# <u>Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 2nd Quarter of</u> 2022 (April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30th)

Blue Ridge Public Radio serves a 17-county area of Western North Carolina and North Georgia with its 24-hour broadcast day schedule. Local newscasts and stories are produced by the BPR news team Monday through Friday and aired during Morning Edition and All Things Considered. BPR produces the hour-long talk program "The Waters & Harvey Show" and other 60-minute specials focusing on government/politics; arts and culture; and other topics relevant to our listening area.

### **ISSUE SHOW/DATE/DURATION**

## <u>Health</u>

We cannot stay silent: Qualla Boundary organizers hope momentum from 3rd annual MMIW march will continue -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – May 2, 2022 – 5 minutes NC General Assembly could take up Medicaid expansion bill this week -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – May 31, 2022 – 2 minutes One local reproductive rights group says it will continue to help provide abortion access across WNC --**Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – June 24, 2022 – 4 minutes Across WNC, reproductive rights supporters take to the streets -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – June 27, 2022 – 2 minutes

## Race, Gender & Identity

Milestones & Reflections -- The Waters & Harvey Show – May 12, 2022 – 57 minutes The First 10 Years Of The NWSL, And What It Shows About American Sports Culture – Going Deep: Sports in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – June 2, 2022 – 57 minutes Is There An American Philosophy? -- The Waters & Harvey Show – June 8, 2022 – 57 minutes The Renaissance Of America's HBCU's -- The Waters & Harvey Show – June 23, 2022 – 57 minutes

# Local Government & Politics

One uncontested WNC House race shows how Republicans built political power across the region --Morning Edition & All Things Considered – April 7, 2022

Sylva launches social district at Greening Up The Mountains -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – April 22, 2022 – 2:17

NC Supreme Court primary election could be key to flipping the court for Republicans -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – April 20, 2022 – 4 minutes

Asheville Mayoral Candidates discuss local and regional issues at Blue Ridge Public Radio and The Smoky Mountains News forum – BPR News Presents -- 4/26/2022 – 2 hours

*There's a new sheriff in town: How the local elections could have constitutional implications --* **Morning Edition & All Things Considered –** April 29, 2022 – 5 minutes

NC primary election saw record turnout and narrow races -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – May 18, 2022 – 5 minutes

NC-11 Dems choose Jasmine Beach-Ferrara in primary election -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – May 18, 2022 – 1 minute

Macon County Sheriff's race will be recounted -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – May 19, 2022 – 1 ½ minutes Overburdened WNC court system headed for 'crisis' -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – 5/26/2022 – 9 minutes Unaffiliated voters had a big impact on the NC-11 Primary Election -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – June 17, 2022 – 4 minutes

# Arts & Culture

Revolution Calling: Artists Panning for the NFT Gold Rush (a five-part series) – Morning Edition and All Things Considered – April 25-29, 2022 – 28 minutes Singer-songwriter Valorie Miller lived near a former chemical weapons plant in Swannanoa and wrote an album about it -- Morning Edition and All Things Considered – May 3, 2022 – 5 minutes Kenn Kotara found quick success as an artist and has spent much of his career leaning away from it --Morning Edition and All Things Considered – May 18, 2022 – 4 minutes Asheville Tiny Desk contestant transforms stressful experiences into a healing song -- Morning Edition and All Things Considered – May 19, 2022 – 8 minutes Sound artist Laura Steenberge says her body knows when she's on the right path -- Morning Edition and All Things Considered – June 7, 2022 – 4 minutes In digital era, zine publishers haven't stopped expressing themselves by hand -- Morning Edition and All Things Considered – June 14, 2022 – 4 minutes Composer and pianist Conrad Tao's poetic approaches to history and social justice – Morning Edition and All Things Considered – June 24, 2022 – 8 minutes Author Mindi Meltz writes fairytales for adults, weaving the earthly and otherworldly -- Morning Edition and All Things Considered – June 17, 2022 – 5 minutes From intern to director, Lex Turnbull is determined to keep Asheville's Revolve a thriving community arts space -- Morning Edition and All Things Considered -- June 28, 2022 -- 5 minutes

### **Education**

UNC Board of Governors meets in Cullowhee, votes for new funding model – Morning Edition and All Things Considered – April 7, 2022 – 2 minutes

### **Environment**

The Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Plan received about 800 eligible objections, here's what happens now -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – April 12, 2022 – 2 minutes Fraught Forests: A conversation about climate change and WNC forests – **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – June 3, 2022 – 7 minutes