

WGSN Quarterly Issues 2022

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Section 1: Issues

- A. Transportation: Various issues related to local roads and travel.
- B. Economy: Discussing economic issues.
- C. Health: Issues dealing with health concerns.
- D. Education: Local issues related to students and affecting education.
- E. Weather: Alert of weather coming into local areas or damage caused by inclement weather.
- F. Government: Discussing local politics and government issues.

## Section II: Responsive Programs

- A. WGSN News: “Ground-Breaking on Newport By-Pass Project”** According to the Newport Plain Talk, last week officials from Newport and Cocke County gathered to break ground on the Newport Bypass Project, a road connecting Greeneville traffic to the west end of town, that was first proposed over 20 years ago. **Broadcast:** 1/13/22 **Code:** 9312 **Duration:** 1:02 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 1/14/22.

**WGSN News: “\$31M Grant to Repair Foothills Parkway”** As recently reported by the Knoxville News-Sentinel, The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has received its first funds under the Great American Outdoors Act championed by former U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, and they will be used to repave the Foothills Parkway West in Blount County. A park official said the park received \$31 million to rehabilitate the 17-mile roadway between Chilhowee Lake to Walland.. **Broadcast:** 2/24/22 **Code:** 9341 **Duration:** 1:01 **Airing:** 17:04:12 and 7:04:04 2/25/22.

**WGSN NEWS: “Pilot Announces \$1 Billion Campaign to Upgrade Facilities”** As reported by the Knoxville News-Sentinel, one of the nation's largest travel center brands wants to make your pit stops more fun with fresh-cut fruit, upgraded bathrooms and self-checkout to get you back on the road faster. **Broadcast:** 3/11/22 **Code:** 9352 **Duration:** 1:23 **Airing:** 17:04:04 3/12/22.

- B. WGSN NEWS: “Site Development Grants Awarded to E TN Sites”** Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe recently announced 12 new Site Development Grants, totaling approximately \$8.3 million. **Broadcast:** 1/3/22 **Code:** 9352 **Duration:** 1:01 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 1/4/22.

**WGSN NEWS: “New Apartment Complex Coming to Turkey Creek”** According to WBIR-TV News, next spring 2023 there will be 190 new units available in Turkey Creek, which will be the first of its kind on city property in West Knoxville. **Broadcast:** 2/23/22 **Code:** 9332 **Duration:** :50 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 2/24/22.

**WGSN News: “Dollywood Parks Unveils \$500M Ten Year Plan”** Eugene Naughton, the president of Dollywood Company told the Knoxville News-Sentinel fixing the small things,— customer pain points like parking, seating and ease of movement — is key to taking one of America's most beloved theme park companies to the next level. The company is investing \$500 million as part of a 10-year strategic plan to elevate Dollywood Parks & Resorts to a premier and eventually year-round destination...**Broadcast:** 3/8/22 **Code:** 9312 **Duration:** 1:09 **Airing:** 17:04:04 & 7:04:04 3/9/22.

- C. WGSN News: “MEDIC Joins New Blood Product Provider Group”** According to a news release, facing an increasingly unsteady blood supply, MEDIC Regional Blood Center has helped found a first-in-the-nation partnership to prepare Tennessee for emergency situations where blood needs are high. The Blood Emergency Readiness Corps (BERC), is composed of blood centers from across the nation that have committed to collecting extra blood units on a rotating, “on call” schedule. **Broadcast:** 1/11/22 **Code:** 9321 **Duration:** 1:29 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 1/12/22.

**WGSN News: “Materials Gifted to C-N Nursing School Students”** In a follow-up to a previous news story, WBIR-TV News is reporting that a devastating loss for nursing students in East Tennessee turned into a lesson in generosity after a November fire broke out at the Pedersen Nursing Building at Carson-Newman University, destroying most of the school's training equipment.... **Broadcast:** 2/8/22 **Code:**

9321 **Duration:** :50 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 2/9/22.

**WGSN News: "Knox BOE Seeks Attorneys in Mask Suits"** In a follow-up to a continuing news story, the Knoxville News-Sentinel reported that formalizing a controversial proposal that Knox County Board of Education members have fought for over the past few weeks, board members will ask the Knox County Law Director's Office to find private attorneys to help fight both lawsuits over masks in schools...**Broadcast:** 3/14/22 **Code:** 9310 **Duration:** 0:52 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 3/15/22.

- D. **WGSN News: "Mayor Jacobs Kicks Off 2022 Reading Challeng."** As reported by WBIR-TV News, on Tuesday Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs announced the Read City USA 2022 challenge. Officials said this year's challenge is under the theme "Oceans of Possibility" and the million-hour goal is broken into three nautical challenges to be completed throughout 2022. **Broadcast:** 1/12/22 **Code:** 9332 **Duration:** 1:16 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 1/13/22.

**WGSN News: "Community Meets, Questions Director of Schools Candidates"** WBIR-TV News reported that on Thursday evening podiums were arranged in Bearden High School and curtains were drawn for two candidates vying for the job as the next superintendent of Knox County Schools. They met for a question-and-answer event with the community, where people had a chance to submit questions and get answers. **Broadcast:** 2/18/22 **Code:** 9351 **Duration:** :40 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 2/19/22.

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- E. **WGSN News: "12,000-Plus E TN Residents Still Without Power"** A number of East Tennesseans are still dealing with the effects of the last winter storm even as another one approaches. According to WATE-TV News, as of Wednesday evening, over 12,000 Sevier County Electric Service customers were still without power according to the company's outage webpage. **Broadcast:** 1/6/22 **Code:** 9341 **Duration:** 0:54 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 1/7/22.

**WGSN News: "Winter Storm Could Bring Ice, Freezing Rain to E TN"** A winter storm with the potential for ice and freezing precipitation is expected to impact a portion of East Tennessee. According to a special weather statement from the National Weather Service office in Morristown, a WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IS IN EFFECT FROM 1 AM TO NOON EST FRIDAY for Scott TN, Campbell, Claiborne and Morgan Counties.... **Broadcast:** 2/3/22 **Code:** 9340 **Duration:** :38 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 2/4/22.

**WGSN News: "Late Season Winter Storm to Impact E TN and Virginia"** A Winter Storm will impact East Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina. The National Weather Service office in Morristown has issued several weather statements. **Broadcast:** 3/11/22 **Code:** 9350 **Duration:** 1:12 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 3/12/22.

- F. **WGSN News: "Ground-Breaking on Newport By-Pass Project"** According to the Newport Plain Talk, last week officials from Newport and Cocke County gathered to break ground on the Newport Bypass Project, a road connecting Greeneville traffic to the west end of town, that was first proposed over 20 years ago. **Broadcast:** 1/13/22 **Code:** 9312 **Duration:** 1:02 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 1/14/22.

**WGSN News: "Stadium Development and Lease Agreements Approved"** As recently reported by WBIR-TV News, on Tuesday the Sports Authority approved agreements for the development and the

lease of the downtown Knoxville baseball stadium. **Broadcast:** 2/10/22 **Code:** 9342 **Duration:** 1:14  
**Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 2/11/22.

**WGSN News: "Update on Wildfire Lawsuit Against the National Park Service"** According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, on Monday hundreds of families who sued the National Park Service for not warning people in 2016 about the devastating Gatlinburg fire suffered a setback when a federal judge threw out part of the case basically over a paperwork error. **Broadcast:** 3/1/22 **Code:** 9320 **Duration:** 1:37 **Airing:** 17:04:04 and 7:04:04 3/2/22.