

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST
1st QUARTER 2012

Station WNGC, 106.1 FM, Arcade, Georgia, determined the following issues were of significant concern to the local community and were dealt with according to the attached schedule during the first quarter of 2012.

1. Community/Charity Events/Organizations
2. Crime & Public Safety
3. Education
4. Health
5. Economy/Economic Development
6. Environment
7. Political

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COMMUNITY-CHARITY EVENTS-ORGANIZATIONS –

<u>NAME OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Georgia Focus	2/12/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	Local
A need to recognize and support the work of Girl Scouts in the community. This weekend the Girl Scouts celebrate 100-years as the largest girl-serving organization in the nation. Founded by Savannah’s Juliette Gordon Low, the Girls Scouts have a rich legacy of developing young women leaders. The guest on this program was Marilyn Midyette, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, and she discussed the activities involved with the celebration.				
Georgia Focus	3/25/12	6:30	28-minutes	GNN
A need to offer recognition to Vietnam Veterans. In 2011, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution co-sponsored by Ga. Senator Johnny Isakson declaring March 30 th “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”. Vietnam Veterans Mark and Don Shaughnessy, authors of Vietnam Remembered Today discussed their wartime experiences, including what it was like upon returning home.				

During the quarterly period, WNGC aired psa’s for the Georgia Association of Broadcasters on a barter basis. These were utilized by the GAB to support the Georgia National Guard and its members. Total announcements – 78.

During the quarterly period, WNGC aired psa’s for the United Way of Northeast Georgia promoting their efforts through which they financially support several charities in the Northeast Georgia community. Total announcements – 20.

During the quarterly period, WNGC aired psa’s for Carmike/Treehouse. These focused on the grand opening of the Winder Carmike Cinemas that featured grand opening night prizes and opening night revenues will benefit “Treehouse”, a local program that supports multiple kids charities. Total announcements – 155.

CRIME-

<u>NAME OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
WNGC News	1/3/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need to deal with suspected gang activities in communities of northeast Georgia. This report dealt with a case of 15-counts of theft by receiving stolen property for 19-year old Arturo Santoyo-Aviles. In March of 2010 police, along with immigration agents, searched Arviles’ West Athens apartment and found at least fifteen guns stolen from homes in Madison and Barrow Counties. Arviles, a purported member of the Sur 13 street gang, who police believe are responsible for several Athens area burglaries, and the murder of a Hall County man in March. Arviles is in the Clarke County Jail without bond.

Newsmakers Today	1/8/12	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
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A need for individual understanding and recognition of major trials that are taking place and getting prime news coverage. Law professor Ron Carlson attempted to provide insight from the legal vantage on several trials that are making the news.

WNGC News	1/19/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need for public awareness and response to a crime. This report dealt with a car belonging to a missing man from Monroe being found in downtown Athens. 25-year old Charles Parker was last seen Sunday. He left a church service in Lithonia en route to Athens to look at a piece of property. Investigators are worried about foul play, and family members plan to post flyers in downtown Athens seeking information about the case.

WNGC News	1/25/12	6:30 a.m.	45-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	45-sec.	Local
		9:00 a.m.	45-sec.	Local

A need for public awareness of continuing developments of a crime that has been in the public view in northeast Georgia. This report dealt with information released this morning that the body of confessed child killer Ryan Brunn has been released to a funeral home in Lumpkin County. Banister Funeral Home in Dahlonega is not commenting on details of what is said to be a private memorial service for the 20-year old apartment complex maintenance worker. Brunn pleaded guilty last Tuesday to a murder in Cherokee County, the December death of 7-year old Jorelys Rivera. She was stabbed, raped and beaten to death after being kidnapped from an apartment in Canton. The GBI says Brunn committed suicide, hanging himself in his prison cell last Thursday, two days after his guilty plea in Cherokee County.

Moby In The Morning	2/2/12	8:15 a.m.	3-minutes	Local
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A need to control certain wild animals within the local environment. Moby led a discussion on Pros & Cons of legislation to allow silencers be installed and used on hunting weapons. The state senate has passed legislation that would allow use of silencers by hunters. Proponents of this measure claim this would allow a reduction of dreaded animal populations such as coyotes and wild hogs. Also would reduce the number of calls to law enforcement complaining of guns being fired in an area. Included in this segment were interview comments from two listeners – “If guns are being used in the woods near my residence, I want to know”. Moby pointed out it is the right of a resident to call law enforcement if guns are being fired near their home.

Georgia Focus	2/19/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN
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A need to reduce the number of traffic injuries/fatalities on the state’s highways. The Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute is an educational outreach unit of the University of Georgia. It works with law enforcement to support a variety of traffic safety initiatives throughout Georgia. Guests for this program were Andrew Turnage and Dana Porter from GTIPI and officer Heather Stafford from the Gwinnett Police Department. They discussed the initiatives being put into place to combat traffic injuries.

WNGC News	2/21/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need for public information about a crime discovery that is developing into an investigation. This report dealt with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation identifying a body pulled from a well off Sandy Cross Road in Oglethorpe County as that of Charles Parker. He is the 25-year old Monroe man missing since mid-January. An autopsy is scheduled on the body that was found Monday. Parker was last seen January 15th leaving a church in Lithonia en route to Athens for a meeting with a business partner. His car was found a few days later in downtown Athens. Now begins the investigation of how he died.

WNGC News	2/23/12	6: 30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

Public concern over a local police case that has turned into a murder. This report was a follow-up to a previous story about a body of a missing man found. We now know the cause of death for the Walton \ County man whose body was pulled from a well in Oglethorpe County earlier this week. The G.B.I. says Charles Parker was shot to death. The 25-year old from Monroe was last seen January 15th, leaving a church in Lithonia for a meeting with a business partner in Athens. His car was found in downtown Athens a few days later. Parker's body was discovered Monday, found at the bottom of a well off Sandy Cross Road in Oglethorpe County. Now begins a murder investigation in the community.

Georgia Focus	3/10/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN
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A need to maintain safety on Georgia's roads and highways. 2012 is the 75th anniversary of the State Patrol. This program looked back over the history of the Georgia State Patrol. Guests were Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety Col. Mark McDonough, GSP retired commanders Major Robert Hightower and Trooper First Class Van Keller, and Gordy Wright Public Information Officer for the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

Newsmakers Today	3/11/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
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A need to deal with the protesters of Occupy Athens. Ethan Epps is from Occupy Athens, a government protest group that has been staging a protest camp-out on city sidewalk property at the Arches of the University of Georgia. He explained they've reached a point where city officials have given a deadline to end their activities on city property.

Newsmakers Today	3/18/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
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A need for reforms within the state's criminal justice system. Bill Crane discussed aspects of criminal justice reform and what is needed.

EDUCATION-

<u>NAME OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Georgia Focus	1/1/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN

A need to create community awareness of the Huxford-Spear Genealogical Library in Homerville and the assistance it can provide individuals researching their background. Cathy Wells is Chairman of the library's board and Donald Davis is President of the Huxford Genealogical Society. They discussed the library's most comprehensive private facility in the eastern United States. The collection includes over 26,000 books, 6,000 family histories and nearly 10,000 sheets of microfiche.

WNGC News	1/5/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need to consolidate some state schools in the same region. This report dealt with State Rep. Mark Hatfield saying the state should consider a plan that would merge eight college campuses into four. The Waycross Republican is pitching a proposal that would combine Gainesville State College with North Georgia State College and University in Dahlonega. Also, Waycross College with South Georgia College in Douglas, and Augusta State College with Georgia Health Sciences University, and Middle Georgia State College with Macon State College. University System Chancellor Hank Huckaby has said combining college campuses could save state education dollars. He's asked the State Board of Regents to come up with a plan.

WNGC News	1/11/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

This report dealt with what the State Board of Regents felt was a necessary need for consolidation. The Board of Regents, as anticipated, voted on a plan to merge college campuses around the state. Eight campuses will become four over the next year-and-a-half. Among the campuses that will consolidate are Gainesville State College that will be merging with North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega.

WNGC News	1/13/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

Educational needs being addressed by the state in considering consolidation of some schools within the University System. This report dealt with town hall meetings at Augusta State University and at the Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta. These two schools are among the Georgia campuses slated for consolidation under a plan approved by the state board of regents earlier this week. It's the same campus consolidation plan that will combine Gainesville State College with North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega.

WNGC News	1/18/12	7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

Financial needs for educational funding. This report dealt with explanations from Georgia Lottery officials who said they have transferred more that 418-million dollars from the lottery into state education accounts. That's \$7.4-million more than last year. Lottery dollars fund Hope Scholarships and Pre-K Education programs in Georgia. Both programs have seen budget cuts in recent years.

Georgia Focus	1/22/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN
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A need to focus on the most important issues in improving education. The Top Ten Issues to Watch is an annual publication of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence In Education. Their list of issues for 2012 has now been released and guests on this program, Dr. Stephen Dolinger, President of the Partnership, and Dr. Dana Rickman, Director of Policy and Research, discuss the related issues.

WNGC News	1/23/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

The state's flagship University is attempting to help the needs of undergraduate students. This report dealt with the University of Georgia planning to increase its summer teaching budget by about \$180,000 to boost enrollment and help undergraduate students graduate faster. The funding would go to add high-demand courses not usually taught in the summer. The enrollment for last summer semester at UGA was just under 15,000 students, down nearly six percent from 2010, and less than half of he university's total fall 2012 enrollment.

WNGC News	1/24/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need for improvement in revenues for the education based Hope Scholarship Program. This report dealt with several reports of more looming budget shortfalls for Georgia's Lottery funded Hope Scholarships. State Senate democrats are out with a proposal for income caps on families of Hope Scholarship recipients.

WNGC News	1/25/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A question of a need for charter schools has been a controversial topic in Georgia. In the new legislative session, Georgia lawmakers filed a proposed constitutional amendment to address a state supreme court ruling that disbanded the state's charter school commission. The proposed amendment would give the state the power to create charter schools and would allow state officials to move money from public school districts into charter schools.

WNGC News	1/27/12	7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A financial need from the University of Georgia, the state's flagship university. University President Michael Adams used Thursday's State of the University Address to call for more money, from both the Georgia Legislature and University Alumni. Dr. Adams wants the legislature to pay for full education formula funding and for raises for UGA faculty and staff. He says alumni need to donate more money for scholarships, fellowships and endowments.

Newsmakers Today	2/12/12	6:00 a.m.	4-Minutes	Local
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A need for stability in a local school system. Pete Gibbons is a member of the Bowman City Council, and he talked about an Elbert County School Board proposal to close two elementary schools. One is an elementary school in the city of Bowman which stirred much opposition in that community. The county's school system was facing a \$1.6-million shortfall this year, and with current legislative cutbacks, that has now grown to \$1.8-million.

Newsmakers Today	2/12/12	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
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A need to police the enrollment of state and local schools to determine students who may be illegally enrolled. Carl Rogers addressed this issue and talked about his group's efforts to keep undocumented students off campuses.

Newsmakers Today	2/12/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
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A need for additional sources of student assistance. Jackie Coleman and Tracey Ireland are from the Georgia Student Finance Commission and discussed the aspects of the new student needs based scholarship program. Their needs will determine the amount of scholarship available.

Newsmakers Today	2/19/12	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
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Ongoing question of whether there is a need for Charter Schools in Georgia. Verdellia Turner is from the Georgia Federation of Teachers and explained why her group is in opposition to a constitutional amendment on Charter Schools.

Newsmakers Today	3/11/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
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Educational needs and how they will be addressed by the National PTA organization. Otha Thornton is the new president of the National PTA and talked about how his group will work toward achieving educational needs.

During the quarterly period, WGMG aired psa's for Athens Technical College. These promoted Tech On Tuesday – a seminar to acquaint individuals with the school's programs. There is no charge for registration for students attending Tech On Tuesday. Total announcements – 96.

HEALTH-

<u>NAME OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Newsmakers Today	1/8/12	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
A need for expanded health services in northeast Georgia. Tracy Vardeman is from the Northeast Georgia Medical Center and she talked about the requirements for holding hearings in several locations around northeast Georgia on the medical center's proposal to open a new hospital in Braselton.				
WNGC News	1/10/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
A need for expanded health services in northeast Georgia. This report dealt with Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville beginning a series of public hearings on plans for a new hospital, planned for construction in Braselton. The session at Hall County's Spout Springs Library Branch is the first of five including Buford, Braselton, Jefferson, and Dacula. The hospital is expected to open in early 2015.				
WNGC News	1/11/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
A need for expanded hospital service in the Greensboro area. This report dealt with St. Mary's Hospital making it official to purchase the property that will serve as home for a new 25-bed hospital in Greensboro. St. Mary's says it will be called the Good Samaritan Hospital. St. Mary's announced several months ago its intention to buy the old Minnie G. Boswell Hospital in Greensboro. The Athens hospital announced today its purchase of 24 acres of land off Georgia Highway 44 in Greene County.				
WNGC News	1/23/12	7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
A need for improved environments in child care facilities in Georgia. This report dealt with issues made public by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The disturbing report says nearly 2,500 day care programs in Georgia have failed to meet the state's standards for Children's health and safety at least once in the past four years.				
Georgia Focus	1/29/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN
A need to develop stronger policies for prevention of heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association works to build healthier lives by advocating for strategies that promote public policy for reducing heart disease and stroke. Guests on the program were Sarah Balog, Governmental Relations Director for the American Heart Association, Laura Bracci with the institute of Public Health at Georgia State University, and Robbie Burlas, a volunteer for the American Heart Association. They discussed the issues of 2012.				
Georgia Focus	2/5/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN
A need for awareness and support for a state sponsored Behavioral Health program. Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities DUI Intervention Program works to improve public health and promote greater safety on the highways of Georgia. Cassandra Price is from the Department of Behavioral Health and discusses the issues related to this program.				
WNGC News.	2/7/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
A need for medical research to aid health processes. This report dealt with researchers at the University of Georgia saying they have developed a new Stem Cell substance that helps in the healing of bones. They say broken bones can heal in weeks instead of months, using the new gel developed at U-G-A. Also, UGA researchers have received a grant to support stem cell research that is believed can be used to successively treat stroke patients.				

Newsmakers Today	3/4/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
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A need to prepare for the Flu Season. David Palmer is from the Northeast Georgia Health District. He discussed the flu season appears to be light so far. But he cautioned it is still a necessity to take the flu seriously and get the flu shots as a precaution.

Newsmakers Today	3/18/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
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A need for health care reforms. Kyle Jackson represents NFIB and discussed aspects of the Supreme Court hearing arguments over Obamacare and what might be the ramifications.

WNGC News	3/28/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need to deal with certain aspects of abortion if needed for health care of the mother. This report dealt with the Georgia House voting to reject Senate changes to the anti-abortion bill sponsored by Athens State Representative Doug McKillip. Republican McKillip's measure would have outlawed most abortions after twenty weeks of pregnancy. The Senate this week passed a changed version of the bill that would allow a doctor to perform an abortion after five months if the fetus was diagnosed with a fatal defect. It's not clear what, if anything, will happen with the McKillip bill between now and tomorrow's scheduled end of the legislative session.

During the quarterly period, WNGC aired psa's for Northeast Georgia Cancer Care. These focused on creating public awareness for getting checked for cancer and the latest treatments. Total announcements – 90.

During the quarterly period, WNGC aired psa's for the Northeast Health District dealing with making contraceptive availability to needy couples and young individuals to reduce teen pregnancies. Total announcements – 78.

During this quarterly period, WNGC aired psa's for Athens Regional Medical Center that focused on awareness issues in the community for health. Topics included cardiac care, cancer detection, stroke prevention and emergency care. Total announcements – 84.

During this quarterly period, WNGC aired psa's for Saint Mary's Hospital focusing on health topics of stroke awareness and prevention, breast cancer awareness, cardiac awareness and women's health topics. Total announcements – 90.

ECONOMY-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-

<u>NAME OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Georgia Focus	1/8/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN

A need for issues that promote economic development. Sherwood Pictures is known for hit movies such as Fireproof and Courageous....but these movies aren't made in Hollywood. They are made in Albany, Georgia. Alex Kendrick, founder of Sherwood Pictures and Director and star of the movie Courageous discussed their work, which is a major economic development issue for the region.

WNGC News	1/10/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

Weighing the pros and cons of the needs for a proposed major downtown development. This report dealt with Athens Area Chamber of Commerce President Doc Eldridge saying he expects he Chamber Board of Directors to vote soon on a resolution supporting plans for a major downtown development. That plan includes a controversial proposal for a new downtown Walmart Store.

WNGC News	1/12/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need for improvement in the state's economic conditions. This report dealt with Governor Nathan Deal laying out his budget blueprint. It proposed slight increases in state spending as Georgia continues to recover from one of the worst recessions since the great depression. The governor's spending plans would raise state spending by roughly \$255 million for the fiscal year ending in June, or just over one percent of the previously approved budget of nearly \$18.3-billion. Deal wants lawmakers to spend \$19.2 billion the following year, which five percent more than the current budget.

WNGC News	1/13/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need for improved economic conditions within the community. This report dealt with hard-hitting economic news. U-S-D-A closures are hitting close to home with the announcement the Federal Agriculture Department is closing research centers in Watkinsville and a farm service agency office in Morgan County. Other U-S-D-A facilities in Georgia that are slated for shut down are in Baker and Candler Counties.

Newsmakers Today	1/15/12	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
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A need for creation of new jobs across Georgia. Brian Long is from the Better Georgia organization. He discussed aspects of the Governor's job creation record, and provided insight to what his group thinks should be done to improve the jobless picture

WNGC News	1/24/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need for improvements in the Farm Economy. This report dealt with the Agriculture experts at the University of Georgia making their annual projections on the state's farm economy. The experts' report said it should be a good 2012 for peanuts and pecans, but not so much for poultry.

WNGC News	2/1/12	6:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local

A need for jobs to combat the unemployment in the region. This report dealt with good news from the Toyota Company that it is expanding its operations in Jackson County, adding another 320-jobs at its facility on highway-129 in Pendergrass. Toyota will build a new 600,000 square foot factory to produce parts for compressors. Toyota says it is making a \$350-million investment in the new plant in Jackson County.

Newsmakers Today	2/2/12	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
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A need to expand efforts for outreach toward tourism as a means of economic development in the community. Kevin Langston is Deputy Commissioner of Tourism and talked about a new ad campaign they are starting aimed at promoting tourism in the region.

WNGC News	2/2/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
<p>A continuation of concerns over the need for a development project on the eastside of downtown Athens that would include a super Walmart store. This report dealt with a group of local musicians banding together to oppose plans for a downtown Walmart. Patterson Hood, frontman for the Athens based group, Drive By Truckers, organized a dozen other local musicians and produced a music video that bemoans a developer's proposal for Walmart as the anchor store for a major retail-residential complex that will likely go up on the eastern edge of downtown Athens.</p>				
WNGC News	2/16/12	7:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
<p>A need for new economic development endeavors in the area. This report dealt with good news that there are more indications that Hollywood is heading to Georgia. John Travolta and Robert Dinero have been making a movie in Rabun County. Now comes word Clint Eastwood and Justin Timberlake will be among the stars filming next month in Athens and Dawsonville. Movie making in the region has a for added economic development in the region.</p>				
Newsmakers Today	2/19/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
<p>A need for more economical transportation. Pete Combs is a news reporter who has covered the efforts by Southwest Airlines to begin serving the Atlanta hub. This week that became a reality. Southwest offers air travelers low cost fares. He explained your ticket is a no-frills deal with one small carry-on allowed and no baggage charges.</p>				
WNGC News	2/20/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
<p>A need for improved communications in north Georgia communities to facilitate economic development. This report dealt with a new 260-mile loop of fiber optic cable installed that will bring faster internet speeds to parts of north Georgia. The new link was installed at the White County High School and it will boost online speeds across the area. The North Georgia Network said it will be rolling out service in the region in stages. Schools and businesses will get the faster access first, and it could soon be available to many residents. Other access points are expected to be built in Dahlonega, Cumming, and Dawsonville by the end of the year. Two other points will be installed in buildings in Atlanta and Blairsville. The entire project is scheduled for completion by December.</p>				
Newsmakers Today	2/26/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
<p>A need for financial help for unemployed in the community. Kathy Floyd is from the Georgia chapter of AARP. She explained her group's stance on why they are against reducing unemployment benefits.</p>				
Newsmakers Today	3/4/12	6:00 a.m.	4-Minutes	Local
<p>A need for a solution to the immigration problem that will not do away with workers and cost the local economies money. Jerry Gonzalez represents the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials. He argues the immigrations laws enacted by the Georgia General Assembly has eliminated workers in many areas and thus is costing the state money. One particularly hard hit area is agriculture where many crops were left unharvested due to a lack of farm workers.</p>				
Georgia Focus	3/17/12	6:30 a.m.	28-minutes	GNN
<p>A need to stop scams that have developed as result of the bad economic conditions. Scam artists posing as financial advisors or debt relief consultants are taking advantage of vulnerable homeowners whose homes have been threatened by economic difficulty. Ed Jennings is Housing and Urban Development Region Four Regional Administrator discussed HUD's Know it, Avoid It, Report It campaign which works to help homeowners avoid mortgage scams.</p>				

POLITICAL-

<u>NAME OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Newsmakers Today	1/15/12/	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
A need for public awareness of legislative activity concerning the region. Rob Woodall is a Congressman from Gwinnett County. He discussed legislative items of interest and how they could affect citizens and local governments.				
WNGC News	1/24/12	6:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		7:30a.m.	30-sec.	Local
		9:30 a.m.	30-sec.	Local
A need to find a solution to the farm worker crisis in Georgia. This report dealt with Georgia House Democrats saying they will file legislation looking to repeal House Bill 87. That's the controversial immigration legislation approved by Georgia lawmakers during last year's legislative session. Many blamed it for a critical shortage of farm labor that left many crops in the fields.				
WNGC News	1/25/12	6:30 a.m.	45-sec.	Local
		8:00 a.m.	45-sec.	Local
		9:00 a.m.	45-sec.	Local
A need to distinguish the local voting districts. This report dealt with indications there could be a March referendum on Athens-Clarke County Commission District Lines. Voters would be asked to choose between two maps, one that includes – and another that eliminates – the so-called super districts, overlay districts in which two of the county's ten commissioners each represent about one-half of Athens-Clarke county. Athens-Clarke County Elections Superintendent Gail Schrader is raising concerns about the timing and expense of the special election, which would coincide with Georgia's March 6 th Presidential Preference Primary. Schrader says absentee-by-mail voting for that primary has already started.				
Newsmakers Today	2/2/12	6:00 a.m.	5-minutes	Local
A need for reforms within the criminal justice system in our state. Kelly McCutchen is from the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and talked about the issues that have been voiced as concerns in our criminal justice system and how the legislature is dealing with these needs.				
Newsmakers Today	2/12/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
A need for election reforms in the state. Brian Kemp is Georgia Secretary of State and talked about some needs for election reforms and proposals being made to correct those needs.				
Newsmakers Today	2/19/12	6:00 a.m.	5-mintues	Local
A need for individuals to know their candidates. Roger Fitzpatrick is a candidate for the 9 th District Congressional post and he is running as an independent. He talked about his candidacy and why he decided to run as an independent. He discussed the issues he sees as most important to the district and how he would deal with them.				
Newsmakers Today	2/19/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
A need for ethics legislation in the state legislature. Elizabeth Poythress represents the Georgia League of Women Voters and talked about the needs for ethics legislation in Georgia.				
Newsmakers Today	3/4/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
A need for local individuals to know the candidates. Bill Green explained his support for Rep. Presidential candidate Ron Paul and why he feels Paul is the better candidate.				
Newsmakers Today	3/4/12	6:00 a.m.	4-minutes	Local
A need for official measures to deal with illegal immigrants. Ashadeh Shahashani is from the Georgia ACLU and discussed why the undocumented youth alliance is protesting a Senate bill dealing with illegal immigrants.				

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A need for proper management of election procedures. The Georgia Secretary of State's Office has wide-ranging responsibilities including supervision of efficient and secure elections. Brian Kemp has been Georgia's Secretary of State since January, 2010. During this program he discussed the 2012 elections and issues of enforcement.