VAPING DENIAL 10 Warns of the dangers of vaping.
Retirement Saving	267	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	1:00	PSA WE SAY SAVE IT 60 Offers information on retirement planning.
Lung Cancer Awareness	53	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:30	PSA SAVED BY THE SCAN 30 Encourages screening for early lung cancer detection.
Colon Cancer	142	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:30	PSA MAB PEP DOUG COLON 30 Encourages screening for colon cancer.

Fentanyl Awareness	19	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:15	PSA FENTANYL AWARENESS HEALTH 15 Warns of the dangers of fentanyl.
Kindness and Civility	14	1/1/24 – 3/31/24	In Rotation	:30	PSA KIDS KINDNESS PIO 30 Promotes kindness and civility toward others.

Community Activities

Description of Issue	Community Activities (broadcast/non-broadcast/both)	Date(s)	Time	Location	Narration of Type and Description
Fundraising	The Power of a Wish with Make-A-Wish Maine	2/21/24	All Day	FOX 23 station in Portland, ME	FOX23 held its annual “Share the Power of a Wish” telethon supporting Make-A-Wish Maine. Over \$130K was raised through this event.
Local Support	Station tour	2/1/24	Afternoon	FOX23 station in Portland, ME	FOX23 Meteorologist Ryan Munn provided a station tour for a dozen people from Creative Works.

Local Support	Weather presentation	1/11/24	Morning	China Primary School in South China, ME	FOX23 Meteorologist Ryan Munn conducted a weather presentation for 100 students at China Primary School.
Local Support	Major League Memories	2/21/24	Morning	Schooner Estates Memory Care Community in Auburn, ME	FOX23 Sports Director Dave Eid emceed Major League Memories for residents at Schooner Memory Care. This was done in partnership with the Boston Red Sox with alumni player Bob Stanley attending.
Local Support	Fitzpatrick Award ceremony	1/14/24	Evening	Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, ME	FOX23 Sports Director Dave Eid emceed the annual Fitzpatrick Award ceremony in Portland where the state's top senior football player was crowned.

Special Programs

Description of Issue	Special Programs	Air Date(s)	Time	Length	Narration of Type and Description
News Special	Spotlight on America Presents	2/4/24	6:30pm 11:00pm	30 min	FOX23 aired a news special focusing on the following topics: road rage, birth control IUD safety, artificial intelligence scams, and auto emergency break shortcomings.
Weather Coverage	FOX23 Weather Authority Coverage	1/13/24	11:00am	120 min	FOX23 aired live weather coverage of a dangerous winter storm.
Presidential Address	State of the Union Address 2024	3/7/24	9:00pm	132 min	FOX News' live coverage of President Biden's State of the Union Address.